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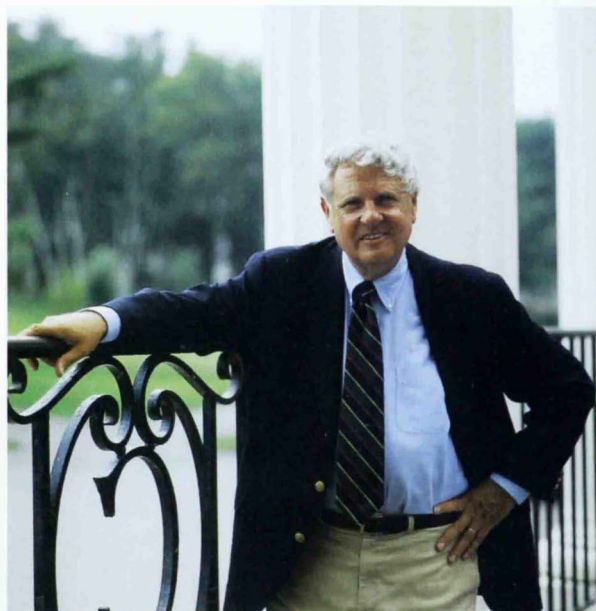
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Natural Leader

Bill Mayaka '73, steward of
Kenya's environment



Participating in generations of Colby life.

Charles W. Bassett, Ph.D.

Lee Family Professor of American Studies and of English

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me and for students. My wife,
Carol, taught here for
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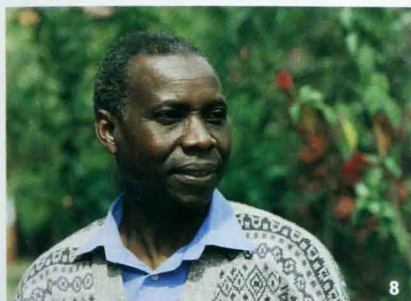
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Sharing Colby's Legacy

I simply love reading about the accomplishments of Colby students, faculty, graduates, friends and board members. Suffice it to say that the most recent issue of *Colby* was wonderful in every way. Reading through the magazine was a great way to be revived after a day in the world of negotiating school board and town politics, ensuring my oldest son had his math homework at least partially completed, worrying about family health and welfare, watching the garden grow and humbly realizing I had made some mistakes today. As this issue so deftly proves, these are the best days of my life and I can see that Colby's legacy is for all of us to share: to enjoy the ups and downs gracefully as we proudly revel in each other's struggles and successes.

Thanks for printing so many stories that send smiles of inspiration back to us all. I am proud to be a part of all of the challenges that Colby offers, both on campus and many years beyond.

Sally Lovegren Merchant '83
Mount Desert, Maine



Mom Thanks

Thank you for featuring the stay-at-home Colby mom in your latest issue. I have felt left out until now! I am a stay-at-home mom to my one-and-a-half-year-old daughter and have felt guilty for not "using" my degree for a "higher" purpose. I'm

glad to see other Colby grads care so much about their kids, too. Keep up the great work.

Marie (Joyce) Fletcher '84
via e-mail

That Pioneer Spirit

Thank you for reporting on the 25th anniversary of women's ice hockey at Colby.

Women's ice hockey will be an Olympic sport in 1998, and Colby should be congratulated for its part in making it happen.

Sue Yovic Hoeller '73 gave it its beginning; another woman gave it respect.

Elizabeth "Betsy" Blackwell '78, captain of the 1977-78 team, died following a boating accident shortly after graduation. In the spring of her senior year, however, she had sought and received support from the Maine Human Rights Commission in her effort to encourage the College to treat all athletes equally.

Her success was bittersweet, it came at some emotional cost, but I am sure that if Betsy were alive today with her wonderful spirit, her steel-rimmed glasses and her love of team, she would be as proud of the success of women's hockey as are all of us (Gordon Jones '40 and Harold Alford, L.H.D. '80, in particular) who in one way or another supported the program.

Not so long ago in Los Angeles, I saw an exhibit featuring women who made a difference. Among them was Elizabeth Blackwell (1821-1910), the first woman awarded an M.D. I don't know if Betsy was related to Dr. Blackwell in fact, but she must surely have been connected in spirit.

T.S. Eliot said, "our beginnings never know our ends." Colby is a testament to that truth; so is women's hockey. May their annual beginnings continue to reap successful endings.

Frank P. Stephenson '62
Ojai, Calif.

One Who Got Away

I read your piece on Josh Woodfork in the alumni magazine with tears in my eyes. For two reasons. First, it was a moving tribute to a most deserving individual. Second, I will always think of Josh as the one who got away. I tried hard, as did several others at Denison [University], to get him to come here, and in the end it was a photo finish. I really believe he struggled with the decision.

It's very obvious, now, that he made the right one. Colby provided an environment in which his extraordinary qualities could be tested and where he would grow and thrive. That might not have happened in quite the same way at another college.

[Awarding Woodfork] the Condon Medal

was the perfect way to send him off to what will certainly be a distinguished future. Good for you.

Lorraine Wales
via e-mail

Lorraine Wales is the former director of the Student Union, campus activities and cultural affairs at Denison University in Granville, Ohio.—Editors

A Worthy Tribute

I thoroughly enjoyed reading your article on Josh Woodfork and the many contributions he has made to Colby.

Your feature brought back very fond memories of the time I had working with Josh. A very well-deserved story for a very inspirational individual.

Many thanks.

Bryan Raffetto '95
via e-mail

Not in Harmony

I have just finished reading "The Face of Change" by Sally Baker and am saddened and angered regarding two issues mentioned. One was the fact that "Colby is not ready" for multicultural housing. That Colby is "too divided a community racially, and we don't understand the issues well enough . . . we're not there yet" is sad. If not now, when? If not there, where? These are supposed to be the best and the brightest of our young students.

It is evident that Colby needs to teach its students to understand and even celebrate diversity. I am on the faculty of a State University of New York campus and many of us actively incorporate this into our teaching. I was angered when I read that a poster of Joshua Woodfork, an outstanding young man, was defaced with that abhorrent, age-old epithet. As a student at Colby in the '60s dating a minority student, I understood the discrimination at that time. I do not understand it now. Colby faculty must effect change so that all its students, especially Joshua Woodfork, and indeed, all people, are accorded the intelligence and dignity they deserve.

Linda Wakefield-LaRou '65
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Worthwhile Reading

I was excited to see the article "Recommended Reading" in your April 1997 edition. As an avid reader and a frequent business traveler, I always take a good book wherever I go. I would like to see reading lists become a regular addition to Colby magazine. Perhaps an abridged list of what students are reading in classes, or as this article in April suggested, a list of favorites by faculty, staff and students.

Colby fosters a community of learning that continues even after graduation. Discussions among my fellow Colby alumni often center on "what are you reading?" The magazine could provide Colby graduates a way to connect with the current curriculum and many varied departments on campus today.

Jennifer Milsop Millard '90
Hoffman Estates, Ill.

An excellent idea and one that we have discussed in the past. We will explore making a reading list a regular feature.—Editors

Hits Close to Home

Thank you for the article "Living With HIV" in the April edition of Colby magazine. As impressed as I am by the students in Pepper and at Colby, I am disturbed by the fact that until [Jody] Hartley's visit, many at Colby still saw AIDS as a distant disease. I am baffled that students at Colby are still learning, or worse, had no knowledge of, the emotional issues of the disease.

When I graduated from Colby in 1982, we were just beginning to hear and read the vague news reports of the strange new disease that we now know of as AIDS. In the 15 years since, our knowledge of this disease and the access to information about it has increased phenomenally. Yet in that 15 years, it was not until the April article that I saw the words AIDS and HIV mentioned in Colby magazine.

During that time, as I suffered the loss of two close friends to the disease and the diagnosis of many others, I often wondered what effect HIV was having on my fellow classmates and the students of Colby. Surely, Colby has not remained untouched by the ravages of the

plague. There must be members of the Colby community whose lives have been as touched as mine by this disease, yet we read nothing of it, except for reading between the lines in the obituary section about the alumni in the age group to have been affected by the disease.

Isn't it time that our alumni publication should acknowledge and explore these issues? Or is Mayflower Hill somehow immune from AIDS, still under the delusion that the disease only affects certain people who are somehow not our kind?

Scott R. Sophos '82
via e-mail

Why the Change?

Congratulations on a very readable issue! As for the [addition of '40s] columns in Alumni at Large, I wonder if the members of the Fifty-Plus Club were consulted before they were lumped under a label "Early Years Correspondent." Is it possible that because some classes like to keep their identity beyond 50 years this change was introduced? Maybe the cutoff should be after 55 years.

Marjorie Gould (Murphy) Shuman '37
via e-mail

Although we did not consult all members of the classes affected by the change, we had heard from many 1940s alumni who wanted individual class correspondents. Also, because of the large number of alumni (almost 2,000) being served in the "Fifty-Plus" category by a single correspondent, we thought it best to shorten the time period in which multiple decades are represented. The Early Years was selected to refer to these collective classes since they no longer are bound by a specific cut-off year.—Editors

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A More Perfect Union

Lauding Bill Cotter, trustees make an honorable decision

By Sally Baker

"As everybody around here knows," said Colby board chair Lawrence Pugh '56, "it is usually not a good idea to surprise Bill Cotter." But surprised Cotter was, on Friday, May 23, when Pugh announced the board's unanimous decision to rename the Student Union for him. The ceremony was, for many on the campus, the highlight of Commencement Weekend.

Nearly a year ago, Pugh said, ballots were distributed to the trustees. Then the real work began: keeping a secret, for all that time, from Bill and Linda Cotter.

The Cotters' attention to detail and ability to detect anomalies are legendary on Mayflower Hill. None of the half dozen Colby administrators who knew about the plan dared, even in private, to refer to it as anything except "Project X," and an elaborate plot, full of red herrings, was devised to explain the few changes in Friday's normal schedule. Dean of the College Earl Smith was so sure that Cotter would twig to things that he wouldn't allow the Cotters' children, Deborah, David, and Elizabeth, and other family members and friends who had been invited, to arrive on campus in their own cars. Instead, they were picked up off campus, driven in a van to Lorrimer Chapel by Karen Bourassa, Colby's scheduling and facilities manager, and hidden until the ceremony began. Even then Smith fretted that Cotter would see the van.

But the secret was kept. Bill and Linda Cotter were escorted from a reception in the Spa to a



The Cotters, Randy Helm and, holding the sign, Bob McArthur and Alan Lewis.

podium outside, where they hugged their children and then, looking slightly bewildered, listened to Pugh.

"The most important responsibility of a board of trustees is to hire a president," Pugh began, "and those of us who have been privileged to serve on this board could be well satisfied if we had done little else in the past eighteen years except choose Bill Cotter to lead this college."

Pugh enumerated the "remarkable advances" Colby has made under Cotter, including increasing ethnic and gender diversity among the faculty, staff and students; the establishment of 28 endowed professorships; an increase in the overall endowment from \$25 million to \$162 million; and more than \$56 million in capital improvements, including nine new buildings.

"But all of this aside," Pugh said, "historians will certainly say that among the most important changes during your tenure as president was the creation of new opportunities for students."

The hallmark of Cotter's advocacy for students was the redesign of student life in 1984, and the physical centerpiece of that effort, Pugh said, was the Student Union. "It is fitting, therefore, that this building should forevermore carry your name," he said, and with that, Physical Plant Director Alan Lewis and Dean of Faculty Bob McArthur bore in the COTTER UNION sign that now hangs on the union archway.

Bill Cotter went to the podium, took a breath, and froze.

"Speechless!" someone said. But, later, at the faculty-trustee dinner, Cotter did find a few words. To an audience that included the Cotter children, Linda Cotter's parents, Rose and Harold Kester, and sister and brother-in-law, Marjorie and Peter Smith, and friends Nina and Sol Hurwitz P '81 and Karen and Leon Allen P '86, he said, "I am not only surprised—that's an understatement—I am extremely moved by this decision of the board. This is an extraordinary gesture

we'll never forget and will cherish. As I look around this room and see my colleagues, I know why this is a great college. . . . It is a joy to be president, working with all of you at this very, very special college."

Cotter remarked that a seat at his table had been reserved for his mother, Esther, but that she was unable to attend and would visit Mayflower Hill in July. "Neither of my parents went to college," he said. "My dad died a long time ago, but it will be special for my mother to see a building at an academic institution like this with the Cotter name on it."

In case anyone thought the ceremony heralded Cotter's retirement, Pugh rushed to reassure them. "We took this moment to name this building only because we felt it was a very good idea for Bill to receive this testimony to his invaluable leadership while he and Linda are still around Mayflower Hill to enjoy it," Pugh said. "So don't sell your Colby stock." ♦

For All They've Done

Colby awarded honorary degrees in May to three persons for their contributions in literature, history and public service.

Eavan Boland, the preeminent woman poet of Ireland, is the author of several volumes of poetry, most recently *An Origin Like Water*, and of a memoir, *Object Lessons: The Life of a Woman Poet in Our Time*. A graduate of Trinity College Dublin, she has challenged the idea of "Mother Ireland" as presented by Irish writers such as Yeats, Joyce, O'Casey and Synge. The *Irish Times* has called her "a remarkably courageous woman who stood up to a powerful and conservative literary establishment, suffered the consequences, survived the politics and earned a kind of hero status." She served as the Commencement speaker at graduation ceremonies on May 25 (see Page 14).

Alan Taylor '77 is the author of *William Cooper's Town: Power and Persuasion on the Frontier of the Early American Republic* (1996), which won the "historian's daily double": the Pulitzer Prize in History and the Bancroft Prize. He also is the author of *Liberty Men and Great Proprietors* (1990), which examines the struggles of the early Maine settlers against powerful land barons who owned much of the land by royal charter. He earned a B.A. in history from Colby and a Ph.D. from Brandeis University. A native of Buxton, Maine, he is a professor of

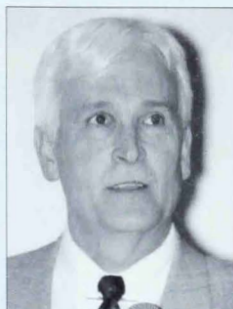
history at the University of California-Davis. At a dinner during Commencement Week-end, Taylor said, "I would not have become a historian without [emeritis professor of history] Hal Raymond's example and his encouragement. . . . The fact that I have enjoyed some success is largely because I had the best of mentors and best of examples here, when I was a student and when I came back [in 1984-85] as a teacher."



Clockwise from upper left: Larry Pugh, Bill Cotter, James Johnson, Alan Taylor and Eavan Boland.

James A. Johnson is chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Fannie Mae in Washington, D.C. Prior to joining Fannie Mae he served as managing director in corporate finance at Lehman Brothers and as president of Public Strategies, a consulting firm he founded to advise corporations on strategic issues. He was executive assistant to Vice President Walter Mondale from 1977 to 1981, a U.S. Senate staff member and a faculty member at Princeton University. He is chairman of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and chairman of the board of trustees of the Brookings Institution. He earned a B.A. in political science from the University of Minnesota and an M.P.A. in public affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton. Johnson said he was deeply honored by the honorary degree bestowed on him by the College but joked that "naming it Johnson Pond was going too far." ♦

wit and wisdom



"If you wake up and somebody in a blue space suit is taking your temperature, you can probably assume that you have a problem."

—Col. Jerry Jaax, Ebola virus researcher featured in *The Hot Zone*, describing the room where persons infected with deadly viruses are quarantined at the USAMRIID laboratory for the study of biohazardous materials.

"We drive to total extinction twenty-seven thousand species each year. That is killing off one species every twenty minutes. To me, this seems like a particularly poor idea."

—Associate Professor of Biology and Senior Class Teaching Award recipient Paul Greenwood, describing the implications of humans' lack of respect for biodiversity, at his year-end Spotlight lecture.

"I had to change all of my jokes."

—Greenwood, also at the Spotlight lecture, after being surprised by his parents, who traveled from their home in Illinois to hear his speech.



Gavel to Gavel

At the Trustee Meeting on May 24, outgoing Student Government Association President Josh Woodfork '97 announced that



Earl Smith

Dean of the College Earl Smith was elected Person of the Year by vote of SGA members. Woodfork presented Smith with an inscribed wall clock featuring a photo of the SGA. Also at the meeting, Woodfork thanked President Bill Cotter on behalf of the student organization. "One of the hardest things for me as [Student Association] president has been attending Faculty Meeting," Woodfork said, "and Mr. Cotter has been a big

help to me there." But, Woodfork said, "I noticed that he uses this really small gavel, so I thought he should have something bigger." Woodfork gave Cotter a gavel the size of a baseball bat—also inscribed with thanks from the SGA. "That ought to get their attention," one of the trustees said.

Putting It All Together

Integrated Semester bridges disparate disciplines

Eric Sandler '00 of Sugar Land, Texas, "wouldn't have touched physics with a ten-foot pole." Warren Newberry '00 of Vernon, Conn., admitted he had no background in music, and "I dreaded this going in." Despite such misgivings, both first-year students signed up for Colby's new Integrated Semester Studies program last spring, and neither had any regrets.

Integrated Semester Studies is a pioneering program in liberal arts education designed to explore a concept or a momentous era in world civilization through the perspectives of three or four academic disciplines. A pilot cluster that ran last spring examined the years between World Wars I and II through literature, music, physics and history. Among four integrated semester clusters offered next year are Enlightenment and Revolution: 1775-1800, a collaboration by French, history, music and math professors, and Sexualities East and West, which groups literature, history and religion courses.

Conceived with first-year students in mind, the integrated semester is designed to make connections among various disciplines and to give a broader context to the material offered in stand-alone departmental courses. The goal is to create a web of knowledge that results in a richer understanding of a particular concept or epoch.

This spring, historian Rob Weisbrot talked about the group dynamics that made the Holocaust possible; Charlie Bassett taught John Steinbeck's novel *In Dubious Battle*, emphasizing how "the phalanx" and "the herd mentality" were played out in the American labor movement; Paul Machlin talked about Woody Guthrie and about politics, satire and protest music; and physicist Charles Conover covered Holocaust refugees and how their ideas helped the U.S. develop atomic and hydrogen bombs.

The integrated semester program is funded by an endowment from the Christian A. Johnson Endeavor Fund of New York. Weisbrot, who coordinates the program, gives Julie J. Kidd, director of the foundation, a large measure of credit. "This is a case," he said, "where a donor's intellectual contribution was as formidable as her financial contribution."

Kidd traces her interest in interdisciplinary study to her own undergraduate experience. After reading about Michelangelo in Jantzen's *History of Art* she reached for Irving Stone's novel *The*



Charlie Bassett was one of four faculty who team taught the integrated semester.

Agony and the Ecstasy to probe the idea of the artist's "God-driven power."

"Suddenly," Kidd recalls, "I understood the context of the Renaissance, and the idea of interdisciplinary study exploded in my brain."

Kidd's family foundation grants a majority of its resources to interdisciplinary projects that encourage an innovative spirit in higher education. "The small, liberal arts colleges are taking a leading role in this," she said. The foundation has funded stand-alone interdisciplinary courses at other colleges, Kidd says, but Colby's multi-course cluster "is unique" because it is more comprehensive and demands a broader commitment by faculty and students than other programs.

Eleven first-year students and two upperclassmen enrolled in last spring's inaugural cluster. Josh Hardy '97, the only senior, said he signed up because he had completed his major requirements and he wanted to take one more course from Bassett before he graduated. Though he felt the Integrated Semester Studies pilot cluster left some "wrinkles to wash out," Hardy said, "It's definitely a fresh approach to education. I'm really excited about it and glad to have been a part of it."

"Charlie Conover did an awesome job, and that was the class I was scared of," Hardy said, adding that Conover's physics course made sense in the context of the era, unlike an organismal biology course he took earlier in which he felt he had to assimilate the material "in a vacuum."

Sandler and Newberry both said they would recommend the integrated semester if they had a younger sibling enrolling at Colby. Sandler said he was excited as soon as he saw the program description. "This was just absolutely the kind of courses and the time period I wanted to study," he said, "and I'd heard fabulous things about Bassett and Weisbrot."

Together they reeled off connections they had made during the term, such as how the despair of World War I was reflected in literature and lyrics and even in the structure and style of the Blues. In addition to the integration of disciplines, they praised the small classes, top professors and camaraderie that developed. "I got to know twelve people very well," Sandler said. "I hate to say we bonded because that sounds so cheesy, but . . ."—Stephen Collins '74

By Earl Smith

Best Wired

USA Today reports that Colby is ranked among the nation's top 25 "best wired" colleges and universities according to the May issue of *Yahoo! Internet Life*. MIT, Northwestern University and Emerson College rank at the very top of schools making the best use of computers and the Internet. Middlebury joins Colby as the only NESCAC colleges in the top 25. Others include Dartmouth, RPI, Carnegie Mellon, Princeton, Case Western, Pomona, UC-Berkeley, Reed and Cal Tech.

Many Medalists

Brian Speer and Karen Oh '93 each have won 1997 bronze medals for their Colby design work from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). Brian was cited for his design of the spring 1997 cover of *Colby* (the *Echo* cover), and Karen's medal was for her editorial design in the spring 1996 issue of the magazine. To the credit of Anestes Fotiadis '89, Keith McGlaflin and others, Colby's Web site received a bronze medal, and the Blue Light alumni news site, managed by Carole Fuller, got a silver.

National Scholars

The string of Colby students winning national scholarships gets longer and longer with this year's notables including two Fulbrights, two Udalls, a Goldwater and a Watson. Fulbrights for teaching assistantships have been awarded to Hyun Jung '97, who will teach in Korea, and Morgan Pecelli '97, to teach in Germany. Morris K. Udall Scholarships (70 awards from a field of more than 350 applicants) have gone to Heather Davidson '99 and Amy Lyons '98. A Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship (282 awards from a field of 1,164) has been granted to William Polkinghorn '99, and a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship (60 awards from a field of 182 finalists) has gone to Zahid Chaudhary '97. Two Colby students, Jennifer Mason '97 and Kate White '97, have been admitted into the German Parliament (Bundestag) Internship Program and will study at the University of Bonn in the fall before spending a semester as parliamentary interns.

Timeless

The recent reconstruction of the Miller Library clock prompted library archivist Nancy Reinhardt to search for early items on the timepiece. A January 16, 1953, item in the Waterville *Sentinel* recalls that the clock faces and hands were installed in 1939, when the library was built, but that its hands were motionless for seven years awaiting the arrival of the operating mechanism. Meanwhile, the hands were fixed at 8 o'clock, the time when daily classes began.

When George Taught Geo

Registrar George Coleman of the Magnificent Mustache recently got an e-mail message from a former student, Sue Turner '66, who remembered having taken Geo 101-02 from George in 1963-64. She said she was "mad" when she entered the course because she had misread the *Catalogue* but, within two sessions, was "hooked" on rocks and very nearly changed her major. She stuck with Spanish and is now teaching at the College of Charleston. "I realized," she said in her note, "that I had told everyone else how much I loved your class, but I never told you."

Moosecellaneous

Adam Elboim '97 and East Quad raised nearly \$1,200 with their silent auction, all to benefit Waterville High youngsters headed to college. . . . Maineists will want to know that, of the 44 Colby students who earned better than 4.0 averages in the first term, 12 are from Maine. That's 27 percent of a population that makes only 12 percent of the total. Better still, four of seven freshmen with these lofty averages are Mainers. . . . *The Chronicle of Higher Education* says that colleges that disdain magazine rankings might want to think twice before writing them off. A new study has found that students who use rankings are more likely than their peers to earn top grades.

To Name a Few

Dick Sewell's play *The Poet's Notebook* will have its world premiere at The Fountain Theatre in Los Angeles during the upcoming season. Set in Florence in 1849, the play is directed by Deborah Lawlor. . . . Suisheng Zhao (government) has received a \$7,000 grant from The University Professors Program at Boston University to support his work on its Pacific Rim Project. . . . Ira Sadoff (English) will represent Maine in an anthology titled *Writing America*, to be published by the National Endowment for the Arts. The NEA asked Ira to contribute his poem "Pemaquid Point" (from *Emotional Traffic*, David Godine, 1991) to the anthology, which will include work by one former NEA Literature Fellow from each state.

Distinguished Indeed

Students' affection for the Senior Class Teaching Award choice was much in evidence May 8, when the 1997 recipient, Paul Greenwood, gave the traditional Spotlight lecture. A large audience of students and faculty (and Paul's parents, as surprise guests) heard the popular teacher exhort the community to establish a student honor code and also to raise consciousness on understanding the importance of preserving the world's ecological system. Paul is the fourth Teaching Award winner, named each year by the graduating class.

Students Honor Staff

Student Association president Josh Woodfork '97 and vice president Graham Nelson '98 paid special tribute to Thelma Plusquellic at the year-ending All College Recognition Luncheon in May. Thelma, who plans to retire soon, has arranged this annual luncheon for many years. She was cited for her devotion to all students and, especially, for her behind-the-scenes help to student leaders. She's been secretary and receptionist and friend of Colby students since 1972.

Viens Is Alumni Director

Margaret Felton Viens '77 has accepted the position of director of alumni relations, effective July 1. A splendid choice. She replaces Sue Conant Cook '75, who has moved on to become associate director of planned giving.



The Samburu National Reserve, northernmost of Kenya's game parks and hard by the Somali border, begins in Isiolo, a bustling frontier town shared by Borans and Somali Muslims. Here the rutted tarmac comes to an end and a plague of bone-jarring potholes gives way to clouds of red dust raised as the bobbing pop-top safari van winds its way through astonishingly beautiful landscape.

In this arid place are found some of Africa's most exotic animals—the reticulated giraffe, gently stripping leaves from acacia trees; the white-bellied Grevy zebra and the blue-legged Beisa oryx. Here, too, are the predators—cheetah, leopard and lion. And above them all, the spellbinding African elephant.

In the evening, some 20 of these huge gray beasts graze peacefully along a swale near a bare trickle of a river. Suddenly, the leader raises its trunk, trumpets loudly and begins to move away. The others turn and follow, slowly at first, then in a full run, little ones and big ones, strangely silent despite their size and number. They pass in a ragged line not 50 meters away, white tusks gleaming in the brief equatorial twilight.

The driver, a veteran guide of nearly two decades, raises a hand. Listen! A loud crack, then another, echoing back and forth across the vastness. More shots, five or six in all. His face betrays fear. "Bunduki," he says. "Guns!"

In an instant the van is bouncing along open terrain, then speeding over a rumpled gravel path to the lodge. Safely within the compound, the guide huddles with others in animated conversation, well disguised in Kiswahili. Minutes later, he reappears. "Another van . . . engine trouble," he explains. "We heard backfiring."

Maybe. Maybe not.

In Kenya, things are often not as they seem. Here, many mysteries have clues found in striking contrasts—a land of plenty with crushing poverty; modern in some ways, ancient in others; vast open lands and teeming cities; and, sometimes, the tranquility of a peace-loving people shattered by gunfire.

So, too, the government, much like the oddly assembled wildebeest that migrates from the Serengeti Plain in Tanzania to Kenya's Maasai Mara, seems made from disparate and sometimes conflicting parts. It is first a fledgling democracy—albeit with stark shortcomings—but, in a place where the past seems always near, it also is constructed of the culture and practices of millennia. And, overarching all, the incongruous trappings of the not-so-distant British colonial era.

William P. Mayaka '73 has carved a central place for himself amid Kenya's disparate parts and has, with extraordinary deftness, built a remarkable career of public service to his homeland.

natural



leader
by earl smith



On June 1, 1963, Mangu High School near Nairobi was on recess, and Bill Mayaka, 17 years old, was at home with his family in Kisii. On this day, after 70 years of British rule, Kenya began ruling itself—a landmark now observed as Madaraka Day. His father, Zachary Angwenyi (by tradition, Mayaka's grandfather gave him his name), was the senior chief of Kisii's Kititu location and was among those in charge of the celebrations. Although the new freedom brought a fresh rush of patriotism, Mayaka had known, long before, that he would devote the work of his life to Kenya.

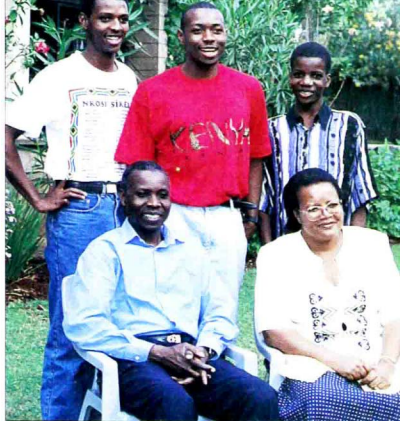
In the early 1960s, in anticipation of emancipation, an eloquent young Kenyan statesman, Tom Mboya, organized "student airlifts," finding public and private funds to bring some of Kenya's brightest youngsters to study in the United States. Mboya's plan received support from President John Kennedy and from the heads of a number of U.S. colleges, including Colby president Robert E.L. Strider. One of these promising young students was Charles P. Angwenyi, Mayaka's cousin. Angwenyi graduated from Colby in 1964, continued his education at the University of Massachusetts, and then returned to Kenya. By 1980 he had been appointed chairman of the National Bank of Kenya, a key post from which he played a central role in the development of Kenya as an economic power in East Africa. Colby gave him an honorary doctorate in 1988, three years before his untimely death of a heart attack. Charles and Susan Angwenyi's son Peter enrolled last fall and was named Colby's outstanding freshman man in the Class of 2000 in the spring.

Charles Angwenyi encouraged Mayaka to attend Colby. "He believed strongly in the power of education," Mayaka recalled, "especially a liberal arts education. And he dearly loved Colby." In 1969, Mayaka followed his cousin to Mayflower Hill.

Mayaka was then, as now, a serious student with an insatiable appetite for information, a compulsion for precision and an uncanny ability to remember facts, dates and other details. (His understanding of U.S. history and politics would rival that of any American. His favorite book is David Halberstam's *The Best and the Brightest*, and his idols are Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr.)

Entering Colby in the turbulent Vietnam War era, Mayaka found the experience "fascinating." And, no doubt, mystifying. He was, others recall, an "observer" of both the war protesters and black student demonstrators, often unable to fathom the passion but always eager to understand the issues.

"I found all kinds of encouragement and support at Colby," he



Bill Mayaka '73 (seated) with his wife, Alice, and his sons Robert (left), Christopher '99 and Samuel.

said, crediting especially emeriti professors Yvonne Richmond Knight '55 and Walter Zukowski and the late Lucille Pinette Zukowski '37 as three who urged him to learn and to train so he could return and help his young country. "Of the six fellow high school students who went to the United States to study, all but one returned to Kenya, and all are playing important roles in the advancement of Kenya," he said. "I am proud of them."

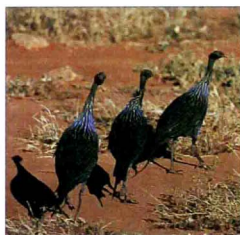
The year after his graduation from Colby, while on a visit to Kenyatta University, he met Alice Kemunto Mokogi, a bright and attractive young high school science teacher. They were married that same year. Since 1986 she has worked for the Kenya Institute of Education, where she now heads a national chemistry curriculum development team. The couple has three sons: Christopher, a French major who returns to Colby as a junior this fall; Robert (named for Strider), soon to graduate from the International Baccalaureate Program at the prestigious St. Mary's School in Nairobi; and Samuel, 15, attending the Lenana secondary boarding school, also in Nairobi.

Mayaka began his career in public service in 1976 as assistant secretary in the Ministry of Finance, where he was responsible for coordinating programs for bilateral donors from countries including the U.S. and for the World Bank and United Nations agencies.

In 1979 he was accepted in to a year-long postgraduate program in political and economic development at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. There he was befriended by one of the university's most prominent scholars, the late Arthur Lewis, whom he credits with

developing much of the philosophy that guides his work today. Following a year with his family at Princeton, he returned to Kenya as senior assistant secretary in the finance ministry and, over the next several years, served as deputy secretary in the ministries of local government (1987), agriculture (1989), environment and natural resources (1991) and labor and manpower development (1993).

In the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, he worked to resolve problems that had impeded the implementation of a World Bank-sponsored forestry development project and was a key player in the planning of the 1992 U.N. Conference on Environment and Development held in Rio de Janeiro. And in the Ministry of Labor and Manpower Development, he assisted in Kenya's implementation of the International Program for the Elimination of Child Labor and coordinated the ministry's prepa-





ration for the 1995 World Summit for Social Development, in Copenhagen.

With the support of his ministry, he spent the 1995-96 academic year at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, earning a master's degree in public administration while his son Christopher was a freshman at Colby. The week before his Harvard commencement, he received word that he had been named permanent secretary of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources.

"Having been allowed the privilege of attending some of the best educational institutions in the United States," he said, "I have always felt it was an obligation to make use of what I have learned in government service."

His responsibilities in filling this obligation are daunting. The ministry is large—12,000 employees and an annual budget of \$130 million—and rife with political and philosophical conflict over how to encourage development while preserving the environment. "Kenya's greatest problem is poverty," Mayaka explains, "and we struggle to find ways to grow and expand the economy while at the same time preserve our natural resources." A tall order for a nation of 28 million that has the world's most rapidly growing population (at 3 percent plus, annually), but Mayaka, who routinely works from 5 a.m. until midnight, seems equal to the task.

Kenya's leadership has affirmed that the integration of development and environmental protection is the only path to a sustainable future, and, in an effort to turn this vision into action, Mayaka's ministry has prepared a comprehensive legislative package that he believes will strike a reasonable balance. He is confident that Parliament will adopt the plan, which includes a combination of educational programs and firm environmental laws.

In his role as permanent secretary, Mayaka oversees activities of the National Environmental Action Plan (NEAP), designed to achieve goals set forth by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. Workshops around the country have involved the public and private sectors, including academics and community leaders, to ensure broad agreement with and participation in reaching NEAP objectives. "Things are getting better," he said, "but we have a very long way to go."

Many at home in Kisumu had anticipated his promotion to this highest of government service positions—his steady devotion to work and his extraordinary educational background made him exceptionally well qualified. But in Kenya such appointments are assigned not only on the basis of qualification and experience—



A street market in Mombasa.

where he excels—but also on geography. Mayaka's appointment by President Daniel arap Moi in the spring of 1996 was widely praised among the 1.2 million people of the Kisumu district, where Mayaka's popularity also arises in no small measure from his ability to blend old traditions and cultural obligations with the demands of modern statesmanship. On the same day that he began preparations for an African mining investment symposium to be held in Denver, for instance, he also arranged the

purchase of four live goats to appease a family that had refused to bury the body of an estranged wife in the yard of her matrimonial home.

In Nairobi he is a member of an internationally recognized government; in Kisumu he must also be a facilitator for constituents who seek jobs, school placement for their children and a myriad of other favors. No day passes without dozens of special appeals from constituents for fund drives for needy causes. At their home in Nairobi, the Mayakas have a steady flow of visitors from Kisumu, often unexpected but always received graciously and welcomed for meals. Mayaka's unfailing warmth and good humor impart no sense of his hectic, seemingly impossible schedule. And here, behind the locked gates of the compound, he also finds time to help tend gardens of magnificent flowers.

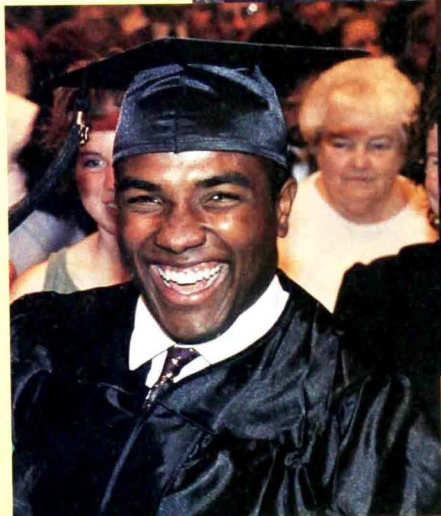
"Uncle Bill is a shining example of true patriotism and dedication to good causes and to the youth who know him, like myself," Peter Angwenyi said.

The popularity he has earned from his careful balancing of duties has prompted many to encourage him to run for a seat in Parliament. But Mayaka says he is not interested in elective politics. "I have other responsibilities," he said, "especially to the people of my district who rely upon me."



Besides, politics is a risky business in Kenya. One party, the Kenya African National Union, has ruled since 1963, when Kenya became a republic, first under founding president Jomo Kenyatta and, after Kenyatta's death in 1978, under Moi. Today, there are increasing challenges from the opposition parties (there are 10), and a continuing battle over constitutional reform threatens general elections to be held this fall. This June, on the eve of the national Madaraka Day observance, government security forces clashed with opposition demonstrators, sparking protests and looting in central Nairobi.

Mayaka is never distant from the fray, but as a civil servant he is able to give such conflicts a wide berth. "It is my obligation, as I see it, to return as much as I can to my own country," he said. "I can do that best right where I am."



The Bright Side

By Robert Gillespie

Photos by Scott Perry and Karen Oh '93

*All week the question was:
would it be out or would it be in?*



The decision had to be made by 5 a.m., so when Keith Stockford of the Physical Plant Department called President Bill Cotter at 4:30 on Commencement morning and observed, "It looks sort of rainy," I went out and looked," Cotter said, "and sure enough . . ."

At 5:15 a.m., the chairs set up on the Miller Library lawn were quickly dried and transported by Physical Plant workers to Wadsworth Gymnasium. By 9 the field house hummed with activity for the first indoor Commencement since 1985.

As it happened, most everybody looked sunny as all outdoors. While the Portland Brass Quintet played jauntily, video cameras scanned the throng or singled out a graduate. Seniors adjusted mortarboards and hugged each other as they hustled to their places in the processional line.

In the gym, chairs for the 451 graduates and the faculty filled the basketball court. Family with the four tickets allotted to each senior

packed the rows behind them and jammed the bleachers on both sides. "After waiting four years I'm not sitting in the back row," said Martha Nemiccolo, mother of Alicia Nemiccolo. From the bleachers she had a better view of the Hatch Shell at the far end of the gym, where the president and other College officials were to preside over the ceremony.

At 9:58, a last few people ran to their places.

"Where do the rain people go?" asked one family member. The "rain people" filled hundreds of chairs set up on the field house tennis courts as images of the graduates marching into the gym flowed before them across a large television screen.

Up on stage, Cotter asked the parents and guardians who had nurtured those students to stand, a request that brought a cascade of applause. When a student who had overslept and missed the processional dashed in, Karen Bourassa, scheduling and facilities manager, hustled a chair to him down near the front row of students in time to hear Cotter commend "our most valuable resource, our faculty." That brought a standing ovation, too.

When class speaker Adrienne Clay disputed a charge that Colby students are apathetic and live in "the Colby bubble," she might have referred to Condon Medal-winner Joshua Woodfork, president of the Student Government Association. "Some of our classmates have been very involved in making positive contributions, both on this campus and in the community around us. . . . I do not believe that this is essential primarily for what we can give to others but for the deeply transformational nature of activism, and what, through it, we can give ourselves," she said.

Irish poet and honorary degree recipient Eavan Boland, making her second visit to Colby in less than a year, mined a similar vein in her Commencement address.

"We need to know that the successful creative person around us is not simply the one with the product," she said, "it is also the

*Opposite page, clockwise
from upper left: Lisa Woo,
Elizabeth Ward, Andrew
Zuffoletti, Jill Rathbun and
Kate Gluck, Don Quinby,
David Javier. Left: Senior
class speaker Adrienne Clay
(foreground) and Lindsay
Cochran. Below: Irish poet
Eavan Boland.*



Below: Gail and Ilan

Hadani '70 (Mika '97).

opposite Brian Dowling

recovered from a

severe leg injury to

walk across the stage

Below: Chris Chung

(left) and Brian Chung

(right), cousins of Hyun

Jung '97, had all the

right equipment.

one who keeps the process alive in themselves—maybe as a reader, not a writer, maybe as a listener, not a composer. . . . Those people who keep that dream, who are hospitable to the process of creativity even though they may never achieve its product, they keep the democracy of creativity alive. . . . I honor and pay my respectful tribute to Colby for the part it plays . . . in cherishing and sheltering that creativity."

The momentum on the Commencement stage built as Thomas Abbey, climbing the steps from the gym floor to receive his diploma, was the first of the graduates to demonstrate "the Colby grab, shake and flip."

At Baccalaureate rehearsal on Friday, Robert E. Diamond Professor of Women's Studies and French and faculty marshal Jane Moss explained the process to the seniors: walk up onto the stage, extend your left hand for the diploma, grab the diploma, extend the right

hand to shake hands with the president, and then as you're crossing the stage flip the tassel with the right hand from right side of the mortarboard to the left side. And smile, Moss added. She and co-faculty marshal Thomas Longstaff, Crawford Family Professor of Religious Studies, demonstrated this procedure last year for the first time, Moss said, "so this year we turned it into a fun thing. They all seemed to enjoy it. The Colby grab, shake and flip got big applause."

Another bright side, said Dean of Students Janice Kassman, was that Brian Dowling would get his diploma after all "because Commencement was held indoors, with a bannister." A few

weeks before Commencement, Dowling was knocked from his bicycle by a car and suffered a serious leg injury. "We found out that he was going 'up and over'—this year's term for the indoor ceremony," said Kassman—"when he saw the bannister. It was a goal of his physical therapy." Propped on crutches with diploma in hand, Dowling waved back to his classmates' standing ovation before hopping down the steps from the stage.

Next to Dowling in the front row of students sat Molly McLellan, who had twisted her ankle at the Senior Ball the night before and, unfamiliar with her crutch, couldn't make it up and over. As McLellan halted at the steps, Cotter swept across the stage and hand-delivered her diploma.

Cynthia Pomerleau, who dreamed of following in the Colby footsteps of her brother, Brian '89, and sister, Pamela '91, sacrificed much of Senior Week as she pursued a second dream. On Thursday in LaCrosse, Wis., that one came true when she won the NCAA heptathlon, becoming Colby's first woman NCAA champion. When Cotter announced her achievement to thunderous cheers from her classmates during the Saturday Baccalaureate service, Pomerleau was still en route back to Mayflower Hill. "When I received my diploma," she said later, "I just remember thinking how President



The Democracy of Creativity

Eavan Boland



"... [As a young adult and beginning writer in Dublin, Ireland] I admired the poets and the people who felt free to express themselves in that privileged and powerful environment. But what about the people who did not? ... What about all those men and women who nearly wrote poems, who were almost fiction writers, who never quite became dramatists? Men and women, nevertheless, in whom the fire of creativity burned but who for some circumstance or some reason or some absence of good fortune or education never wrote those books. How did we assess them?

"For you as the graduating class at this wonderful college, I believe this will be a question that will come to have importance in your lives. You are going to go from this place with all your gifts into an exceptionally demanding and fraught world. Whatever you do, almost more will be demanded of you than you can give, in and out of your places of work, in and out of your homes. The great cornerstones of our age and our time, the institutions of commerce and knowledge and information, will all lay their claims on your energy. At those times you will think back, I'm sure, to this place, where perhaps in some class or some project of study or some all-night conversation with your friends, you touched on that deep wellspring of invention and belief which we call creativity and which really is creativity. And in those moments, free of every other demand, you knew in some recess of your mind and your spirit that at this moment you were uniquely yourself. ...

"[H]ow are we to honor those moments forever? One way is by going on, to continue to write the books, to achieve the excellence, to compose the music. And then, of course, there is something to show for creativity tangible and visible. But just take a little bit further the argument that I am making. Imagine that it is not only yourself but some cherished friend who has given you that evidence of that creativity. You have seen it in this college in their conversations, maybe in something they achieved or spoke about. Ten years from now—and, given how important and how powerful are the friendships you make in Colby, ten years from now that friend will only be more cherished—suppose ten years from now that friend has not written the book, has not performed the music, has not created the scientific paradigm you know they are capable of. Will that make you think less of the powerful, precious gift in them which you once saw and which we call creativity? No, of course you won't think less of them. If anything you may feel closer to the struggle and isolation and pressure they have gone through which might have distracted them from their gifts. ...

"But we should also remember that the dream of creativity lives in far more people than ever get to write a poem or design an airplane or evolve a mathematical answer. Those people who keep that dream, who are hospitable to the process of creativity even though they may never achieve its product, they keep the democracy of creativity alive. ..."

Cotter had recognized me the day before and how proud I was to be shaking his hand, just as my brother and sister had. My dreams of Colby had come true."

A laurel wreath crowned Megan Brennan, "Thank You" adorned the robe of performing arts major Bryan Carr, who mimed and hammed up his exit, the finale of his Colby stage career. As LaWain Curry came toward the stage, his family brought him to a complete halt for both still and video camera shots. Coming off the stage, David Javier kissed his diploma and raised it in triumph. Jonathan Parker turned and hugged Kimberly Parker immediately behind him in line. In the middle of Cyrus Stahlberg's back hung a white license plate announcing "Colby '97," and Chinese characters on the back of Andrew Zuffoletti's gown proclaimed, "Andrew Graduated."

The great swelling cheer that greeted Zuffoletti, last in the alphabet, confirmed that all were graduates now.

Mortarboards, of course, flew. And at least one champagne bottle and stogie smoke filtered down the rows as Cotter reminded the graduates of the sloop *Hero* and a tradition that now "passes into your hands." More cheers drowned the final couple of notes of "Hail, Colby, Hail," and more mortarboards went up, joined by a balloon that bounced among the new graduates.

Ever the dean of students, Kassman caught the ball during the recessional. "I put it under my arm as if I were going in for a touchdown. I did give it back, though. The students loved it," said Kassman, who added that she was 51 minutes reading the names of the graduates.

"I was slow in the first half—twenty-nine minutes," Kassman said. [William R. Kenan Jr., Professor of Government] Sandy Masei told me I made a comeback in the second half. It's a longer distance across the indoor stage than outdoors, so I had to ratchet up."

The time it took to get to the final name of Commencement 1997 may in fact have set a new record. At 4:30 the next day, a sunny and warm Memorial Day afternoon, Kassman and Cotter drove to the Thayer unit of the Mid-Maine Medical Center to present Craig Lundsten with his diploma. Injured in an automobile rollover the previous Friday, Lundsten, flanked by his parents in their Sunday best, beheld the dean of students and the president of the College arriving in his hospital room in full academic regalia.

"Mr. President," Kassman intoned, "I am pleased to present to you for the degree of bachelor of arts, Craig Andrew Lundsten, cum laude." Even though Lundsten couldn't go up and over, "it was a wonderful thing for Bill to have done," Kassman said later. "It worked out well."

She might have been talking about the entire shining Commencement.



Above: Bill Cotter presents the final diploma to Craig Lundsten, injured in an auto accident. *Left, top:* Jeanne Christie (Sarah '97) embroiders a Colby seal; *middle:* Cyrus Stahlberg's vanity plate said it all.




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by Kevin Cool



THE COLLEGE'S POPULAR WEB SITE
IS A PLAYGROUND, A NEWSSTAND,
A CAFE, A MUSEUM AND A REALLY
BIG SET OF ENCYCLOPEDIAS



On the eve of the birth of his first child, Christopher Tompkins '89 was, naturally, excited about the prospect of impending fatherhood and wanted to share the moment with his friends and classmates. So he stopped what he was doing and sent a message. "Tomorrow at 6 a.m. Kate and I will check in to the hospital to bring our first baby into this crazy world. Kate is having contractions and is dilated three centimeters and I am a nervous wreck. I'll post the baby's stats tomorrow."

Tompkins was writing for the folks who drop in daily at the Class of '89 page on Colby's World Wide Web site. True to his word, the next day Tompkins provided a baby update. "Hannah Elizabeth Idle Tompkins was born Wednesday at 8:06 p.m. She was 6 pounds, 10 ounces and 19 inches long. Does anyone out there have better access to Cuban cigars than I?"


Welcome to Colby's electronic community.

Originally a modest undertaking conceived as an alternative medium for publishing academic work, Colby's World Wide Web site has evolved into a communications force that is revolutionizing how people connected with the College get and supply information, keep in touch with each other, obtain news and entertain themselves.

Keith McGlaulin, one of a three-person ad hoc group that created Colby's original Web site, says none of the founders imagined the site would grow so large in such a short time. Less than three years have passed since McGlaulin, religion professor Thomas Longstaff and librarian Frances Parker established an Internet site for Colby that included "a basic home page with three links, one of which was an aerial photo of the campus," McGlaulin said. "We received one thousand hits in the first month. We get more than that in one afternoon now."

In May, the most recent month for which statistics are available, 63,000 people visited the site. The admissions site received more than 10,000 visits during the application cycle for the Class of 2001 between June 1996 and January 1997. And while 25 percent of all activity is due to campus usage, only 3 percent of the people who visit the site are on Mayflower Hill. That's a huge outreach to a worldwide audience that might not otherwise have learned about Colby, says Anestes Fotiades '89, who is responsible for creating and maintaining much of what appears on Colby's Web site.

Soon after Netscape introduced its Navigator



browser in 1994 and Web sites began proliferating, the College recognized that the medium was going to change the way people lived, Fotiades says. "Very early on the College committed resources to having a Web presence," he said. "I remember the day that I showed [communications director] Silly Baker an example of how *Colby* magazine might look on the Web. She took one look at it and said, 'You have a new job.'"

Nowhere is the College's Web site having a more profound effect than among alumni. It is bridging geographical, time and financial barriers that otherwise could prevent alumni from keeping in touch regularly. The Alumni Relations site, *The Blue Light*—which recently won a silver medal from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education—offers daily news "Heard From the Hill" and a section called "Plugged In," where alums can give opinions (Virtual Soapbox), advertise goods and services (Classifieds), share their latest adventures (Fantastic Tales) and exchange notes on fellow Colby people (Who's Out There). They also can look up alumni e-mail addresses, read *Colby* magazine and browse updates—including photos—about the new residence hall under construction. And a growing number of individual class pages, like the one Tompkins used to announce his daughter's birth, keep classmates corresponding.

"Alumni Relations tries to bring alumni together in one spot, and the Web provides many ways to do that," Fotiades said.

Fotiades says *The Blue Light* is as good as it is because alumni more or less run it themselves. "To me, the most important thing about *The Blue Light* is not the number of people using it but its capacity to become a virtual community," he said.

The Class of '89 page, for example, he said, becomes a habit, a place to go to "meet" people; a sort of virtual cafe. It hinges together a community of people who celebrate each other's successes, commiserate failures, even share secrets.



"It used to be that when you left college you made a decision that 'these are my friends, these are the people I will keep in touch with' because it's impossible to write all those letters and make all those phone calls," Fotiades said. "But the Web makes it possible to keep in touch with many more people, including some you might not have known while at college. It is building on old relationships and establishing new ones."

"In some ways the Web is changing what it means to graduate," he said. "President Cotter always talks at the Baccalaureate service about the fact that Colby is not the end of one's education, that it has equipped us for continued learning. Using the Web, we can make Colby a part of the continuing process of education after people leave Colby." Toward that end, Colby is planning to put selected faculty lectures online, where they could be heard using RealAudio, and, similarly, to make available classes from the Alumni College held every summer on campus.

McGlaulin says plans are underway to make class registration possible online, ending the age-old nightmare associated with signing up for courses. Alumni will one day be able to access their records and update them. Students will be able to read and

perhaps even download their transcripts. "There are lots of places where we are shuffling papers at an incredible rate," McGlaulin said. "We can eliminate or at least minimize that paper shuffling with electronic systems."

The College, which this summer is replacing its Web server with a faster, more powerful unit, also is experimenting with intranet systems that provide Web-like services for specific audiences. "For example, our career services office will have a job-listing service that will be available only to our students and alumni," McGlaulin said.

Where will all of this lead? Fotiades concedes he has no idea. "The technology is evolving so quickly nobody can predict where it will be in five or even three years," he said. "It's hard to have a vision for the future of our Web site because we just don't know what will be possible. Things are going to happen that we couldn't predict, and there's no way to plan for that."

Regardless of what the technology makes possible, Fotiades says, he does not expect the Web to supplant traditional teaching methods. "The Web is a great tool, but it's no substitute for Charlie Bassett standing in a classroom," he said.



TUNED IN, TURNED ON

Colby was recognized recently by *Yahoo! Internet Life Magazine* as one of the 25 most "wired" campuses in the country. What the magazine said, essentially, was that a lot of Colby people use computer networks on campus and off to enrich themselves and their work in a variety of ways. Webmaster Anestes Fotiades '89 says the College's virtual campus already has become an indispensable companion to the real one. "What we're seeing is that the Web is a great means of building community and a great means of enhancing the classroom experience," he said. For example:

Faculty post syllabi, course materials, homework assignments and even class notes. For instance, students in Ken Ganza's East Asian art course go to Ganza's home page and download images on their computer rather than checking out a slide carousel, setting up a projector and flipping through slides. Several academic departments provide links to other Internet resources, using the Colby site as a platform for exploring the Web in general.

Parents will soon have a site of their own where they can share information and correspond with other parents.

The CBB Language Consortium uses RealAudio technology—which "streams" audio—to simulate a language lab. Students can practice hearing and speaking the language they are studying online.

Prospective students can take a virtual tour of the campus, get financial aid information and apply to Colby using the online form.

Students use Colby's Web site to download reference material from the library, get test results from classes and read "Moose Prints," the daily event calendar. They also can check the weather forecast, read the comics and look up their favorite team's scores.

Members of the Class of 2001 have a page about what to bring to Colby, what to expect once they are on campus and COOT trips, among other things. The page also has an e-mail forum that allows them to "meet" their classmates in cyberspace before they arrive on Mayflower Hill.

LASTING IMPRESSIONS

In the back of the Commencement program each year is a listing of student research projects with impressive titles like last year's entry for geology student Matthew O'Connell '96: "Electron Microprobe Measurements of the REE near the Ol-Opx-Cpx-Gar join at 19Kbar." He knew what it meant, even if hardly anybody else did. He was a senior scholar.

The Senior Scholar Program, now in its 40th year, presents opportunities for intense, year-long research, extensive faculty-student collaboration and a finished work that becomes a permanent fixture in the College's Special Collections. Few are called, and fewer are chosen. On average, eight or 10 seniors pass muster, first developing an acceptable proposal for the committee that selects the projects in the spring of their junior year, then following a rigorous regimen of research, preparation and faculty oversight. The senior scholars' projects represent a significant piece of undergraduate research, but more important, say the faculty who advise them, they demand self-discipline, critical thinking and problem solving. They are excellent capstones, they say, to high achievers' college careers.

Associate Professor of Computer Science Balya Friedman says the program requires, above all, a passion for study. Her advisee, Woody Pollack '97, drove the process with self-initiative and -motivation, she says. "He conceived the project and did the work.

My role was to see that he was making adequate progress and that the work required sufficient rigor. Part of the educational value [derived from a senior scholar project] comes from carrying it through the various steps and bringing it to closure. It took a lot of dedication and perseverance on his part."

This year, eight senior scholars completed projects, including Pollack's "Just Which Reality Do You Mean: Users' Experiences of Virtual Spaces." Reality in this case is the virtual kind, an artificial rendering of Colby's academic quadrangle created on a computer. Pollack spent several weeks making graphic representations of seven of Colby's buildings with virtual animals and people inside them. The two worlds, which Pollack dubbed Literal Colby and Dream Colby, were identical in appearance but were governed by different physical properties. In Dream Colby, users could fly. Pesky physical laws that restrict a person from, say, walking through a brick wall were dispensed with. Literal Colby people, on the other hand, had to live with the annoyance of using doorways and elevators to get where they were going.

The 26 subjects in his study were divided between the two worlds and given the same set of nine tasks—for example,

locating an object in a building—each of which was developed to test a different feature of the virtual world. "I was looking at these two worlds to figure out which was more efficient and more accurate," Pollack said.



Woody Pollack '97 with his senior scholar advisers, Balya Friedman and Dale Skrien.

Senior Scholars' research produces a legacy of high achievement

Friedman says the project addressed philosophical as well as technological issues. "What does it mean to create an artificial reality? Is it real or just different?" she said. "What constitutes reality?"

Pollack, who completed his requirements for graduation after his junior year but had to fulfill Colby's mandated eight semesters of study, says he needed a challenge during his senior year. "I wanted to do a big independent project, and at the time virtual reality seemed like this exciting area that Colby hasn't touched on," he said.

Similarly, Amanda Sprang entered her senior year worried that it might be "stifling" after her "wild, adventurous" junior year in Colby's St. Petersburg, Russia, program. Her senior scholar project, a collection of 12 essays about Russia titled "Beyond the Threshold: Life in the New Russia," was stimulating and rewarding, Sprang says. "I got to do exactly what I wanted—spend a lot of time working on something I cared about and relive the time that I spent in Russia."

"The Senior Scholars Program provided the ideal vehicle for Amanda's writing, which belongs to a genre of journalistic prose grounded in cultural commentary," said Sprang's adviser, Assistant Professor of Russian Julie de Sherbinin. "Her models included ethnographies of groups in contemporary Russian society as well as such works as Hedrick Smith's *Russians*."

De Sherbinin was impressed with Sprang's ability to put the attitudes and expectations of Russia's youth into context.

"Amanda's chief observation—and one she is in a position to defend after participating in the daily lives of young Russians—is that for the first time in Russian history a generation of individuals can dream their own dreams and attempt to determine their own fates," she said. "Perhaps the most important message of Amanda's project is that young Russians are not looking for the next ticket out of their country; they are highly invested in their own artistic and intellectual traditions."

"I wanted to bring closure to my Colby experience, which is now synonymous with my Russian experience," Sprang said. "and the Senior Scholar Program allowed me to do that. I can't imagine how my Colby experience would have been complete without it."

Said Pollack: "Without the senior scholar project, I might have left Colby less than happy with my experience here. I needed it to top off my four years."

Faculty are equally enthusiastic. Friedman says a sophomore whom she is advising already is preparing a senior scholar proposal, and she expects that trend to continue. "Computer science is ideally suited to the Senior Scholar Program, because it is project oriented," she said. "Woody may have started something here. I think we're going to have more and more students interested in doing senior scholar work. It would be great if we could have one every year."—Kevin Cool



Amanda Sprang '97 with her senior scholar adviser, Julie de Sherbinin.

Let's Do Lunch

Informal lunches, book discussions bring faculty to students

By Stephen Collins '74



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“Our goal is to make Colby the best place in the country for relationships outside the classroom.”

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Generations of Colby graduates recall the intense and cordial relations among students and faculty members, in and out of the classroom, as one of the best things about their four years in Waterville. A couple of programs are making it easier than ever for students to pick a professor's brain at lunchtime or to dissect a book over dinner.

To call either last year's residence hall reading initiative or the “Take a Professor to Lunch” program formal is misleading. In the first, you could find biology professor Paul Greenwood sitting on the floor in the Averill lounge surrounded by eight pints of Ben & Jerry's ice cream and two dozen sticky students arguing about who gets the last scoop of Cherry Garcia and whether Kurt Vonnegut Jr. is a bilious technophobe or a conscientious prophet of human self-destruction. “Take a Professor to Lunch” might find a student splitting a piece of chocolate cake with English professor Elisa Narin van Court in the Spa and laughing at Chaucer's naughty puns or listening to writer James Finney Boylan ponder why a novel he hadn't finished yet had become hot property in Hollywood.

These moments, singular though they maybe, are typical of the student-faculty interaction fostered by the two programs established by Robert LaFleur, who is returning to teaching history full time after organizing programs as associate dean of students part time last year.

The residence hall reading program could be advertised as a series of informal chats over din-

ner with professors who get to discuss their favorite books, whether in their academic discipline or not. “Classes” meet in residence hall lounges, dinners are delivered by dining services and discussions, freewheeling as they can be, swirl around a single book. Students get one non-graded credit if they participate in all six sessions.

Book choices last spring were as logical as John O'Hara scholar Charles Bassett teaching O'Hara's *Appointment in Samarra* and anthropologist Jeffrey Anderson, an expert on Native Americans, teaching Vine Deloria's *God Is Red: A Native View of Religion*. Others were as incongruent as Tom Longstaff (religious studies) teaching Bill Gates's *The Road Ahead* and Paul Greenwood teaching Vonnegut's *Galapagos*.

LaFleur, an Asian history scholar who taught his all-time favorite book, *Madame Bovary*, said he conceived the dinner-and-books program as a way to offer the faculty's “greatest hits.” He said he posed the question to the faculty, “If the world were to end or you were to retire at the end of this semester, what book would you teach?”

The residence hall program was a follow-up to “Take a Professor to Lunch,” which allows students to arrange meetings with faculty members at meal times. Susan LaFleur, who inherited responsibility for administering both programs as assistant dean of students when Rob returned to full-time teaching, said students were taking 25 to 30 professors to lunch each week last spring.

Rob LaFleur, who came from

the University of Chicago in 1994, says Colby nurtures close student-faculty relationships, bucking the trend in higher education that has diminished contact between students and their teachers as publishing demands have increased and teaching assistants have proliferated. Having seven faculty members and their partners living in Colby residence halls and 44 others with formal ties to one of the residential Commons puts Colby at the forefront among its peer institutions in terms of student-faculty interaction, and the book discussion and lunch with a professor programs push the College further ahead, according to the LaFleurs, who did an informal survey of NESCAC schools and other colleges.

“When I was in admissions,” LaFleur said, “the question I was asked most was, ‘What is the relationship between students and the faculty here?’ Our goal is to make Colby the best place in the country for relationships outside the classroom.”

Response to the inaugural residence hall reading program this spring was extremely favorable, expressed both in the eagerness of faculty and students to take part and in their evaluations, Susan LaFleur said. Plans are under way for another round next fall with only minor changes—dinner menus are being refined and subject matter expanded to other media. Rob LaFleur's idea of “the greatest hits” gets a boost, too—among other offerings in the works. Professor of Music Paul Machlin will spend six nights playing and talking about the music of The Beatles. ♦

Three Faculty Retire

Three faculty members who served generations of Colby students for more than 90 years retired this spring.

Professor of Geology Harold Pestana, who began his career at Colby in 1959, taught all of the Geology Department's "soft rock" courses—oceanography, paleontology, sedimentation and stratigraphy. Among his publications are his 1972 *Bibliography of Congressional Geology*, an index to all geological documents published by Congress from 1818 to 1907. In 1981 he initiated Colby's semester program in Bermuda, using the facilities of the Bermuda Biological Station for Research.

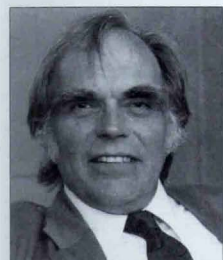
He donated an extensive research collection to the College—3,000 books, 400 magazines, more than 400 poetry books and 1,000 works of fiction on World War I—as well as the collection of films put together by his late wife, Betty, who taught in the English Department for a number of years. Pestana's cast lead toy soldier models have earned him an international reputation among collectors.



Harold Pestana

JEFF EMMICKSON

Professor of Art Abbott Meader received Colby's first studio art appointment in 1961. In 1974 he left the College and worked for a time in Italy before returning to Maine and a career as painter and filmmaker. After rejoining the Art Department in 1983, Meader taught design, beginning- to advanced-level painting courses and topic courses such as *Was There a Van Gogh?* He also served as department chair.



Abbott Meader

JEFF EMMICKSON

Meader's work has been exhibited in many group and one-person shows in Maine galleries, including Maine Coast Artists Gallery, the Harlow Gallery, The Maine Art Gallery and the Frick Gallery. His short films appeared on WCBB television, and *My Life Is Not This Sleepy Sloping Hour* was shown at Portland Live. He has made drawings for books and been a juror for high school art competitions.

Associate Professor of German Hubert Kueter, who came to the United States in 1947 and received his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, taught elementary, intermediate and advanced German as well as Introduction to German History and Culture and advanced courses such as *The Medieval Epic*, *Masterpieces of German Literature* and special topics in the history of German literature.

After a pair of successful Jan Plans in Germany, he developed and headed the first Colby in Lübeck semester in 1986. He also taught skiing at Sugarloaf/USA for 10 years and from 1974 to 1976 was Colby's varsity ski coach. His German madrigal singing group performed at the Festival of Carols and Lights for years. He will continue to operate Johann Sebastian B, the restaurant he has managed from his Oakland home for more than 20 years.

Meader is currently on a one-year pre-retirement sabbatical. Kueter and Pestana have been awarded emeritus status. ♦

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Not Pre-ordained

A *Boston Globe* story about African-American women ministers quotes John D. MacArthur Associate Professor of Sociology and African-American Studies **Cheryl Townsend Gilkes**. An associate minister at Union Baptist Church in Boston, Gilkes said she, like many women, wasn't considered clergy material as a child. "Had I been a boy exhibiting the same behavior I did at twelve, thirteen or fourteen, I would have been pushed into the ministry," she told reporter Diego Ribadeneira. "But I was a girl, so no one even thought about it." Gilkes was ordained in 1986.

Venus and Mars, the Early Years

Teen magazine's article "The Truth About Girls and Boys" tries to clue adolescent girls in to the behavior of boys and vice versa. Writer Bob Makela asked an expert—Assistant Professor of Education **Lyn Mikel Brown**—to explain how girls' play patterns differ from boys'. Boys, the article says, "don't really interact. They might sit side by side watching TV or building a model. They do it for hours, happy to be in each other's company." Girls need to communicate, according to Brown. "Very often they talk about the way things are unfair, who gets the attention, etc.," she said.

Monopoly Money

For an article about "merger mania" the *Oregonian* caught up with Herbert E. Wadsworth Professor of Economics **Jim Meehan**, who helped answer the question: why are federal regulators staying out of controversies in Portland that have led to charges that some mergers have become monopolies? Meehan said regulators have scrapped the belief that "market concentration automatically leads to the power to control price."

Twelve Hours in *Paradise*

Students who were hanging out in the Smith Lounge of Runnalls Union on April 19 experienced Heaven, endured Hell, struggled through Chaos and ultimately reached Paradise. They were there for the marathon reading of Milton's *Paradise Lost* organized by Assistant Professor of English Elizabeth Harris Sagaser.

About two dozen readers, many from Sagaser's Renaissance Poetry II class, began the poem at 10 a.m., and several stayed until the epic was completed at 10:45 p.m. English professors Laurie Osborne and James Boylan and Administrative Vice

President W. Arnold Yasinski were among those who pitched in during the marathon.

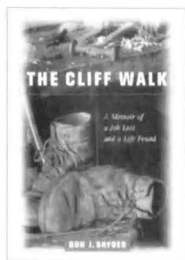
Sagaser says the readers took turns reading 25 to 45 lines each, munched on muffins and jelly beans and "bit into apples and hissed at the appropriate times in book nine," in which Satan seduces Eve. One student who attempted to complete the reading despite suffering from a high fever and symptoms of mononucleosis dragged her beanbag chair into the lounge and brought her own tea kettle and herbs but fell asleep about the time the readers reached Heaven, Sagaser says. ♦



It's a Long Way Down

Don J. Snyder '72 looks for firm footing in his memoir, *The Cliff Walk*

By Kevin Cool



The Cliff Walk: A Memoir of a Job Lost and a Life Found

Little, Brown and Co
265 pages

In 1991, Don Snyder '72 lost his teaching job at Colgate University. His subsequent descent into a hell of manic indulgence and self-deception that nearly tore his family apart and the reclamation of his soul is the subject of *The Cliff Walk: A Memoir of a Job Lost and a Life Found*.

The power of *The Cliff Walk* is its gruesome honesty. Snyder confesses to a litany of bizarre, pathetic actions, the worst of which involves soliciting buyers for his wife's unborn child without her knowledge. Yet even as he relates his degeneration into a misanthropic heel, Snyder's refusal to make excuses for his behavior gives the book its moral grounding. If redemption is to be secured, he seems to be saying, sins must be well documented.

Snyder first believes his dismissal from Colgate is a mistake and then deludes himself into believing that his departure merely signals an opportunity for a better, more prestigious job at another school. When rejection notices begin arriving by the dozen, he holds on to his arrogance with anger. He sniffs at suggestions that

he find temporary work to hold him over, and when a man who owns a cleaning service offers him a job, Snyder thinks, "Do I look like a janitor, pal?"

The downward spiral begins shortly after he moves his family back to Maine, where they are closer to relatives. Bereft of prospects, disbelieving his fate, Snyder thumbs his nose at the situation confronting him and acts out every reckless impulse. He spends money lavishly despite his family's shrinking savings and lack of income. He cynically exploits past friendships to try to wheedle his way into unadvertised jobs and makes a surreptitious trip to Ohio hoping that a former student can arrange a new car for him from her father's auto dealership.

The man Snyder describes is selfish and self-pitying, a Baby Boomer whiner who wants to cut in line to get another chance when denied the lifestyle he believes he deserves. And yet, ultimately, he finds in himself the quality that early on he ascribes to men of earlier generations, a willingness to do what is necessary to feed his family and keep it together.

He gains a little traction first by taking a job as a golf course groundskeeper, but his wife, Colleen, finally pushes Snyder to understand his own denial and come to terms with his snobbery. "I think you look down on people who just do regular jobs so they can pay their way," she says.

Throughout the book, Colleen serves as a counterweight to Snyder, exhibiting a stoic determination to raise her family with dignity regardless of their circumstances. And to Snyder's

everlasting credit, she, not he, is the hero of *The Cliff Walk*.

Finally, Snyder snaps out of his funk. He is hired by a contractor to help with simple carpentry, then over the course of a brutal Maine winter, during which he spends long days performing menial jobs, he finds that admiration has replaced his contempt for working people. "Until this winter," he writes, "I always thought that there would be a slot for me at the top, far from guys with mud on their faces, and I had really always thought that I was a little better than these guys and entitled to a life that was more celebrated and easier, a life that eventually reached a point where the struggle to make ends meet subsided."

By the end of the book, Snyder has established himself as a house painter and reclaimed a measure of self-respect. Describing himself in the final chapter, he says, "I'm just a man who paints houses for a living, and who pays his own way through this world, and who takes care of his family and fears for his children's future and doesn't try to become something else and doesn't try to judge others, and who lays down his tax money willingly because he can afford to help people who can't find their own way."

Snyder says he had no intention of writing a book even after he published an article about his experiences in *Harper's* magazine in 1995. "I thought then and I still think it's a very small story," he said. "When you consider that so many people in this country have gone through much harder times than what we went through, I'm still amazed that the book has gotten so much attention.

"The truth is, I felt terribly embarrassed about writing this book because if I had been a plumber or an electrician who went through this, my story never would have been told," Snyder said. He says profiting from his story is "inexcusable" without a totally honest depiction. "The only way to redeem the book was to be honest enough that others who had gone through similar problems could find solace from the shared experience."



Don J. Snyder '72

Snyder has accepted a part-time teaching job at the University of Maine at Farmington and continues to work as a house painter and construction worker. "If I stay grounded in that way, hopefully the lessons I have learned won't be lost. I will never think of myself the way that I did before," he said.

Perhaps the greatest lesson he has learned, he says, is that a life should not be measured by one's work but by "the small, private moments" that go into making a home. "When my life came to a dead stop I was forced to live in the present tense, which is ex-

actly where my four small children live every day. All of the tender moments in the book between the children and me would have gone right over my head if I had been cruising along," he said.

In *The Cliff Walk*, Snyder points out where human worthiness resides. Near the end of the book, Snyder's son, Jack, visits a summer cottage where Snyder is laying an attic floor. When Jack looks down through the ceiling

into a closet he notices expensive tennis and golf equipment owned by the wealthy owner of the home. Snyder, who accepted the job at the half-rate of \$7.50 per hour because the family needed the money, asks the boy, "Do you wish I were him?"

"Nope," the boy replies, "but I wish I was you."

"Why?" asks Snyder.

"Because you've got blood all over your face." ♦

A Very Good 'Shot'

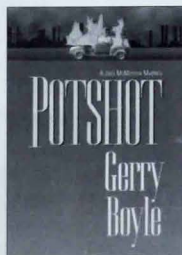
Gerry Boyle '78's Jack McMorrow books—*Deadline*, *Bloodline*, *Lifeline* and, now, *Potshot*—have placed him among an elite group of mystery writers able to nurture both short-term plots and long-term characters. And this fourth installment in the McMorrow series may be Boyle's best yet.

McMorrow, a big-city newspaperman transplanted to rural Maine, is realized fully in *Potshot*. He's still a cynic, still flashing his *New York Times* i.d. when he wants to impress the yokels, still making wisecracks. But he has turned into a guy you'd like to have living up the road, someone who respects you until you give him a reason not to and on whom you can depend. He is emotionally vulnerable when it comes to his girlfriend, Roxanne. And he reacts to situations in ways that make sense. After he learns that someone is stalking Roxanne, McMorrow initially threatens to go after the stalker. In contrast to legions of fictitious sleuths, he allows the police to talk him into letting them handle the problem. When he has to follow a lead into a Massachusetts industrial city fallen on the

hardest of hard times, he doesn't go alone but takes his friend Clair, an ex-Marine. Even his dimwit moves are plausible, as when, near the end of the book, he allows impatience to lead him into danger against his better judgment.

Readers of fiction about Maine can't help but be impressed with the grasp Boyle has on the place. There are no quaint, Murder-She-Wrote villages here, populated by Down East "characters." Neither does "the other Maine" described by writer Carolyn Chute bear down on you in Boyle's hands, though Boyle is unsentimental about rural poverty. This is Maine as seen by someone who came from somewhere else but stayed and kept his eyes open. It has pros and cons, real warts and wonders.

Boyle's clever title plays both on one of the major plot drivers (the movement to legalize marijuana) and on a shooting early in the story. It is a signal of things to come in this smooth, engaging, well-crafted book. And, though it is impossible to predict how many McMorrow books Boyle will write, he is gaining the kind of mastery of the field that makes readers want more.

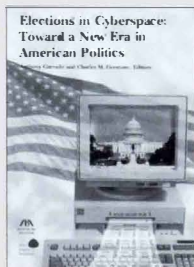


Potshot

G.P. Putnam's Sons
294 pages

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Elections in Cyberspace: Toward A New Era in American Politics
Anthony Corrado (government) and Charles Firestone, eds.
The Aspen Institute, 1997



The Internet has great potential for affecting the political process, say the participants in a conference on the topic, whose findings are summarized and analyzed by Associate Professor of Government Anthony Corrado. Possible benefits include "greater access to candidates and the electoral process; better information on candidates, ballot issues and government services; cheaper and faster candidate access to voters; potentially greater access for minor party candidates; electronic voting for referendums and political candidates; enhanced civic networking; and the creation of new communities of interest within the electorate to address issues of regional importance," the conference concluded. But, Corrado warns, with citizens and voters able to communicate with legislators and candidates via e-mail, chat groups, teleconferencing and other methods, governing could become a matter of taking the daily pulse of constituents and acting in response to it. That, he says, would leave out Americans who have no access to the Internet and could stifle the minority under an avalanche of majority opinion. If the Internet is used to expand debate and increase voter awareness and participation, he says, "public life will be carried out through the type of dialogue and interaction that our nation's founders envisioned as the essence of democratic governance."

The Wisdom of Love

Alain Finkelkraut

David Suchoff (English) and Kevin O'Neill, translators,
with an introduction by Suchoff
University of Nebraska Press, 1997

This book, part of the University of Nebraska's "Texts and Contexts" series, is the second Alain Finkelkraut text translated by David Suchoff and Kevin O'Neill (the first, *The Imaginary Jew*, was recently published in paperback).

Finkelkraut, a controversial European intellectual, writes that love is "a word that signifies both charity and greed, generosity and avarice, the act of giving and of taking."

Finkelkraut tackles in this volume—and under the rubric of love—the apparently disparate notions of universalism and "otherness." He concludes that they are, in fact, inseparable. "Rather than view multicultural diversity as antithetical to Western ideals or as a destructive challenge to cultural tradition," Suchoff writes in the introduction, "Finkelkraut sees cultural difference as the rightful claim that the Other makes to be included, as different, within the tradition of universal rights."



Getting High

A climbing wall helps students with lofty ambitions

By Jenna Klein '97

At seven o'clock on some weeknights, clusters of Colby students gather near a wall next to the indoor track in the field house. It's no ordinary wall.

Haphazardly scattered about its face are molded, textured appendages in various sizes and shapes, "rocks" that offer hand- and footholds for the students dangling from the College's new 27-foot climbing pitch. Students who arrive at the climbing wall tense and upright are relaxed and upbeat after dangling by their fingers for a couple of hours above the field house floor.

Climbing has been popular among Colby students for many years, but until now no formal group brought them together. For years, the Outing Club tried to sponsor climbing events but was hampered by liability problems and a lack of support. Thanks in part to the climbing wall, the sport has become a favorite pastime of a growing number of people at the College and has spawned one of the larger clubs on campus, the Colby Mountaineering Club (CMC).

Development and construction of the climbing wall was largely a student enterprise. Plans were developed by Nick Lambert '96 and Mike Jewell, a climber from North Conway, N.H. Its construction was the 1995 Jan Plan project of Lambert, Soren Peters '97 and Stephen Measelle '98. The CMC was established shortly thereafter.

In addition to constructing and overseeing the wall, the CMC has helped build a community of climbers. "The club provided a needed structure for

climbers at Colby," said CMC member J.J. Eklund '97. "Now climbers can meet and plan larger trips. That was really tough to do before this larger network was formed." Through the CMC, climbers have become acquainted, shared experiences and planned larger expeditions to such exotic locales as Tanzania, Kenya, Ecuador, Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, South Africa, the Canadian Arctic and Alaska.

The members of the CMC

currently have access to a climbing library, complete with guide books, magazines and instructional videos for a range of abilities. The club also owns a variety of equipment such as harnesses and shoes for beginner climbers. Weekly seminars offer novices basic climbing information, from belaying techniques to safety issues.

In an effort to make the wall comfortable and accessible for everyone, the CMC created a women's night, offering seminars taught by women instructors for

female students. Climbing neophyte Sarah DiMare '97 attended one of the seminars earlier in the year. "I was intimidated to try a sport that seems to attract a group of people for whom it is already a serious pastime, but I felt comfortable asking questions about technique and terminology. It's a great opportunity to get involved in a sport that is tough to approach," she said.

The model for the CMC were the older and larger mountaineering clubs. "Places like Harvard and Dartmouth have huge clubs and lead big trips outdoors, and ultimately, climbing on rock is what climbing is all about," said current CMC president, Lindsay Cochran '97. "We are such a young club, I think we have accomplished a great deal in two years." Small budgets and insurance problems make leading formal outdoors trips difficult for the CMC, an issue the club hopes to address in future years.

According to Cochran, Colby has an edge over mountaineering clubs at universities because the College is close to some of the best climbing venues in New England. "Colby has a ton of climbing potential due to its location. There are so many places around here to climb—Camden, Clifton, the White Mountains. We are really lucky to be in an area like this," she said.

Involvement in the CMC does not end at Colby. "The spirit of the CMC goes so far beyond what is going on at Colby. We hope that people will take all the things that they learned from the CMC and use them after they graduate," said Cochran. ♦



Mike Payne '97 gets a lift.

JEFF BARNES/CON



Rivals' Rebecca Zacher '98 and Shelley Wollert '98.

Scene Saver

The Performing Arts Department's production of the 18th-century English farce *The Rivals*, which *The Colby Echo* called "one of the most successful plays of the year," had to overcome unusual challenges.

Leading lady Shelley Wollert '98 was called to Australia because of a death in the family and flew back only two days before the play opened on April 3—a scant four days after students returned from spring vacation. Director Richard Sewell says he never fretted about the vacation intermission before opening night—"the play felt ready before spring break," he said—but Wollert's round-the-world trip in the midst of a difficult emotional period showed the discipline of a professional. "It was just an amazing piece of self-control," said Sewell, an adjunct associate professor who has directed plays at Colby since 1972.

Veteran performing arts majors in the cast bolstered Sewell's confidence—"linch pins," he called Wollert, Bryan Carr '97, Stephen Kidd '97 and Douglas Lyons '97. Even rookie cast members "learned very fast, learned the tricks of projection and vocal vividness," he said.

Visiting guest artist Julia Carey, a director who works in London and New York, taught a spring semester class on projection, diction and English accents, giving professional polish to the players' performances. Some of the cast had studied in the Colby in London Theater Program or in the Colby in Cork program, Sewell said, and "got a leg up" on the dialects.

Performing Arts' London and visiting artist programs, as well as 13 years as an independent department, "are beginning to pay off," Sewell said. "It's exciting to have strong and gifted colleagues to work with." ♦

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Ballot Proof

A record voter turnout for Student Government Association elections resulted in a runoff when neither of the presidential tickets received the 50 percent required for victory. According to *The Colby Echo*, the tandem of Shannon Baker '98 and Jill Marshall '98 defeated John Doyle '99 and Rob Chisholm '99 by winning the runoff election by just four votes, 382-378.

Baker and Marshall received 39 percent of the vote in the original election, while Doyle/Chisholm got 32 percent. The 72 percent turnout was the highest ever.

Crowning Achievement

A social event described by the *Echo* as "a celebration of everything that makes Colby great," the first Mr. Colby College competition parodied beauty pageants for a delighted packed house in the Page Commons Room. Junior Jon Foster was crowned Mr. Colby on the strength of his "hysterical" Colby-ized rendition of Adam Sandler's "The Hannukah Song," the *Echo* said.

Eleven contestants competed in beachwear, talent and evening wear categories and used the opportunity to display their creativity. Runner-up Jason Flesh '99 wore a complete scuba outfit during the beachwear competition and later, in the talent portion, stood on his head and played a kazoo while dressed in a ballerina costume. Flesh told the *Echo*, as if such a declaration were necessary, "we're definitely not taking it too seriously."

The Mr. Colby pageant was so popular that organizers say it may become an annual event.

Food For Thought

Midnight Munchies, the study break snack opportunity provided by volunteers for students beginning exam crams, appears to be on its way to earning the mantle of Tradition.

This year's event attracted nearly 500 students to Foss Dining Hall, where College employees served food and beverages from 9:30 p.m. until midnight. A burger grill was set up in the Foss courtyard, while inside, nachos, salads and desserts were devoured.

Joanne LaFreniere, one of the volunteers, said students were gracious and appreciative. "They came looking pretty tired and left very upbeat," she said.

Hear This?

Colby's radio station, WMHB, plays all kinds of music, but its play list features many alternative rock artists. How many can you name using the clues below?



- 1 Potent pain killer.
- 2 Concrete surface.
- 3 One of what Crick and Watson studied.
- 4 Lettuce with an attitude.
- 5 The only fireworks your parents let you use.
- 6 Worldwide disaster relief agency, spelled funny.
- 7 Melville's story without the "-Dick."
- 8 A baby T-Rex.
- 9 What you get in hockey if the gloves come off.
- 10 Bond.

Answers: 1 Morphine; 2 Pavement; 3 Gene; 4 Angry Salad; 5 Sparkler; 6 Redd Kross; 7 Moby; 8 Dinosaur Jr.; 9 Five for Fighting; 10 James



History Repeats Itself

Colby athletes earn one, then two, national championships

By Kevin Cool

Heading into the final event of the NCAA Division III heptathlon, the 800-meter run, only one competitor stood between All-American Cynthia Pomerleau '97 and a championship. Kristen Donato of Springfield College trailed Pomerleau by a few points and figured to place higher in the final event. Pomerleau and head coach Deb

Aitken huddled to plot strategy. "Donato is an excellent half-miler, and we knew she would beat Cindy in that event," Aitken said. "So we sat down and figured out how much leeway Cindy had to lose the eight hundred and still win [the heptathlon]. She had to be within five seconds of [Donato]."

The race began and Donato went out fast, running the first 400 in slightly more than a minute. Pomerleau was six seconds behind. Aitken said the Colby senior then summoned all of the desire and stamina she had shown over her extraordinary four-year career and went after Donato. "She picked out a line on the track and when Donato passed the line, Cindy began counting, 'one thousand one, one thousand two . . .'" Aitken said. Pomerleau closed the distance between her and Donato while, in the stands, Aitken, other Colby coaches and athletes and a cluster of alumni cheered her on, trying, Aitken said, "not to be too obnoxious." Donato finished in 2:21.98. Two and a

half seconds behind her came Cynthia Pomerleau, Colby College's first female national champion in any sport.

Pomerleau is the first Colby athlete to win a national championship since Todd Coffin '83 won the steeplechase in 1983. She was later joined by Colby freshman Jamie Brewster, who won the hammer throw at the same NCAA meet (see below).

Aitken says Pomerleau, whose point total at the national meet shattered the school heptathlon record, ranks as the best performer she has coached since coming to Colby 12 years ago. "What sets Cindy apart from other athletes is the consistent upward spiral of improvement she has shown," Aitken said. "I can't speak highly enough of Cindy as a person. She works incredibly hard and she is one of the kindest people I've ever known. She really does care about everybody on the team and is willing to do anything to help the team."

Led by Pomerleau, Aitken said, the women's track and field team had "a very good season

that could have been even better." Had key injuries not felled several of her best athletes, Aitken says, this year's squad might have challenged perennial powerhouse Williams for the NESCAC title.

Despite the rash of injuries, including one that forced out All-American distance runner Kara Patterson '97, the Mules placed third in the conference and fourth at the ECAC meet. "Everybody who we had for the entire season had incredible breakthrough performances at NESCACs and the following week at the Division III New Englands, where we finished fifth," Aitken said. "And then to come back with just seventeen people and finish fourth at ECACs was a tremendous effort."

"We're losing such a strong group of seniors—big point scorers—that it's going to be really tough to replace them," Aitken said. "When you lose somebody like Cindy, who could score twenty to forty points in a meet by herself, that's a tremendous loss to our team." ♦



Cynthia Pomerleau '97

He Threw the Title

Capping a season that included breaking the school record in his third meet as a collegiate performer, first-year student Jamie Brewster won the NCAA Division III hammer throw, joining Cynthia Pomerleau '97 as Colby's first national champions since 1983.

Based on his regular-season performance, Brewster's winning throw of 186 feet, three inches was not unexpected, says men's track and field head coach Barrett Smith '93. "Jamie went into the meet ranked first, so we knew he had a chance to win," Smith said. "But to go out there as a freshman and do it, that was amazing."

Throwing coach Dan Camann agreed. "It was a very exciting meet in that Jamie was the only freshman there. Of the fifteen

competitors there was Jamie, two sophomores and all the rest were seniors," he said.

Brewster qualified for the nationals in his second meet of the season with a throw of 177 feet, two inches. In his next meet he threw a Colby record 192 feet, seven inches and established himself as the premier hammer thrower in Division III. He won the State of Maine meet and placed first at the New England Championships. He arrived at the national meet seeded first, about two feet ahead of his closest rival. He actually won the national title with his first throw in the preliminaries but topped it in the finals.

"Jamie's future looks very promising," Camann said.

Long-time Coach Dies

On June 11, less than two months after the Colby C Club honored him with its highest award, Lee Williams, men's basketball coach for 20 years and the founding director of the Basketball Hall of Fame, died at Pikes Peak Hospice in Colorado Springs, Colo. He was 78.

Williams won 253 games and 10 Maine Independent Athletic Association championships, including eight in a row, at Colby between 1946 and 1965. Afterward he became the first executive director of the National Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass. He was inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame in 1991.

On April 28 at the C Club's annual banquet, he received the Carl Nelson Sports Achievement Award, presented annually to honor a member of the Colby community for distinguished achievement in the field of athletics.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; a son, Gregory; a daughter, Mary-Jo Martell; two sisters and four grandchildren. ♦

'Back On the Map'

Spring was cold, windy and rainy on Mayflower Hill: good for keeping the black flies down, terrible for baseball. Nevertheless, Colby head coach Tom Dexter's squad compiled its best record since 1973, earning a berth in the ECAC tournament in the process. Their 18-12 mark also gave the team its second consecutive winning season, the first time that has happened since 1982-83. "This season put Colby baseball back on the map," Dexter said, adding that the weather may actually have helped.

"We talk a lot about mental toughness; being ready to play regardless of the weather," he said. "We use the weather to our advantage because we know that most teams we play won't be used to playing in it."

The squad won a school-record seven games on its southern trip and was ranked as high as seventh in New England. One of the biggest wins came against UMaine at the Black Bears' home ballpark. Colby defeated

the Division I team 14-8 and "had everybody in New England baseball talking," Dexter said. It was the first time Colby had beaten Maine since 1975.

"These seniors came in as freshmen and struggled through an eight-and-twenty one season," he said. "As sophomores they had a little more experience, went twelve and sixteen. Last year, as juniors, they saw a chance to establish something. We had a



Kris Keelty '99

winning season and that gave us something to build on for this year. I think they felt that this was the year to really solidify the program."

Pitchers Galen Carr '97 (Walpole, N.H.), Brian DiBello '99 (Cumberland, R.I.), Scott Welch '98 (Lewiston, Maine) and Kris Keelty '99 (Portsmouth, R.I.) anchored a staff that was both talented and deep.

Outfielders Pat McBride '97 (.380, 18 RBI) and Todd McGovern '97 (.413, 14 steals), third baseman Harold Graves '97 (.391, 18 RBI) and Gregg Forger '97 (.344, 32 RBI) paced the offense. ♦

sports shorts

After the best start in its 27-year history, **men's lacrosse** finished with a 9-4 record and reached the quarterfinals of the ECAC tournament. The team won nine of its first 10 matches, including seven in a row to match its longest winning streak ever, and defeated 13th-ranked Amherst. Senior **Seth**

Blumenthal finished his career as one of Colby's top 10 all-time scorers with 105 points, and junior goalie **Brian Frank** broke the school mark for career saves with 600. Sophomore

Matt Williams led the team in scoring with 21 goals and 29 assists. . . . The **softball** team, led by second team All-ECAC performer **Ann Mortenson '98**, had one of its best seasons



Ann Mortenson '98

ever at 18-8. The team won the CBB, defeating Bates and Bowdoin three times each. Mortenson led the team in almost every hitting category, batting .452 with 17 extra-base hits. **Becky Rasmussen '00** batted .398 and was voted co-Rookie of the Year along with catcher

Lisa Goodman '00. Junior

Joan Giblin was the team's

top pitcher, winning 12 games. . . . **Men's and women's crew** had the best season in the program's short history, according to head coach Mark Davis. Colby boats won the President's

Cup race, defeating Bates and Bowdoin, both of which had beaten Colby crew teams last fall. Both the men's and women's eights finished in the top 10 at the New England Championships, while the novice men's eight won its event.

The same novice crew later placed third at the Dad Vail Regatta in Philadelphia, losing only to Division I schools Drexel and St. Joseph's. . . . Two New England champions

and an NCAA Division III national champion (see related story) highlighted the **men's track and field** season. **Emil**

Thomann '00 won the 400-meter dash at the New England Championships in a time of 49.31, and senior **Steve Suomi**

finished first in the 400-meter hurdles in 54.71. Both were school records. . . . In what head coach Heidi Godomsky conceded was a rebuilding season, a young **women's**

lacrosse team was 7-8. Fifteen of the squad's 18 players were first-year or sophomore students. Seniors **J.J. Eklund**

and **Kara Marchant** broke school records for, respectively, most assists in a game (8) and a season (24) and most

ground balls/interceptions in a season (83). . . . The **men's tennis** team went 2-8 in a "disappointing" season, said head

coach Fred Brussel. Despite high expectations, the team did not recover from a difficult season-opening loss to Hobart.

Brussel returns six players from this year's team and anticipates a turnaround next season.

The Demands of More Supply

As student pool grows, so does need for financial aid

By Sally Baker

Contrary to conventional wisdom—as expressed in a recent *Time* magazine cover story, among many other venues—a new study shows that colleges like Colby should become more desirable and competitive in coming years even as tuition and fees rise. And, the study suggests, one of the best ways to ensure Colby's position as a top-drawer college is to build its financial aid endowment—a principal goal of The Campaign For Colby.

A paper by Gordon C. Winston, co-director of the Williams College Project on the Econom-

ics of Higher Education, uses classic models of supply and demand to make predictions about the future of elite colleges. As the pool of college-bound students increases, the study says, the supply of talented students will increase proportionately, and those who are most talented will gravitate even more strongly toward colleges that enroll the best.

"The quality of teaching and the quality of the student body are the two most important ingredients in the educational process," said Herbert E. Wadsworth Professor of Economics James

Meehan Jr., who has been following the Williams project and its fallout. The desire to attract top students, Meehan says, is one reason why colleges and universities typically charge much less than the actual cost of a student's education.

"Charging below what the market would bear creates excess demand," Meehan said. "The applicant pool is larger, so colleges can be more selective."

Financial aid is critical because it means Colby can keep accepting very good students who are "more sensitive to price than others," Meehan said. If Colby admitted only those who don't need financial help, the quality of the student body would be reduced—and, therefore, fewer good students would want to attend in the future.

What's more, Meehan says, colleges need the extra funding that endowments provide because it allows them to hire top-quality faculty and offer amenities like up-to-date residence halls, access to computers and first-rate athletics facilities.

"If you charge a lower price

compared to your competitors," he said, "the upside is that a student may say, 'I'll go to Colby instead of Williams.' But if you cut your price and the size of the student body remains the same, charging less means you have to scrimp on amenities. And in that case, students may not want to come even if you do charge less."

Recent good news on the financial aid front includes a "super scholarship" gift and nine pledges of an average of \$140,000 each to unrestricted scholarships and endowed scholarships. The Campaign For Colby objective is to secure 100 fully endowed scholarships (a total of \$30 million).

"A Colby degree, if it follows the average of other good small liberal arts colleges, increases the recipient's lifetime income by about seventy-three percent over what one would earn without such an education," said Randy Helm, Colby's vice president for development and alumni relations. "That translates into a substantial increase in tax revenue from those individuals for society over a lifetime, which benefits everybody." ♦

Largest Individual Gift Ever

A \$6.25-million grant from a family foundation of Colby parents will dramatically advance Colby's global emphasis by bringing more international students to Mayflower Hill and establishing an institute for the study of international human rights. It is the largest individual gift to Colby in its history and follows the 1993 \$1.2-million gift from these same parents, who endowed the Oak Chair in Biological Sciences, held by Professor Russell Cole.

The grant from the Oak Foundation is unique, says President Bill Cotter, because of both its size and its emphasis. "I don't know of another gift like this anywhere," he said.

Five million dollars of the gift will provide full Colby scholarships for 10 international students, on the condition that Colby match the effort. Cotter says the foundation has stipulated that two of the 10 students must be from Denmark, two must be from Zimbabwe, and two must be disadvantaged as a result of torture and/or political oppression suffered by them or their families. He said Colby will work with The Rehabilitation and Research Center for Torture Victims in Copenhagen, Denmark, with Amnesty International and with other groups concerned with international human rights to identify and select students from the last category. Also, Colby must fund 10 additional international scholarships in order to receive the Oak grant, for a total of 20 scholarships arising from this gift.

The remaining \$1.25 million will establish the Oak Institute for the Study of International Human Rights. The program would annually bring practitioners to Colby for a semester in residence to write and speak about their work and to co-teach classes dealing with human rights issues. In addition, the grant will underwrite the Oak Symposium in Human Rights, a biennial session featuring noteworthy persons who are dealing with human rights abuses throughout the world. ♦

Two More Chairs

Gerald and Myra Dorros (P '93, '96, '98) of Milwaukee, Wis., and A. Van H. Bernhard '57 (P '87, '93) of Westport, Conn., have established endowed professorships at Colby.



Paul Machlin

The first holder of the Arnold Bernhard Professorship in Arts and Humanities is Professor of Music Paul Machlin, who has taught at the College since 1974. The Dorros Chair in Life Sciences will be filled by September 1998.

The professorships are the 27th and 28th received by Colby, up from four in 1990.

Reunion 1997

Reunion Weekend was smothered in sunshine and warm feelings, as more than 1,300 alumni, spouses and children gathered on Mayflower Hill in early June.

Photos by Scott Perry

1. George Batt (husband of Dorris Heaney Batt '42) and Michaline Chomicz Manno '57 share a smile 2. Chris Frothingham (left) and Paul Argiro demonstrate the old Class of 1992 spirit. 3. Scott Lainer (left), Jeff Lasher (husband of Heidi Schmaltz Lasher), Peter Murphy and Bill Castelli (right), Class of '87, enjoy the sun, track-side, with children in the catbirds' seats. 4. Colby Brick Award winners Chris Merrill Wysor '42, John Dolan '36, William Timken '57, Judith Prophet Timken '57, Ernest Fortin '51, Benjamin Sears '52, Nancy Ricker Sears '50. 5. The Parade of Classes heads down Mayflower Hill Drive with the 50-Plus Club in the lead. 6. Lucky the Clown was on hand to delight the Colby kids. 7. Gerry Boyle '78 (far right), Richard Russo (center right) and Anestes Fotiades '89 (back right) signed copies of their books under a canopy at Roberts Union.



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1. The Colby Eight celebrated its 50th anniversary during Reunion. The Eight, including some members of the original ensemble, sang at the Class of '57 dinner. 2. Charlotte Hanks Dumas '47 greets a friend. 3. Five years out and proud, the Class of 1992 gathers. 4. The Class of '87 whiffle ball game on the Foss-Woodman lawn. 5. A perfect day for a picnic, as seen from Lovejoy. 6. Lee Professor of English and American Studies Charlie Bassett gives 'em his best in the Alumni College Preview with a lecture on Americans in Paris: 1900-1930. 7. Balloons and memories highlight the classes parade for Peter Carey '79 and Patty Stoll '77. 8. Marriner Distinguished Service Award winner Richard Schmaltz '62, Robert Gelbard '64, winner of the Distinguished Alumni Award, and Charlie Bassett, who received the Faculty Award for Service to the Alumni.

Early Years Correspondent

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Geraldine B. Hannay '21 died in Bingham, Maine, on Aug. 22, 1996, at the age of 97. Mrs. Hannay was a teacher of English, Latin and U.S. and world history in the public schools of Bingham, while continuing her lifelong interest in music. She played cornet in the Colby College women's orchestra and also in the MacDowell Club in Boston. In 1995 she published a book of poems, *Just for Fun*. An excerpt from the book appeared in the November 1996 column. . . . E. Evelyn Kellett '26 died on Sept. 18, 1996, at the age of 92. Miss Kellett was the secretary of her class, a member of the Alumni Council, and the recipient in 1969 of a Colby Brick for her devoted service to the College. . . . N. Charland Letourneau '27 died October 12, 1996, at Mid-Maine Medical Center-Seton Unit in Waterville. He was an accountant for the U.S. Department of Agriculture before retiring to Clinton, Ky., where he oversaw his farm property. He was a summer resident of Belgrade for more than 40 years. . . . In a letter dated April 7, 1994(!), Nellie Dearborn '28 tells of a lady she knew (call her Roberta) in a senior housing group who instructed her son (Robert) to throw a party if anything of a fatal nature should happen to her. Roberta died and Robert just happened to win a million dollars in a lottery about then. True to his mother's instructions, "he threw a party that turned out to be a cheerful occasion with a full-course dinner and bright red floral arrangements." . . . Mabel Dolliff Craig '30 reports that when she and her husband, Andrew, turned 90 this spring in Claremont, Calif., her daughter and husband came from Colorado to help celebrate. Punch and cookies were enjoyed by all, and the flowers in church were beautiful. . . . Harry O. Ashmore '30, USNR (Ret.), reports that the most memorable thing ever to occur in his life was when he was made a lieutenant commander in the United States Naval Reserve. . . . Ethel MacDougall Aleman '31 lives alone on Cape Cod and still drives to the stores, the post office and the dump. She reads with difficulty but keeps up with the news on PBS radio. She extends her love to all of her classmates. . . . Dorris Moore Cox '33 has been on three world trips and 70 cruises and is grateful that she can travel as extensively as she does. . . . Jasper Foster '31 died August 29, 1996, in Martinsville, Va. At Colby he was a member of Kappa Delta Rho and Phi Beta Kappa. He was a former resident of Rumford, Maine, and throughout his career was a principal at high schools in Maine. . . . Riding on an elephant is the most memorable activity Myrtle Paine Barker '31 ever indulged in. . . . Dr. John B. Curtis '32 spends his winters in

Palm Harbor, Fla., and summers in Westbrook, Conn. Local endeavors in both places and travel keep him and his wife occupied. Spare time is spent in making useful wooden articles. . . . Malcolm Wilson '33, a long-time advocate for the mentally ill in Maine, has resigned from the Kennebec-Somerset Mental Health Quality Improvement Council on the grounds that the council cannot get anything done. Mr. Wilson, the father of a mentally ill woman, has been urged to stay on. . . . Ellis Anderson '33 takes pleasure in the fact he is alive at 85 and mastering the word processor. It pleased him to get John Pullen '35's autograph in the latter's book *The Twentieth Maine*. . . . Charlotte Blomfield Auger '33 recalls telling her son, "A college education won't keep a job for you, but it certainly will open doors for you. You keep the job by hard work, but being a college graduate helps you get the job." She thanks Colby for the help her Colby education has given her through life. . . . Sybil Wolman Smith Berman '34 writes that the most memorable thing that ever happened to her was the "birth of my great-grandson, Michael Smith, grandson of my beloved late son Michael." Mrs. Berman is proud to note how Colby has moved up a notch on the 25 Best Liberal Arts Colleges list. . . . Muriel Walker Dubuc '34 was the senior alumna present at a mini-reunion and fund-raiser luncheon held in Winter Park, Fla., this past spring. Much enthusiasm for Colby's campaign was generated thanks to an outstanding team from the College headed by President and Mrs. Cotter. Says Mrs. Dubuc, "Colby's present status among liberal arts colleges in the country fills me with pride and awe at the vision and accomplishments of our College leaders." . . . Mike Cohen '35 writes, "I was recently invited to spend some time in the Lincoln Bedroom of the White House in appreciation of my campaign contribution. Since the duration of these visits is proportional to the size of one's gift, I got a pass entitling me to four and a half minutes starting at 2:37 a.m. I was surprised to find other people already there. Jane Fonda was doing pushups over in a corner. Arnold Schwarzenegger, the muscle man of the movies, was hogging the bed, and I resented the need to spend part of my four and a half minutes just getting him moved over." . . . Mary Small Copithorne '35 says that good things are always happening to her. For instance, she is only now coming down with macular degeneration. In her 85 years, this is her first disability. . . . At the time of writing, Harold Brown '35 was headed for California to visit a son, followed by a trip to Hawaii for a tour of four islands. . . . Norman R. Brown '35 writes courageously that he is coming down with Alzheimer's disease. (I am sure I speak for all of us in admiring Norman's candor and in wishing him well.) . . . Avis Merritt Churchill '35 keeps abreast of today's world by listening to reports from her grandchildren. Letters from former students are a source of joy to Mrs. Churchill. . . . Laurance E. Dow '35, accompanied by his wife, flew

around the world in 80 days courtesy of Pan American Airways. They left from Florida and returned via N.Y.C. They both report that it was a wonderful way to travel. They were conscience stricken, however, to learn that their patronage was the direct cause of the airline's financial collapse. . . . Beth Pendleton Clark '35 has recuperated from the operation in which she donated a kidney to her daughter, Beverly. Beth was 82 at the time. Meanwhile, Beverly is doing well as a busy member of the Maine legislature. Maine's governor has appointed Beverly to co-chair a committee to re-shape the government. Beth is very proud of her daughter (and I think it not out of line to suggest that all 50-plussers should be bursting with pride about both). . . . Jeanette Benn Beebe '36 happened upon a gathering in a San Francisco store, Nordstrom's, where she discovered 76-year-old Esther Williams busily promoting her line of swim wear. Said Jeanette, 83, in *The San Francisco Chronicle*, "this is just a wonderful moment. I saw her perform in the 1939 World's Fair and I've loved her ever since. She still inspires me—I do aqua-calisthenics twice a week, and I always think about Esther Williams." . . . John Dolan '36 sent a picture of his abode in Des Moines. It is cylindrical and 12 stories high. John is on the top floor where the po' folks live. . . . Evelyn Wyman Caverly '36 calls most memorable the words spoken by her doctor—"It's a girl"—when her fourth child was born. . . . Sara Cowan '37 remembers vividly her participation on the team that brought about equal pay for women teachers in Maine. "The day 'our bill' passed the Maine House of Representatives, my niece Joanna was born," she writes. "It's a joy to meet former students wherever I go in this area (Portland, Maine)—and they still remember me." . . . Commander Frederick G. Demers '37, USN (Ret.), feels that his most memorable experience was joining the U.S. Navy. He retired on July 1, 1994. Since then, he has been traveling in Central America. . . . Paul Landry '37 and Edward Birdsey '48 agree, in the pages of the *Central Maine Morning Sentinel*, that the feeling of unity among students and faculty at Colby is, and always has been, unmatched. . . . Ever since she moved to the Boothbay Harbor region 15 years ago, Ruth Yeaton McKee '37 has worked constantly as a member of the Boothbay Region Land Trust "to preserve for the public enjoyment hundreds of acres, including several islands, in this beautiful part of the world." . . . Pauline Walker Deans '37 calls her recent trip to the Galapagos Islands the most memorable event in her recent experience. . . . A detailed account of the career of Dr. Hammond Bender '38 has appeared in the Fall River, Mass., *Herald News*. Throughout his 56-year career as a podiatrist, Dr. Bender was known for his concern for the unfortunate, often providing treatment at a reduced charge or no charge at all. In his town, he was a man known to, and known by, everybody. However, heart trouble has forced him to

Hasn't Lost His Voice

Morris "Mike" Cohen '35, 85 this month, is a writer. His witty, socially conscious, pointedly political remarks appear in the Ocala Fla., *Star-Banner's* "Other Voices" column and in another column in a local weekly. "Something comes up I want to say, I say it," said Cohen, who also is looking for a publisher for his second novel.

As a Colby student, Cohen wrote for the *Echo* and enjoyed English courses in writing. In the early 1950s he published stories in *Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine*, and in 1966 he published a novel, *The Bright Young Man*. Cohen says he probably would have had a career as a writer if not for the Depression. "I'd work for nothing, just to get the atmosphere," he said he told Boston newspapers during his high school and college summers. "There was absolutely nothing available."

After graduation, Cohen and his four-year roommate Ray Goldstein '35, knocked around California for two years, prospecting for gold for 13 months and "just barely missing getting rich every day." His mining experience with powder and dynamite came in handy in World War II, Cohen says, when he led an Army platoon of combat engineers. Multiple wounds in Germany brought him the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star with oak-leaf cluster and a wife, Kitty, an Army nurse he met during his 13 months recovering in hospitals. They have two children.

Cohen rejoined L.W. Guild Co., a textile manufacturer he'd hooked up with in the late '30s, who sent him to Los Angeles to



Morris "Mike" Cohen and his wife, Kitty.

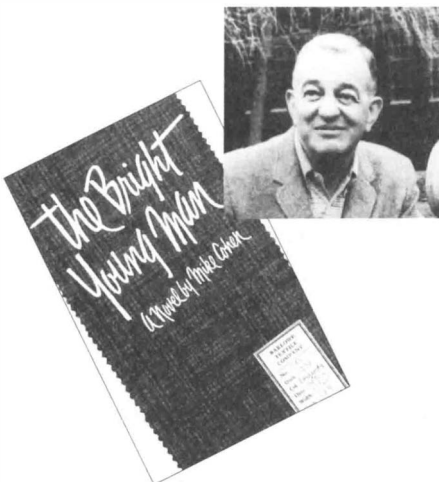
open an office. Three years later he joined Burlington Industries where he was vice president of the industrial fabrics division. After 15 years in Los Angeles, he moved back East when he was appointed national sales manager. He retired in 1977.

Cohen wrote his first novel in longhand on train trips to and from work in New York City. The book made maybe \$10,000, and the publisher, Lippincott, advised him not to give up his job. He's glad he stayed with Burlington, Cohen says, if only because it gave him material for his second novel, *Killer of Presidents*, a mystery written 10 years ago. "I reread it, worked it over again so it came to life," he said, "but it didn't really get born until last year."

Cohen says he reads a lot, goes to clubs and meetings and generally writes his newspaper column about something stirring—abortion, the nature of patriotism, the religious right. "It's a constant war. People are trying to make you live according to their rules," he said. "If you don't like them, you have to work against them. I'm not a zealot. Something that builds up, I have to say something about it."

A quadruple bypass and a new valve a couple of years ago "feel like a new engine in my chassis," Cohen said. He talks like a writer and he walks like a writer (well, he says apologetically, a mile a day to the grocery) and he types at a desk.

Sounds like a writer. —Robert Gillespie



retire from practice . . . Dr. Charles R. "Moose" Dolan '38 feels that joining Lambda Chi Alpha and marrying his wife, Jeanette Flynn, 53 years ago are the two memories stuck most firmly in his mind. Moose reports that for the past six years, four couples, the men all members of the Class of 1938 and members of Lambda Chi, have gathered, with their wives, in Florida for a reunion. They are Bunny and Cliff Nelson, Hilda and Ken Holbrook, Bunny and Ralph "Bus" Brown and Jeanette and "Moose" Dolan. . . . Bob Anthony '38 is spending much time trying to persuade the Finance Accounting Standards Board to revise its standard on non-profit accounting. Says Bob, "It's fun." He received a distinguished service award for educators issued by the Institute of Management Accountants. . . . A large manila envelope from Gardiner Gregory '39, postmarked November 1996, was sucked into the black hole that makes great sucking sounds down at the end of my desk. But now the envelope has been disgorged (a miracle, surely) and we learn that the Gregory Earth Science Museum in Hicksville, L.I., N.Y., celebrated its 30th anniversary on April 23, 1993. Housed and nurtured at first by Anne and Gardiner Gregory in their home, the museum is now in the town hall, where it displays and illustrations of rocks, butterflies, wildflowers, trees, fossils, wild animals and birds attract tourists the year around. . . . Leah Bartlett Daggett '39 wants to know if I know anything about the famous and well-known John Dolan '36 who lives in a roundhouse in Des Moines (see above). "He used to visit us in Waterville," says Leah. (Your secretary presumes that Leah refers to the large and numerous Daggett clan. If you, Leah, made it to Colby in early June, you found John Dolan there in person.) At 83, Leah is having the time of her life, surrounded by numerous family and writing a fictional account (every word true) of her life. She lives in a hamlet, Baileyville, Ill., consisting of five grain elevators and a post office. "It's pleasant and quiet here," she reports. . . . Violet Hamilton Christensen '39 was not with us for the June festivities at Colby because she and Arnold have a grandson who wanted them to be present at his graduation from high school. Violet is "still trying to write" but the hours are long and the money is zero. She thinks maybe she should try something else. . . . Lillian Healy Orr '39 lives in Reston, Va., a town set aside for the purpose of spying on Washington, D.C. From her townhouse (lots of stairs) Lillian derives a refreshingly negative view of goings-on in D.C. "Depressing," she says, and has about stopped reading the *Washington Post*. She visits Vermont two months a year and wishes she could stay up there more—she doesn't like the county form of government in Virginia and misses the old town meeting. . . . Elliot Drisko '39 keeps in touch twice a year with Dwight Sargent '39 in Pelham Manor, N.Y. Aside from keeping an

eye on Dwight, Elliot is a genealogy hobbyist and, to this end, has obtained Roots V, a genealogy software package. Among the Drisko forebears were some named Crowley, whereupon Mary Crowley LaFleur '39 stepped forward to help out on this one and nailed down two Crowleys for Elliot. Elliot has two lovely, lively granddaughters, ages 6 and 2-1/2, whose antics keep him young at heart. . . . Eleanor Thomas Curtis '40 stays in pretty good shape, helped partly by water aerobics. She recently bought a sewing machine that does everything, and she has dedicated the rest of her life to learning how to use it. She figures that if she stays busy and involved in enough projects, she will live forever. . . . Bob Bruce '40's memory (never to be forgot) is of his late night arrival in September 1936 on a Greyhound bus at the Waterville RR Station: "We (Ed Lake and I) were looking for Roberts Hall and took a taxi just to go over the RR tracks. It was the start of wonderful Colby memories and rewards." . . . Almost all the memorable things in the life of Richard Chasse '40 occurred in December 1943: he married, got his M.D. degree, got his medical commission in the Navy, celebrated Christmas. . . . Ruth Moore Corkran

and attempt to get an article published. . . . Muriel Flagg DeShon '43 and her husband, Howard, have been traveling all over—IItaly, Seattle, San Francisco, the Canadian Rockies. Through Muriel, I accidentally discovered that her husband had been a close friend of mine some 46 years ago. . . . Leonard Caust '43, being 75 years old, claims that his mind is so full of memories that he can't get them properly sorted. He teaches chess at two local elementary schools in an effort to keep his mind sharp. . . . Mary Roundy Bebee '46 is deeply thankful for the pleasure given her by her three children and three grandchildren.

—Fletcher Eaton

40 As noted elsewhere in this issue of *Colby*, the Class of 1940 is now going to have its own column in the Alumni at Large section rather than being grouped with the younger classes of the '40s. I have been confirmed as class correspondent—but the deadline for the column was only a few days after I was recruited, so I collected no news from classmates during that time. The Alumni Office sent a questionnaire to some of you in early summer. I hope you all have responded to it. . . . My new volunteer job is national treasurer of the Funeral and Memorial Societies of America. I take care of the financial activities, including receipts, disbursements and payroll, accounting, reporting, investing, etc. It's a small operation—two employees and a budget of less than \$100,000 a year. . . . Please write. I'll share your news.

—Ernest C. Marmier

41 Greetings! Once again I am to be your class correspondent for a time, and I'm looking forward to hearing from many of you, soon. You'll be receiving a questionnaire from the Alumni Office to encourage you to respond. And do respond, for we'd all like to know what you are doing to occupy your senior years. What trips have you taken? What ones do you plan to take? What are you involved in for your location? What have you read recently? . . . I've just finished Louis Auchincloss's *The Rector of Justin*. Excellent, enjoyable reading! My husband, Hank, whom many of you know, is still flying his plane and has students, and he's about to turn 80. I'm still somewhat busy, still encouraging people, in various ways, to care for this planet of ours. Oh, did any of you have the opportunity to watch the TV program in three parts, "Mysteries of Deep Space"? It was fabulous. What is out there in that Blue Space beyond us is awesome. It has always intrigued me and my family. . . . Now I am looking forward eagerly to hearing from you!

—Bonnie Roberts Hathaway

44 Received a very interesting letter from Alden Wagner. He is selling his shopping cen-

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S. Peter Mills '34 was awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters by the University of Maine at Farmington. Mills, a local resident, has been a generous benefactor to the community.

'40 has moved to Bradenton, Fla. I knew the Moores in Waterville and am deeply saddened to learn that Ruth's husband, Davis, died May 29, 1996. . . . Jim Bunting '40 is a retired (1980) cryptanalyst linguist in the National Security Agency. On a trip to the Bahamas last winter on a 2,300-passenger cruise ship, Jim and his wife were assigned permanent seats at a table for 10 for each meal throughout the cruise. The man next to Jim spoke not a word of English, only French, so Jim made do with what he had retained as a French major at Colby. . . . Sid Brick '41 has a brief message: "Just want to say Hi!" . . . Jane Russell Abbott '41 shares a memory (from Vero Beach) with us: "The bioluminescence, activated by our swimming, was spectacular, far more memorable for me than any Fourth of July display. Each swimmer appeared to be wired with many colorful lashing, streaking lights, making it fun to swim with the others both on the surface and diving." . . . Harry Cohen '42 provides the question all of us want to ask: "Society has changed drastically from Colby days. WHAT DID WE DO WRONG?" Harry practices law in New Milford, Conn., and loves it. . . . Emanuel Fruman '42 was quite ill the last time I spoke to him, and an old letter from him that I have just unearthed highlighted the suffering arising from catastrophic illness, particularly with respect to the bills Medicare does not pick up. It was Manny's intention to research the subject of health care financing

ters in Texas and putting the money into securities, which is a new and interesting business for him. He planned to participate in the Byron Nelson Golf Tournament in May. All proceeds from this event (\$3.8 million) are used to operate a year-round camp and family center for emotionally disturbed children. More than 1,200 children and parents are served. . . . Naomi Dick

Dice became a silver sister in Chi Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international honorary sorority for women educators, and received a 25-year pin from Lockport College Women's Club. She keeps busy acting as secretary for these organizations and on the board of trustees at her church. She and her husband hoped to visit her family in Foxboro, Mass., in June—and Colby, too. . . . Louis Deraney wrote in March that he and Leonora planned to spend the month of March in Florida visiting his brother. On April 13 he wrote again, this time from the VA hospital where he was recuperating from double bypass heart surgery. He expected to be discharged within a few days. His home address is 57 Whitford Street, Roslindale, MA 02131. Louie, I hope you are well on the road to recovery by the time this issue of Colby reaches you in the summer. . . . Harry Levin

sent a nice long letter from his home in Franconia, N.H. (Several classmates at our 50th reunion said they had seen him, although he was only there for two hours!) A hip replacement he had six years ago has worked fine, except in one airport in Mexico when it kept blowing off the metal detector. Still working, Harry creates clinics for full-service contraception and family planning, including abortions, in Third World countries. He created the first free-standing out-patient abortion service in Washington, D.C., in 1970, and after *Roe v. Wade* in 1973, he helped create other clinics in a number of U.S. cities before turning his attention to working internationally. . . . Pauline Tatham Stanley wrote in February that her husband was home after an emergency trip to the hospital. No further news from her, but we all are praying for the best. . . . I'm sorry to report that Priscilla Gould Brock passed away in January after a short illness. . . . Thought you might like a little news of me. The mayor of Corning, N.Y., has appointed me chairman of a committee for animal protection and control. We deal mostly with cats since Corning has an overpopulation of stray cats. I also volunteer at the local hospital's long-term nursing home twice a week. My little dog, Mitsy, and I help my daughter in her yoga class at the nursing home. Her "students" range in age from 85 to 101! They all want Mitsy to sit in their laps—all of them are in wheelchairs. . . . A final bit of news of Waterville: the newspaper, the *Central Maine Morning Sentinel*, has moved into its new building on Front Street, and the old building has been torn down to make room for a parking lot. Also, C.F. Hathaway is

booming and is making a new line of shirts.

—Vivian Maxwell Brown

45 Enjoying the summer now and also perhaps starting to think about a winter getaway? Doris and Maurice Whitten are, with plans for their usual break in St. Petersburg, Fla., away from the Maine winter. Maurice has reminded me of the mid-May snowstorm our senior year that killed the entire apple crop (but did nothing to deter our final exams). Maurice, who has had impressive worldwide travels, told me about their trip last year to Newfoundland, where he says you go not for museums but for some great scenery (in the summer, that is). While in Florida last year, the Whittens attended a Colby alumni meeting in Sarasota and also enjoyed a luncheon in Safety Harbor with Shirley (Martin '46) and Chuck Dudley. The Dudleys are probably already thinking about their annual

Harry Levin '44 reports that a hip replacement he had six years ago has worked fine, except in one airport in Mexico when it kept blowing off the metal detector.

winter move to Safety Harbor. Over the years, they have crisscrossed the country many times, visiting their five children and seven (at present count) grandchildren. Just as Chuck once was, their son, John, was, until recently, in the Air Force. He's now a United Airlines pilot. . . . Laura Tapia Aitken and her husband, Hugh, are both professors emeriti, William Paterson College, New Jersey. Travel is one of their pleasures. A trip to Turkey was in their plans for last May. . . . I've had recent catch-up phone visits with both Frannie Dow Wells and Bobbe Holt Sachs. Bobbe and Don live in Seattle, where they had a reunion last spring with her sister, Beverly Holt Wiegand '50, and her brother, Ross Holt '53. She's also had a recent get-together with Dot Allen Goettman, who started in the Colby Class of '46, married one of "our" Air Corps cadets and thereupon left college. Bobbe accompanies Don (another one of "our" cadets) on his frequent speaking engagements. His topic: the history of the B-17, which he himself flew in WWII. . . . I'm sure Frannie Wells devoutly hopes that the coming year's snow and ice will be a lot lighter than they were this year, when they kept her largely housebound. Good thing she's a reader big time, that she enjoys handicrafts and that her daughter, who lives in North Reddington, Mass., can handle winter trips to visit Frannie in Farmington, Maine. This fall, Frannie plans to visit her son, who lives near Washington, D.C. . . . Sponsored by the New York Colby Club, Helen Strauss and I organized a luncheon and tour of the historic Abigail Adams Smith House here in Manhattan in May. This event and others that

we hope to hold are intended particularly for members of the classes of 1955 and before.

—Naomi Collett Paganelli

47 Last summer, Dorothy Briggs Aronson directed the AMC August camp in Banff. Again this year she will be directing the camp, which will be held in Glacier National Park. She continues as curator of the Medfield, Mass., Historical Society, teaches German at night school and sings with the German chorus. . . .

Roberta Marden Alden sees Dorie Meyer Hawkes several times a year. She spends time volunteering, traveling and enjoying her family, which consists of three married children and five grandchildren ranging in age from high school graduate to a year old. This is her 50th anniversary year, and she and her husband will celebrate by cruising around the Hawaiian Islands, where her youngest grandchild lives with

his "sailor parents." . . . Elizabeth Wade Drum is a retired elementary school teacher who is probably as busy as when she "worked." She is active in the Colbiana and Sudbury women's clubs, directs two handbell choirs and volunteers in her local library and food pantry. Last year she traveled to Washington state and Colombia. In January, one of

her three sons was married to a pathologist from China. . . . Golf, travel, volunteering and reading are some of the ways Donald Butcher spends his time in retirement from assistant vice president of the Andover Companies (a property and casualty insurance company) and captain in the USMCR. His wife is a volunteer and homemaker, and their three children are a community development director, an architect and a loan officer for Nations Bank in Florida and mother of their only grandchild. . . . When David Weber wrote, he and his wife were just back from their 10th Elderhostel, this one to Apache Lake in the mountains of Arizona. There they saw a wide variety of birds, among them a green-tailed towhee, which they had never seen before. . . . Eileen Lanouette Hughes has two daughters living in California with their families and says, "To see my three darling grandchildren, I have to fly to California or they to the East Coast." She continues to do freelance writing for Reader's Digest Recorded Music Division, writing and editing notes for CD and tape albums. When time permits, she reads, gardens and travels and this year hopes to sail up the Nile to see the great Egyptian antiquities. . . . June Chipman Coalson went to Nova Scotia, Israel, Egypt and the Mayan ruins in Guatemala last year and to Eastern Europe the year before. She often swaps a time-share and goes to Maine but will be in New Hampshire this August. She visits Colby when in Maine and friends both there and in Florida. Although she is retired, she continues to do substitute teaching. Her family consists of a daughter, son, and three grandsons. . . . As class agent, Tom Burke has been in

contact with us all and hopes everyone will support the Alumni Fund on our 50th anniversary. When not prodding us to do our share, he volunteers at his health care facility, is secretary of Homeowners Association, ushers at church, is active in Marine Corps reunions and plays golf.

—Mary Hall Fitch

48 A letter from Frances "Franny" Hyde Stephen tells us that her grandson Benjamin, named after his grandfather, has become an accomplished pianist. Franny met Carol Stoll Baker in Phoenix and reports "Perfect weather, perfect company, almost paradise." Franny and husband John have a lovely life, but she can't believe that she is 70. Neither can we! . . . Another 1948 cheerleader, Ruth Barron Lunder, just welcomed a new granddaughter and now has six grandchildren ranging from the newborn to 16 years old. Ruth, looking forward to our 50th, wrote, "Can you believe it? David, maybe we will be able to give them a C." Well possibly, Ruthie. . . . David visited Aaron Sandler in Sarasota, and if we could get him back that would make Hyde, Barron, Sandler and Marzynski (remember him?). I guess we could still make a little noise. . . . From San Francisco, Phil Shulman informs us that his son is a cardiac anesthesiologist and his daughter, at age 42, has become a nurse practitioner. He wrote, "Opposing the wishes of the U.S. Government, I traveled through Iran for three weeks. The most repressive Islamic country I have visited. Surprisingly enough I attended services at two Jewish synagogues." . . . Evelyn Helfant Malkin wrote that her last child (of five) was married on June 30, 1996, on Evie's 50th anniversary. She was leaving for Sydney, Australia, in early January. . . . We received a lengthy note from Helen L. Moore Phillips and then had the good fortune to see both Helen and her husband, Bud '49, at our initial 50th reunion planning meeting. Helen retired in 1991 after 40 years of teaching and administrative work at Mt. Ida College in Newton Centre, Mass. Bud is also retired. Helen is currently a member of the board of trustees at Mt. Ida and co-chair of Mt. Ida's centennial celebration, which takes place in 1999. Helen writes that twice a year they meet for lunch with Avis Yatto Godbout and her husband, Charlie, and Barbara Herrington Keith and her husband, Bob. In August 1996 Joan Crawley Pollock and her husband, Joe, came from Pasadena, Calif., and joined them at the Putney Inn in Vermont. Barbara brought her photo albums, and they had a wonderful time reminiscing. Bud and Helen have had some great trips to Europe, Scandinavia, British Isles, Alaska, Ireland, Hawaii, Australia/New Zealand/Fiji. And Helen has met our daughter Marsha (Lehigh University '78) and her husband, Ed, who is controller at Mt. Ida. Ed has the pleasure of walking by Dorothy's picture every day because she attended Mt. Ida at one time and her class photograph just happened to be in the hallway leading to his office. How is that for

a small world? . . . Honi and Sanford "Sandy" LeVine are both retired and living in Boynton Beach, Fla. They have three children and seven grandchildren. He recently was elected a vice president of the World Council of Conservative/Masorti Synagogues and financial secretary of the southeastern region of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. . . . Bertha Graves Nollman and her husband, Edward, are both retired and live in Glastonbury, Conn. She says there is nothing new, just enjoying retirement and doing an occasional Elderhostel. . . . Audrey H. Cox Petrovic writes from Seminole, Fla., that she and her husband, Peter, moved to Florida in 1974, love it and enjoy retirement. They have two sons, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. . . . Peg Clark Atkins, our class agent for many years, wrote in January that she and Harold had taken a few days off in New Hampshire to watch the snow pile up. (We watched it pile up on April 1. In Falmouth, Mass., we got eight inches, so much wet snow that the weight broke one of the plastic windows in our companionway dodger on our boat.) Peg will be working hard on our reunion, and we are confident that everyone will want to pitch in. . . . Muriel Howard Deacon called to tell us that we had misinterpreted some of the information she sent for our last column, pointing out that none of her children graduated from Colby. Sorry about the inaccuracy, Muriel. Who knows, maybe making errors will prove to be an innovative way to increase our telephone contacts with classmates! . . . We reported in our last column that we were going to Saint Barts and that Dorothy would then be off to Israel. I went to Florida to help celebrate Lennie Warshaver '49's 70th birthday. Bob Sage '49 also attended that party, as did Dick Abedon '56. . . . We are really pleased with the responses to our requests for news, but you don't have to wait to get an official questionnaire. Write whenever you have news. . . . There is a lot of enthusiasm for our 50th, so make your plans. Spring of '98 is not that far away.

—David and Dorothy Marson

49 George I. Smith, 15 Siesta Court, Portola Valley, CA 94018-7436, is a retired geologist whose spouse, Teruko, is a physician assistant. George retired from the U.S. Geological Survey in 1995 after 42 years and now enjoys "emeritus" status after completing a grant to finish uncompleted work after officially retiring. "Emeritus" allows him to have office privileges and some funding for his hobby projects. George has published 90 geological research papers and taught a geology graduate course at the University of Nevada-Reno during the spring of '96. He was a chemistry major at Colby but discovered geology while in grad school (Cal Tech Ph.D. 1956). Teruko and George traveled to Norway in '94 and planned to visit London last March for a theater and concert tour. In April they were to travel to Maui for a medical meeting and will return to Maine this summer. He already is

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talking about coming to the 50th. So should everyone else from the Class of '49. ("Lessons in life"—try to find a profession that will become your hobby. Thanks for your complete questionnaire, George. Muriel says hello.) . . . Russell "Bud" S. Phillips, P.O. Box 371, Walpole, MA 02081-0371, was a medical and nuclear detail person before retiring. His wife, Helen Louise Moore Phillips '48, is a trustee of

Mt. Ida College besides being co-chairwoman of their centennial committee. She serves on the finance and archives committees also (see the Class of '48 column). Bud and Helen, who travel out of the U.S.A. frequently, meet socially with 12 other couples—they spend week-ends skiing, and do mountain climbing, bowling, dinner and other outings. They also meet during the year with Avis Yatto Godbout '48 and Barbara Herrington Keith '48 as well as with Joan Crawley Pollock '48 and her husband. Bud expects to get back into the 80s with his new set of golf clubs. . . . **Wilbur Bastien's** widow, Shirley (Kydd '51), will be presented with the George Walter Hinckley Humanitarian of the Year award at a special tea in Augusta at the Blaine House (the governor's mansion). . . . **Anne Bither Shire**, 1133 No. Main Street, Allentown, PA 18104, is a community volunteer and grant writer for nonprofits in her area. Her husband, Donald, is a retired corporate executive. They spend their summers in Jonesport, Maine, and recently traveled to England, Australia and New Zealand. They have a new granddaughter from China. . . . **Lorenzo C. Rastelli**, 636 Heather Lane, Orange City, FL 32763, is now retired but continues to do volunteering. Charlie travels to Victoria, B.C., during the summer months and also spent a week at an Elderhostel in Maine last summer. At a meeting at the Interlocken Country Club in February he met Colby president Bill Cotter and was impressed with an address by Tina Goudreau '98 discussing Colby's 184-year history. Thanks for your note, Charlie.

—Robert M. Tonge Sr

50 Do you remember the great entertainment we had at our 45th reunion by Ben, son of Ben '52 and Nancy Ricker Sears, and his partner, Brad? They perform songs of the '40s and have discovered a song by Irving Berlin that had been missing for 80 years. A Christmas song in ragtime, it had been published in the Sunday edition of a New York newspaper and never published elsewhere. Ben and Brad introduced it to the public for the first time last December at one of their concerts in Cambridge, Mass. Their recent CD/tape, *Keep on Smiling, Early Songs of Irving Berlin*, was the "critic's pick" by Sheridan Morley of *BBC Music Magazine*. Nancy and Ben must be very proud of their talented son. Nancy also reported that she enjoyed reading *No Ordinary Time* by Doris Kearns Goodwin '64. I recall that Goodwin was the Commencement speaker at our daughter's graduation from Colby in 1978. I was most impressed by a comment she made, that Colby students are so fortunate to have professors who take the time and personal interest in teaching their students rather than being simply lecturers. Our days at college were unique due to the influx of veterans returning from the service, many of them mar-

ried and more mature than the average 17-year old right out of high school. I've been hearing from some of them and find a great majority have been teachers. . . . **Donald Wentworth**, now retired from public school administration, writes that he's immersed in intense leisure living! He's still in Stamford, Conn., but is planning to settle in Kennebunk, Maine. He and his wife, Terry, are trying to see the world by the year 2000 so have been pretty busy.

. . . **Stanley F. Choate**, a former college professor, writes from Catonsville, Md., that they've moved into a retirement home so now have time to enjoy traveling, golf, their summer place in the hills of West Virginia and their first grandchild. Their traveling features trips to Germany—this year Germany and Sweden. . . . **Fred E. Allen**, a retired superintendent of schools, writes from Dennyville, Maine. He and Constance, a nurse, have four children and 10 grandchildren. They spend the month of April

Fane and the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame and was a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee. His year is split between living six months each in Naples, Fla. and Winthrop, Maine. . . . **Maury Ronayne**, Alexandria, Va., has retired from 32 years in U.S. government service, lastly with the Department of Transportation. His wife of 39 years died in April 1996. In the fall of '96 he traveled to Panama and Central America. A life highlight for him was teaching graduate courses in systems analysis at the University of Southern California and in Weisbaden, Germany. He still has hopes of traveling to Tahiti, Australia, Argentina and Hungary. . . . **Bob and Helen Palen Roth** are in West Hartford, Conn. Bob is a stockbroker and Helen a "professional" volunteer. A memorable highlight of their 42 years together is a 15-week trip across the country in a camper with three kids and a dog. They have traveled twice to Australia and New Zealand. . . . **Ray Reich** has moved

from Illinois to Beacon Street, Boston, where he is semi-retired as a physician specializing in internal medicine and cardiology. He hopes to travel extensively in Europe, spending winters in warm climates and summers on Cape Cod or in Boston. . . . **Shirley Kydd Bastien**, Skowhegan, Maine, received an award as Humanitarian of the Year, recognizing her 15-year involvement with a home and school for

troubled youth. Volunteerism, public service and personal integrity are the cornerstones of this award. . . . My Christmas and New Year in Vienna, Austria, occurred during the coldest weather in 35 years. Having experienced the tradition of strains of the *Blue Danube* waltz welcoming in the new year, the traditional New Year's Day in the morning concert and the traditional performance of Beethoven's Ninth in the evening, I must agree with Longfellow, who said that "music is the universal language of mankind."

—Barbara Jefferson Walker

in Myrtle Beach, S.C., where Fred enjoys golf. He also spends time on the computer. . . . **Russell A. Antell**, a retired math teacher, is living in Ft. Pierce, Fla. He and wife Eva have two children, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Besides playing golf he's treasurer of the Gold Pond's Crime Watch. Russell, who lived in the veterans apartments on Mayflower Hill, was planning to go to his 10th Navy reunion in Danvers, Mass., in May. . . . **Lucien Veilleux**, living in Waterville, must have the record for the most grandchildren—19. Can anyone top that? . . . I have been informed that Herbert A. Perkins retired in January from the U.S. General Services Administration in Washington, D.C., after 26 years of federal service. . . . **Gerald D. Baker** of Colts Neck, N.J., has his son working for his company, Mark of Fitness, as sales manager. (They make blood pressure kits for home use.) It sounds like Jerry, although not retired, is free to do some traveling. In the past year he and Peggy have toured Eastern Europe, cruised the Caribbean and now hope to visit northern China, Australia and New Zealand, Alaska and the Panama Canal. Jerry is organizing a reunion of the Tau Delta Phi fraternity members to be held this summer. We'll all be anxious to hear how many attended.

—Virginia Davis Pearce

51 Ted Shiro is in the sports ticket and tour business. It has been reported previously that he was inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of

52 This is my last turn as your class correspondent. Thanks for the opportunity, and please send my successor lots of news as we start the last lap to our 50th reunion. By the time you read this column, our 45th will be history. . . . **Janet Perrigo Brown** has retired as a university professor and is now the coordinator of a wellness program in Burlington, Vt. . . . **Dave Saltzman** (e-mail david.saltzman@santafe.cc.fl.us), while still employed full time in the sciences for health programs department at Santa Fe College in Gainesville, Fla., is launching a consulting group in various aspects of natural healing and powers of the mind. . . . **Joan Stewart Wenk** from Nevada writes that she has retired as a nurse and is studying hypnotism. It sounds like the Class of '52 could put together one heck of a seminar on maintaining health and well being. . . . **Mary Sargent Swift** (ESHAKER@AOL.com) shares a

passion for antiques with husband Ed and says she hasn't given up the quest for "that perfect 19th-century painted box with date and signature." . . . **Herb Richardson** (herbert-richardson@ramu.edu) continues his career as chancellor of engineering for the Texas A&M University system. . . . Dave Robinson, while continuing his work as village administrator in Arkport, N.Y., is planning retirement in the Carolinas. He advises, "Life is too short—if you can afford to retire, do it!" And some of us happily have done just that. Edie Carpenter Sweeney never imagined at Colby that she would reside for her whole life including retirement in Maine. Not a stay at home, however, she will have missed the 45th reunion for a trip to Turkey. . . . **Norman Crook** writes from Alabama that he and his wife, Josette, have spent the past six years traveling in a 36-foot RV and have covered "all the states and provinces, Newfoundland and Labrador." . . . **Mo Rennie** spends his winters in southwest Florida on the Gulf of Mexico and for four months over the summer has a cabin in the Adirondacks. He reminds us that the rather ripe age of 70 will arrive for most of us before our next reunion in 2002. See you then?

—Edna Miller Mordecai

53 Plans for the 45th reunion are in motion. I attended the first planning meeting in Newton, Mass., in early April. Let's have a sizeable group on campus in June 1998. . . . **Gordon Marquis** is now retired from New England Electric System. (My dad worked for NEES for more than 40 years, and my husband was also employed by them for five or six years.) Gordon lives in Upton, Mass., with his wife, Pauline (Hoyt '56). His son has two children and works in Cambridge for an insurance firm, and his daughter, an honor student at Smith, has graduated from Harvard School of Design. Before working for NEES, Gordon was a Russian interpreter for the U.S. Army all over Europe. He retired at 60, he says, "before they caught up with me, responsibilities in environmental areas, especially cultural resource management." He says he now values his peace of mind after 28 years of Hopkinton local government. He has a unique answer to a fitness program—cribbage, he says, keeps his fingers supple. . . . **Loretta "Tommie" Thompson Staples** wrote to me from her new address in Maryland and included here-mail address (BetsyJane@AOL.COM) for anyone interested. She already hears from some Colby people, Pete Bell being one. She says Colby has given her lifelong friends, like Carolyn English Caci and her own late husband, Bob '51. Her favorite memories of Colby are "wake up time" in the Spa, being snowbound in February, a cross-country trip to Vermont and chasing the hockey team (and a hockey player)—she never did see a game, just a lot of snow. Tommie does a lot of traveling now, her latest to Arizona. She added that she has been in touch with **Marty Friedlaender** and that Marty continues

to recuperate and is making gains with the help of therapy. . . . **Mimi Price Patten** calls herself the "retired house-person" and devoted wife of a "lobster-catcher." Like many others, the important part of her life began at Colby with many lasting friendships. She remembers the good times and the luxury of learning in a friendly atmosphere where you knew almost everybody by name and where the professors were interested in each student's progress. She remembers, especially, her inspiring classes with President Seelye Bixler. Mimi adds that during the winter her family enjoys a condo at Sugarloaf. Summers bring enjoyable boating on the coast. . . . visitors welcome, or you are welcome to write to her at Harpswell, Maine. Mimi connected with Shirley and Nick Sarris to toast the New Year. . . . **Flo Fisher Krejci** and her husband live in California and are both retired from Rockerdyne Division of Rockwell International-Boeing. Flo writes, "When we married in June 1994, I had been single nearly 25 years and Milan had never before been married. (I accept congratulations on the latter!) I have three daughters: Judy, who with her wildlife-ecologist husband has emigrated to Canberra, Australia, and has a son and daughter; Susanne, a senior software engineer for Unisys in Pennsylvania, who is married and has two sons and a daughter; and Betsy, an Episcopal priest, who is married and has a son. For those who ran out of fingers, that's six grandchildren, from 3 to 11. I am a world-class cream puff, as I was in college, though I can walk for miles if it's in a shopping mall. Milan, however, works out at a gym three days a week as he has done for many years. . . . A few months before our marriage, we lived through the so-called Northridge Earthquake, which was almost under our townhouse. It was one of the most terrifying and humbling experiences I can imagine, a real lesson in the unreliability of 'solid ground' and of the place of possessions in our lives, i.e., not very important compared to people and relationships." Flo says they usually take at least one long trip annually—last year to the Czech Republic, this year driving across the U.S. to Pennsylvania and New England in the summer, then Christmas in Australia with the grandchildren. They also are active in their church and related organizations. Flo would like to ask classmates if they are as proud as she is of the kind of men and women that the Class of 1953 produced. As she looked around at her 40th reunion, she liked the people she saw, which reaffirmed her unconscious wisdom in choosing to attend Colby. She invites classmates to contact her by e-mail (fkrejci@pacbell.net).

—Barbara Easterbrooks Mailey

54 **Charlie Windhorst** and his wife live in Stamford, Conn., where he is chairman of Communispond Inc. in New York City. They have one son, one daughter-in-law, two daughters, two grandchildren, a dog and a cat. Charlie spends his spare time "trying to keep Nick

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Sarris out of trouble." According to Charlie, "I beat Nick in a 40-yard dash, but Nick, in turn, broke my arm in an arm wrestling match. I had to learn to write left-handed." Charlie has an idea to propose to our class: "Try to have a welcome to the 21st century reunion in 1999. Let's leave a Class of 1954 scholarship fund. We could make it substantial if we combined with the classes of 1950-1959." Class officers take note. . . . **Leslie Van Nostrand Shaffer** has retired after 19 years as executive secretary for the Junior League of Stamford-Norwalk, Conn. She and her husband, an advertising executive in New York City, live in Norwalk and spend weekends at their cottage on the Connecticut River. Since retiring, Les loves visiting grandchildren at far distances (they have four children, three married, and six grandchildren). Tennis and golf are still favorite spare time activities, and this past February they were planning a trip to Costa Rica. She still volunteers at the Norwalk Aquarium, where she conducts tours for visitors, including school groups. . . . **William Wing** is retired and living in Ooltewah, Tenn., with his wife, Sarah, who works at Precept Ministry in Chattanooga. They have a married son and a new granddaughter living in Billings, Mont. A married daughter lives in Louisville. Bill spends his spare time traveling, hunting and playing golf. . . . **Mary Belden Williams** recently retired as a teacher for the deaf. She and her husband, partially retired from farming, have four grown children and 10 grandchildren. Mary, who is finishing her 10th year on the local school committee, enjoys their grandchildren, gardening, jobs connected with the family's dairy farm and playing in the church bell choir. She hoped to do some traveling in late winter or early spring. . . . **Nancy Weller Brown** writes from Appleton, Maine, where she works at a greenhouse, serves on the school board and has been in charge of a volunteer library for 35 years. She has eight children and nine grandchildren. With what little spare time she has, she enjoys gardening and "walking in my woods." . . . **Bill Ames**, a retired high school teacher with five children and six grandchildren, lives in Northampton, Mass. In his spare time, he plays a lot of tennis, has traveled to Australia and New Zealand and attended Elderhostels and a Vic Braden tennis camp. He also does volunteer work in his community. . . . **Marge Hill Ashman** is a special education teacher in Mt. Laurel, N.J., where she lives with her husband, Fred, a retired English teacher. Their son is living with his family in Kenya, where he works with refugees from Sudan. Marge and Fred hope to visit Kenya in July 1997 if their son and family are still there. Marge enjoys biking or hiking with their Labrador retriever each weekend and volunteering for Contact Telephone Ministry. Fred has taken up

folk guitar. . . . **Anthony Arthur Yanuchi** is chief of oral surgery at St. Barnabas Hospital in Bronx, N.Y., and his wife, Barbara, is regional coordinator for the immigration program, New York State Department of Health. They have five grown children and nine grandchildren. Anthony, who has Parkinson's disease, is planning on retiring this year, and they plan to sell their house and move to Georgia. Traveling, visiting children and grandchildren and working around the house are their spare time activities. . . . **Dick Leerburger's** daughter, Marian '84, presented him with a granddaughter, Kaitlyn Julie Leerburger-Mahl. . . . **Rick Berns** writes from Hilton Head Island, S.C., where he is a sales executive for the Marriott Corp. He and his wife, Joan, a clinical social worker, have three married sons, one of whom attended Colby, and three grandchildren. According to Rick, he served in the Air Force during the Korean War, thanks to Colby AFOTC. He returned to

Art—and wonders how she would fare as a car salesman. . . . **John Reisman** remembers the freshman-year blizzard when jumping from second floor windows into snowdrifts was fun to do. John also pays tribute to Dr. Bixler. John and wife Jane (Daib '58) have taken a wonderful ecology cruise to Belize and Guatemala. . . . **Bernice White Sanders**, who runs a financial service business and lives in nearby Clinton, Maine, remembers Peter Ré, Professor Cecil Rollins and Carl Sandberg. Bernice asks, Nancy Perron, where are you? And she asks whether classmates still have bridges and mountains, and if so, are you eager to cross and climb? . . . **Diane Reynolds Wright** and **Kay Hartwell Thalheimer** spent some time together at Steamboat Springs, Colo. Diane invites anyone who visits that beautiful Colorado mountain area to call her to ski in winter or hike in summer. . . . **Nancy Greenberger Schmidt** writes from Brewster, Mass., on the Cape that she's heard

from **Barbara Hardigan McLaren**, who now lives just outside Brunswick, Maine. . . . **Kathy (McConaughy '56)** and **Lou Zambello** had a great barge trip in France with Dave '56 and Rosemary Crouthamel Sortor '56 and John Jubinsky '56 and his wife. . . . **Ron Swanson** plans to retire this year from his years of practice in radiology. He would like the secret of "how to keep from getting older." . . . **Germaine Michaud Orloff** says that husband Paul has sold his veterinary practice and is enjoying retirement. They planned a trip to Alaska this summer. Their son Glenn '84 is now

back in Russia working for Berings Company. . . . Best wishes to you all. I appreciate your responses and notes.

—Jane Millett Domish

NEWSMAKERS

At the Blaine House in Augusta, Maine, **Shirley Kydd Bastien '51** received the George Walter Hinckley Humanitarian of the Year award for her 15-year involvement with Good Will-Hinckley, a home and school for troubled youth. . . . **John Lee '53**, a history professor at Virginia Commonwealth University, was the opening day speaker for Asian-Pacific Heritage Month at the Army Logistics Management College in May. . . . **Judy Levine Brody '58**, Colby associate dean of admissions, has been recognized by the New England Association of College Admission Counseling as College Admissions Counselor of the Year in Maine.

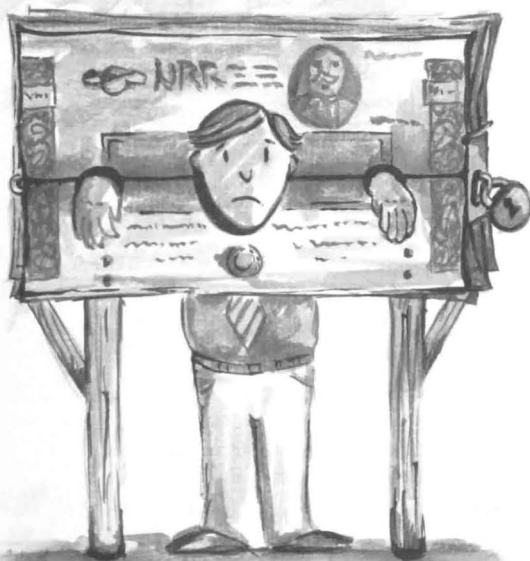
Colby, married, lived in the vets apartments and graduated in 1956. His spare time activities include tennis, reading, sailing and gardening. Rick invites classmates to call his toll free number at work, 1-800-473-6674 ext. 424. He'd love to hear from you.

—Bill and Penny Thresher Edson

55 From your kind responses to the questionnaire, I have gleaned several reminiscences. **Barbara Kearns Youngthane** tells of being at one of Dr. and Mrs. Bixler's at-homes, where Barb played the piano. When Dr. Bixler learned that Barb and Carol Dauphinee Cooper were leaving for a summer of hosting in Europe, he put them in touch with a friend in Switzerland, which was pretty special for a couple of college girls. . . . **Woody Tyson** remembers snow, Onie's and the library stacks. . . . **Joan Sandberg** talks of her favorite Chappie—Professor Alfred Chapman. . . . **Selden and Sue Biven Staples** remember four wonderful years with good courses and professors and lots of good times. Sue and Selden love their new home in Supply, N.C. . . . In her reminiscences of Colby, **Sylvia Jennison Spike** remembers Dr. Colgan, Sylvia, a full-time caregiver, also is a top-notch membership salesperson for the Portland Museum of

56 It was wonderful hearing from so many new voices this past winter. I had to grab my yearbook to jog the old memory button. **Marilyn Godsey Sahlberg** wrote from Largo, Fla., where she and husband Eric have retired, although they return to spend summers in Maine. She would like to hear from **Ruthann Simmonds MacKinnon**. Ruthann, are you still in Malaysia or back in Jefferson? Can you please drop me a note? . . . **Linda Powers Nickerson** lives in Sanford, Maine, with her lawyer husband, Charles, and continues to enjoy her current occupation—"happy house person!" Her three sons have given her five grandchildren—one of whom, finally, was female. . . . **Roy Norcross**, who wrote from Canton Center, Conn., didn't have a picture in our yearbook. I finally tracked him down in the 1955 KDR picture. Roy, who transferred to Colby from the University of Stockholm, has been an educator for 40 years (grades 5-12). He tried retirement but is back teaching part time, which allows him time for his five grandkids and his "never-ending refur-

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bishing" of his 1860 farmhouse and barns. . . . Margaret Darby Persons (13 years as a Lutheran Church office manager) and Roger (Los Alamos National Lab) have "retired" and traded in their home and "40 years accumulation of stuff" for a motorhome. They have hit the road full time, traveling from volunteer job to volunteer job. They have been in Tajique, N.M., at a Baptist youth camp and in Homestead, Fla., repairing houses damaged by Hurricane Andrew. What an inspiration they must be to their three children and five grandchildren. And to us! . . . Liz Walker Sherman lost her husband in 1993, and her life was directed back into her major, "social work." She joined Gospel Global Missions and has been to Rumania and Panama and three times to Cuba. While at home in Dallas she volunteers at the Salvation Army rehabilitation center—and somehow still finds time to work at her oil painting. Having sold several pictures, she can add artist to her professional list along with teacher and nurse and grandmother to 10. . . . Ann Stiegler Richards lives in Simsbury, Conn. She enjoys traveling (a trip to Russia this June) and tennis and paddle tennis. Two of her four children attended Colby—Sally '90 and Nancy '93. She has five grandchildren. . . . Charlie Morrissey wrote from Irvine, Calif., how disappointed he was to miss our reunion, but he was back at Colby recently for the rededication of the hockey rink. Four of his five kids are Colby grads, two of whom married classmates. Charlie (call him Doctor Morrissey—he completed his Ph.D. in November 1996 at Claremont Graduate School) continues to teach at Pepperdine and UC-Irvine. . . . Dave Van Allen sent a great picture of a reunion he had last September in Wolfeboro, N.H. He and Peg were joined by Marie Angelica and Justin Cross, Nancy (Roseen '57) and Bob Leavitt, Sally and Bill Haggett and George Haskell '55. Except for the white hair, or lack of, you guys look just the same. . . . I'm out of space and will save the other responses for next time. Ciao.

—Kathleen McConaughy Zambello

57 As you read this, our 40th reunion has come and gone, but the column is being written in May for publication in July. The update from Reunion Weekend will be in the next issue. I hope I will have seen all of you on campus by the time you read this! . . . Dick Phillips writes that he plays the banjo to relieve the stresses of his Wall Street work. Dick is first vice president at Gruntal & Co. and a little surprised to find himself there. . . . Eleanor Shorey Harris has garnered yet another honor, having been named chairman of the board of directors of the Marlborough (Mass.) Regional Chamber of Commerce. Ellie has been a member of Colby's Alumni Council, the Worcester Art Museum advisory board, the UMass Health System/Marlborough Hospital board of incorporators and the board of directors of the United Way of Assabet Valley. . . . Bev (Jackson '60) and Tony Glockler are still in New Jersey after more than

30 years and still with ETS. Tony sounds like he's ready for retirement from his job as project manager for ETS. . . . **Don Tracy** writes that he's now semi-retired, having owned and developed his own business as a tax preparer. Don and Linda are enjoying life on the coast of Maine. . . . I think we can safely assume that **Ken Haruta**, a distinguished member of the technical staff at Bell Labs, Lucent Technologies, has passed on his math brilliance to the kids. Ken and Patricia have a daughter who is a math professor, a son who is a software specialist with IBM and another son who is a graphic artist. Ken has recently developed a new serve as he continues to work on his tennis game. . . . **Jo Hayward Haines** is living in Canada and is discovering the joys and benefits of being a Trajer practitioner. In her own words: "I help people flood their neuromuscular systems with experiences of flexibility, balance and grace." Jo and husband Paul have three children, and Jo made no mention of retirement in her letter. . . . After about 12 years or more (I really can't remember), this will be my last column for the class notes section of the magazine. Sally Dixon Hartin will pick up the pen (or sit down at the keyboard) from now on and try to keep you abreast of your classmates' lives. It's been great fun hearing from all of you who wrote, especially reading your thoughtful comments about life's twists and turns and how our years at Colby had such a profound effect on so many of our lives. Thanks for your help, and your patience, over the years. God bless.

—Brian Olsen

58 Ruth Winterbottom Peacock is a professor of communications in business and lives in Laredo, Texas. Her husband, Von, is the agricultural manager for Birds Eye de Mexico. What keeps her out of the rocking chair is not having one. Instead, she has traveled to such exotic locales as Malaysia, Thailand, Nepal and India. In response to the question "what important parts of your life started at Colby?" Ruth, like many others, replied that it's the friendships she developed. She also mentioned her appreciation for the people who "dedicate themselves to learning and sharing their knowledge enthusiastically"—our professors. . . . Cathy Stinneford Walther sent a wonderful group picture of herself and Bob, Kay and Warren Judd, Joyce and Ed Rushton and Gail and Bob Hesse at a group reunion at Ocean Point, Maine. We certainly wear well! . . . Jane Reisman Daib has retired, as has John '57. Retirement has allowed them time to travel frequently, such as an ecology cruise to the Pacific coast of Costa Rica and a similar adventure in Belize and Guatemala. They also enjoy Elderhostels and have gone to Mackinac Island and Tiburon (San Francisco). Jane and John have a son who is a urologist in Indiana and a daughter who is a third grade teacher in Ohio. . . . Bob Saltz loves his work as

senior vice president of Advanced Manufacturing Research and has no intention of retiring. In addition to keeping up with a staff younger than his 40-year-old partner, Bob still runs about 30 miles a week and writes poetry. And he and his wife, Lynne (a non-retired psychiatric social worker), have traveled to South Africa and have plans to visit Australia, South Korea and Japan. Their three children are all out of the house, to be replaced by one noisy parrot. . . . **Phyllis Hardy Peterson** and her husband, Dean, recently retired. Phyllis had been a real estate broker and Dean a teacher. After living their entire married lives in the same house, the Petersons relocated to Green Cove Springs, Fla., although they still maintain a summer cottage on Long Pond, Maine. Their daughter gave birth to twin girls in June '96, so in addition to golf, bridge, entertaining, volunteering, church work and singing, Phyllis has been busy at the sewing machine. This September the Petersons are planning their first trip abroad to Scotland and England to celebrate their 35th anniversary. . . . **David O'Brien** and his wife, Patsy, are retired in Pownall, Maine, and have a winter home in Southern Pines, N.C. Dave's interest in photography led to a photo safari to East Africa in 1996, and in March 1997 he went on a fishing and photo trip to Tierra del Fuego, Argentina. Future trips like this include Quebec and Morocco. Besides this extensive traveling,

Donald "Skeeter" Megathlin '59, recently profiled in *New England Real Estate Journal*, said that the person he tries to emulate is Julius Seelye Bixler and that, given the opportunity to choose any vocation, he'd either be FCC chairman or a Cape Cod tour guide.

Dave works with the Spurwink Institute, an organization that provides care and services for the mentally handicapped and abused. Dave and Patsy have four children and three grandchildren. . . . We have reached the age of technical retirement, but most of us now have time for our other interests. **Helen Payson Seager** and her husband, Brad, are both "retired" but are greatly involved in organizing and fund raising to restore the African Meeting House on Nantucket, singing and caring for grandchildren. Helen is very involved now in singing in her church choir and community choruses, with occasional solo singing. . . . **Ann Wieland Spaeth** probably participates in more sports now than most of us put together. Her husband, Karl, is still a lawyer/corporate secretary for Quaker Chemical Co., but Ann, who lives in Conshohocken, Pa., has found the time for tennis, skiing in Colorado, rowing a doubleshell with Karl on the Schuylkill, hiking and some biking—phew! Last October she was named the fifth member of Springside School's athletic hall of fame. After

attending Springside, she then taught for seven years in the physical education department. The Spaeths also raised three sons; the youngest, Chris, is married and living in Philadelphia, the middle son, Alex, lives in Vail (the ski connection), and the oldest, Karl Jr., lives in Los Angeles, although at the time Ann wrote during the winter he was on his way via a carrier to Australia. . . . **Rev. Wilbur Scranton** was honored recently by the Golden K Kiwanis Club of Williamsport, Pa., as a member of the community who voluntarily performs "outstanding community service." Wilbur is director of the Shepherd of the Streets program of the United Churches of Lycoming County and has directed the ministry to the city's homeless since 1990. He was ordained a deacon in the Episcopal Church on June 10, 1988. . . . My pile of letters is now depleted. Please do take a few minutes to respond when you are contacted by the Alumni Office. Otherwise, this space will be for rent.

—Margaret Smith Henry

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what's happening at Colby. . . . Retirees **Mary and Gard Rand** manage to find time to ski, bike and hike while Gard is a volunteer office manager for the Pemaquid Watershed Association. . . . **Greg MacArthur** has spent 30 years in the securities business and now has a special interest in videoconferencing. He has been quoted in several publications and is an authority in the field. . . . **Tony Ruvo** is a VP at Union Camp Corp. in New Jersey. . . . **Allan Wilbur**, director of public affairs at a Washington lumber/wood trade association, urges the non-conformists among you to send your news to me via e-mail; good idea, Al! My e-mail address is now included with the correspondents' info. . . . **Anne Worster** writes movingly about the emotional ordeal of losing her husband. She is getting along pretty well except for the unexpected moment when the reality of her loss hits her. . . . **Elaine (Healey '62)** and **Paul Reichert** are in Friendship Force and have had visitors from all over the world. Paul, an avid boatperson, is a power squadron commander. . . . Retirees

Mary and Dean Stewart are enjoying life in Largo, Fla. . . . Keep those cards, letters and e-mail coming, folks!

—Ann Segrave Lieber

60 It is always nice to hear from you after the questionnaires go out from Colby and you take the time to sit down and send along your news. Please keep those cards and letters coming! . . . **John Bailey** is now a 21-year transplant to Louisiana from Connecticut. He knows we have heard the good (Super Bowl, Jazzfest, Mardi Gras) and bad about New Orleans, but he says it is a great tourist and convention town and figures that sooner or later most Colby alums will get there. He would love to hear from anyone planning to come or after they've arrived (phone numbers are 504-288-7667h or 504-626-0831w; fax is 504-283-7335; e-mail is jmbpctms@aol.com). . . . **Chet Lewis**, a lawyer, wrote from East Lansing, Mich. He is assistant attorney general, Michigan Department of Attorney General, and his practice remains concentrated in the finance of nonprofit health care facilities. His wife, Frances, is a proofreader with the Michigan Legislative Service Bureau, and they have three grown children. He writes that the biggest recent change in their lives is the prospect of finally having all offspring graduated from college. . . . **Todd Marchant** and his wife, Marilyn, live in East Longmeadow, Mass. Todd is an estate and financial planner and wrote, "I really enjoy being self-employed. My work is very rewarding." He spent a week in Switzerland at an investment conference and went paragliding and loved it. Todd and Marilyn have three grown children. . . . **Ed Marchetti** lives in South Hamilton, Mass., with his wife, Pat. Ed is president and CEO of Office Environment of New England, Inc., in Boston and Shrewsbury, Mass., Portland, Maine, and Manchester, N.H. Ed wrote that Pat, a teacher of special needs students, has been a tower of strength throughout the founding and development of the business. He says that he has experienced much growth: his family, his business and his waistline. He also wrote, "Deteriorating eyesight keeping pace with deteriorating memory!" I daresay you speak for most of us, Ed! . . . If anyone reading this column thinks life is too busy, you should talk to Leon Nelson. Leon is president of Lolech Enterprises in Boston and is a consultant in urban affairs, marketing, financial institutions and event planning. He is publisher/editor of *Boston Minority Business News* and president of the Greater Roxbury Chamber of Commerce. In addition, Leon is president of the Greater Roxbury Economic Development Corp., a trustee of the Boston Local Development Corp, VP of the National Association of Black Chambers of Commerce, director of Boston Economic Development and Industrial Corp., a lecturer at Northeastern University's College of Business Administration and a member of Colby's Board of Overseers—to name just a few of his extracurricular

activities! His wife, Charlotte, is president of the NE Conference of NAACP Branches, and their daughter is a recent graduate of Northeastern. . . . **Dick Peterson** will retire this year as vice chairman of Minet Holdings Inc. in New York. He and his wife, Bette, a psychologist who also plans to retire this year, live in Bryn Mawr, Pa. Dick is a trustee of both Eisenhower Exchange Fellowships and the College of Insurance in New York. For fun last year, he went heli-skiing in British Columbia in March, traveled to Spain in June and ran in the N.Y.C. Marathon in November. Daughter Wendy is a senior at Middlebury. . . . Life in the north country is great. While I was writing this, our resident black bear paid us a visit for the second time in three days. He/she has been a regular for the past three years and always seems to know when we forget to bring in the birdfeeders. While this creature is a magnificent animal, he is getting to be expensive! . . . Thank you for your contributions to the column and have a great summer.

—Carolyn Webster Lockhart

61 As I look over a three-month collection of questionnaire responses and other notes from you, I notice that many of you are busier than ever—and that some of you are retired and still busier than ever. . . . **Terry Lee** is one who took advantage of e-mail to update me on his life. He writes from Massachusetts that 1996 was a very eventful year for him. He had surgery for prostate cancer, from which he is recovering very nicely, and he started his own business, Career Growth Management, which provides career transition assistance to individuals and groups. A former member of Colby Eight, he still sings with a church choir and other groups. . . . **Diane Sadler Martin's** questionnaire described a life so busy that I was exhausted when I finished reading it. She is a certified activities consultant who trains others to work with adults in long-term care facilities and, as Dr. Glad Bags the clown, trains older folks in how to minister to other oldsters through clowning. She and her husband, Fred, a retired Episcopal priest, are also busy keeping track of nine children and seven granddaughters under the age of 5. . . . **Wendy Ihlstrom Nielsen** is the office manager for husband Bob's insurance agency in New Canaan, Conn. Like many of us, she is very proud of her children and is glad she had the opportunity to make them her "career" when they were young. When it comes to retirement, they are still at the "thinking about" stage. . . . Those who have actually taken the plunge into retirement include **Lee Holcombe Milliken**. An occupational therapist, she has retired as the outreach coordinator for the town of Carlisle, Mass. Those of you who remember Lee as an avid skier won't be surprised to learn that she and her husband, Art, have traveled to Aspen, Yellowstone and even New Zealand in search of the perfect powder. . . . After working for General Motors for 32 years, including stints in Venezuela and Chile, **Bob North** retired last

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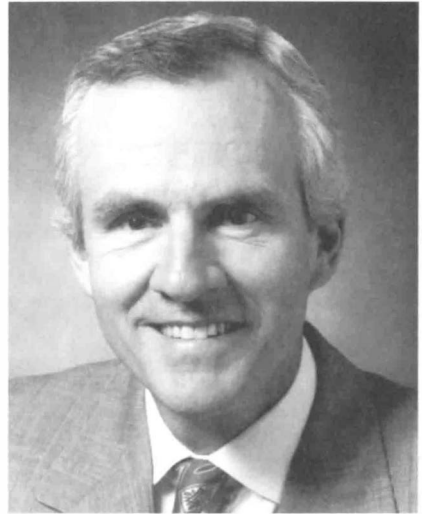
william loveday '67

A Healthy Bottom Line

First it was double-digit increases in hospital costs in the 1970s and 1980s, and now it's likely to be a cut of \$115 billion out of health care provider payments over the next five years, says William Loveday '67. The president and CEO of Clarian Health Partners, an Indianapolis, Ind., hospital with revenues of \$1.2 billion and the country's second largest number of in-patient admissions, Loveday is a cutting-edge manager who pays close attention to costs. "Our goal is to take fifty million dollars out of cost, and that's a conservative number," he said.

Clarian Health Partners is a not-for-profit private corporation formed last January 1 by the consolidation of three existing Indiana hospitals, health plans and occupational health programs. Fifty percent of the new entity's revenue comes from Medicare and Medicaid, and the two powerhouses "tell us what they're going to pay us. They don't negotiate," said Loveday, who was president and CEO of Indianapolis's Methodist Hospital for eight years before the recent consolidation. "The only way you can deal with a fifty-percent buyer whose payments are not keeping up with inflation is to control your price." As more and more patients come to hospitals on contracts with private insurance companies and self-insured employers, he says he and other health care administrators in the competitive health care industry "are trying to put together effective networks to deal with these larger payers."

Clarian Health Partners has been in existence for only seven months, so it's early to speak of accomplishments, he believes, although he says consolidating the teaching programs of the three existing hospitals into a single program will cut costs. A single board of directors, shared human resources staff and one benefit program covering all 9,700 employees also helps. He projects savings in the first year to be \$12 million.



William Loveday: "We need to step up."

Health care issues will present private hospitals with great challenges in the future, says Loveday, an economics major who earned an M.B.A. at the University of Chicago. For instance, he is certain that the consumption of health care by those over 65, already four times the rate of those under 65, will increase as the American population ages. Although some critics argue that social infrastructure and funding mechanisms don't work or that Social Security won't exist in 2010 when Baby Boomers begin to turn 65, Loveday says he's optimistic. "We need to get more involved in preventive medicine and individual responsibility. Insurance companies need to provide more incentive and be less focused on disease and injury. We need to step up," he said.

Loveday, who still holds a pair of Colby passing records 30 years after his quarterbacking days on Seaverns Field, enjoys golf and backpacking. The father of five—his wife, Joyce, is a clinical psychologist—he also has run the Long Beach Marathon and aims to run the Boston Marathon. "Running helps you manage all the pressure and keep it all in focus," he said. "Half of keeping fit is for mental health. You've got to pay attention."—Robert Gillespie

September, only to be recalled and given a six-month market study assignment in Venezuela. Bob counts himself a success because, in his words, "I learned to enjoy my life, friends and family at the expense of high rank, big income and great prestige—my life is good, I continue to be very happy and satisfied." . . . Gordon Prud'hommeaux has retired to Winter Harbor, Maine, after 40 years sailing the seas. (I will refrain from making remarks about ancient mariners.) His wife, Barb, is a social worker, and they have three children. . . . Carol Davidson Jack is another classmate who has retired to Maine, although her retirement as a medical technologist may be only temporary. For now, she and her husband, Dick, are enjoying their new home in Topsham, where they are near Dick's elderly mother and aunt. They also do some skiing and travel to Florida, California and Idaho to see family. . . . Speaking of traveling, that's what Tom and Dottie Boynton Kirkendall did in March. Daughter Tammy's wedding on St. Lucia in the Caribbean was an excuse for Tom, Dottie and their family to go sailing and snorkeling in the British Virgin Islands—a very different world from the central Maine lake where they have a summer home. . . . On April 1, while Mother Nature was pulling an April Fool joke in the form of a massive snowstorm in southern New England, I was delighted to get an e-mail message from Bill Wahtola, who used being snowbound as an excuse to drop in on old friends via the Internet. Bill is enjoying the creative writing course he is taking, and, if I don't get some news from some of you soon, I may ask him to "create" the next column! . . . I am sad to report that we have lost another classmate. Rebecca "Becky" Bachman died in New York City in February. Our sympathies go out to her sister, Ann Bachman Ryan, of Austin, Texas.

—Judy Hoffman Hakola

62 I have enjoyed being class secretary, but (as part of my retirement last September) I'm turning over the position to Pat Farnham Russell, a veteran from past years. . . . Mary and Elmer C. Bartels have a widowed daughter whose 2 year old, Jaye Mary, loves to have grandpa read to her. Their son, 24, is living at home. The Bartels traveled to the Panama Canal two years ago with John F. "Bud" Johnson '60 and wife Trish on a Princess Cruise, and last January Mary and Elmer celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary at the Milepost Restaurant in Duxbury, which the Johnsons own. Elmer, who has been commissioner of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission for the past 20 years, travels a lot to Washington, D.C., to testify in favor of the needs of the disabled. . . . John Chapman is in financial services, and his wife, Allison, is a choral music teacher in Brunswick, Maine. Their five children include Brian, who married in December, Abigail, a freshman at Sarah Lawrence, and Joseph, who graduated #1 in his class from Kents Hill in May. John and Allison get to travel to California,

Germany, Massachusetts and New York to see their children. John says he marvels at how many of us have retired and that he will join us in 30 years. I understand that he was a key player in planning the reunion. . . . Brenda Wroblewski Elwell still works as a national account manager in New Jersey. Her daughter, Monique, is a financial analyst for Smith Barney on Wall Street, and son Gregory, who just entered college, plans to be a meteorologist. Brenda and her kids traveled to Syria and Egypt last summer and learned a lot about the Syrian culture by traveling independently and visiting with Syrian friends. Brenda also visited with Margot Ettinger Tartak in Bushell, Fla. . . . Linda Nicholson Goodman had a good reason for not coming to reunion: the marriage of son Jim, 31. Last summer Linda and David's oldest son, Jay, 33, married in July, and then son Bill '91, 28, married Hillary Robbins '91 in September. Linda still loves her job as a school psychologist. Her husband, David, is president of Sensor Applications. . . . Peter Duggan had a Greenbriar weekend the same weekend as our 35th so couldn't attend. Peter is senior VP of marketing and sales for Lance, Inc., and Mary is a guardian ad litem with Youth and Family Services. The Duggans moved to Charlotte, N.C., two years ago. Daughter Lesley, 29, is a second grade teacher, Peter Jr. is an account executive with Jefferson Pilot Communications, and Vail, 23, is an event coordinator in Charlestown, S.C. Peter and Mary celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary this month. Peter, who is recovering from back problems, sponsors Richard Petty's NASCAR racing car #43 in the Busch grand national series. . . . For the past six years, Pamela Taylor has been involved with geriatrics, taking care of elderly parents and providing mental health evaluations and treatment for housebound folks over 60 in Maine's Penobscot and Piscataquis counties. Pam said that she's back where she started, making home visits again after many years of social work administration in hospitals in Massachusetts. Pam says she manages to call Jean Koulack-Young, who is happily remarried and a grandmother. Suzanne Burleigh Meyer and her mother visited two years ago, and Garth Chandler helped Pam's parents rewrite their wills when they moved to Maine. (She says that her dad, a retired lawyer, never stopped talking about his attorney making a house visit.) Pam remarked how wonderful it was to see Garth again last fall after his chemotherapy treatment. And at a state social workers conference recently, Pam visited with Louise McCubrey '65 and Nancy Forman Gaston '71. Pam had worked with Louise at the Maine Medical Center in Portland, and Nancy used to work where Pam now works at Community Health and Counseling Services. . . . Class president Dennis Connolly did a wonderful job planning for the 35th. Dennis, an attorney, is a principal and senior VP at Johnson and Higgins Insurance Brokers, and his wife, M. Patricia, is assistant general counsel at American Reinsur-

ance. They have three sons, one of whom, Christopher, 23, is a Peace Corps volunteer in Latvia. Dennis said that although he ran a very slow New York Marathon, he is in training for a better showing at age 60. . . . Thanks again to all the folks who worked hard planning our activities and raising funds for the reunion.

—Judith Hoagland Bristol

63 Spring came slowly to New England this year. What signs there were we welcomed—but alas, there was only one response to the mailing this time. I even called the Alumni Office and spoke with Barbara Chase (can you believe it?), who told me 31 letters were sent to class members. I guess you all are too busy or too tired to respond, or it could be that you have just been overwhelmed with mail from our reunion committee, which is already hard at work. . . . Bill and I have another building project underway. This time it's a barn! No, not for animals, I hope. It's for storing things, like a tractor and a brush hog and a chipper. (Guess who is very excited about this barn?) We also are celebrating the birth of a second grandson, this one to our daughter Sally and her husband, Brian, and we plan a trip to visit them soon in Virginia. . . . I do have news from Chris Von Glahn, an attorney, who has recently moved with his family back east to Rhode Island after living in California for 25 years. He is looking forward to starting a new business, after which he and his wife, Sherry, plan to build a new house. Last summer the Von Glahns vacationed in their travel trailer in North Dakota. I hope Sherry's family there was not affected by the deluge. . . . I also unearthed a questionnaire received from John Wilson in February 1996, which for some reason I filed in the wrong place and happily discovered just when I needed news. (Sorry, John, for the delay.) He and his wife, Anne (Nancy Godley '65), live in Lexington, Mass., and teach French at different schools. As well as teaching, John works for a company that is doing voice recognition research and is gathering children's voice samples for them. In their "spare" time John and Nancy take student groups to France, and for the past four summers they have been summer managers for an Appalachian Mountain Club family camp called Three Mile Island on Lake Winnepesaukee in N.H. Bill and I were happy to see Nancy and John at a lake nearby last summer. . . . Ceylon Barclay is enjoying life in Guilin, China, not far from Hong Kong. At the time his letter was written, he was trying to help arrange for a senior student to spend her Jan Plan with them while studying at the university. It's hard to believe the Jan Plan has been part of the Colby curriculum since 1962, when we were juniors, a mere 35 years ago! . . . My deadline is upon me. Hope to hear from more of you in the future.

—Barbara Haines Chase

64 I hope you all read Gary Trudeau's class notes titled "Class Trash" in the May 5

issue of *Time* magazine. It was a treat, and the following column won't compare! This year's version of the questionnaire yielded 12 responses this quarter. Louis Chesner, optometrist in La Jolla, Calif., whom we haven't heard from since 1989, answered all the questions. He and Joan have two children, Jonathan, 13, and Michael, 9. He doesn't plan to retire but to work less when the time comes. . . . **Jon Allen** is a staff scientist with RF Power Products in New Jersey. He and his wife, Shirley, have a 13-year-old daughter. Jon's answer to "how far have women progressed since *The Feminine Mystique* was published in 1964?" "A fairly long way in terms of formal rules and laws. However, social prejudice still persists, and the rules are not always followed."

. . . **Charlie Angell** says he's learning to cruise the Net, what patience really means and how to manage a general education review in a highly complex institutional setting. In answer to "Are you in the sandwich generation, caring for kids and parents?" he says that his son "lives with us and already thinks he's caring for us."

. . . **John Brassem**, president of his company, doesn't expect to retire ever but observes there are fewer and fewer new expenses as time passes. . . . **Larry Braun** is still in business in New York City. His son graduated from Harvard and his daughter from Penn. . . . **Jean Brennon Call** writes that she's learning "how very difficult it is watching parents become old and infirm, and figuring out how best to help and make the right decisions." Many of us have either completed this journey or are coping as well as possible. . . . **Phil Choate**, who is in the hospital business in Maine, writes, "I think Medicare and Social Security will be around in 2007 when we reach 65. Budget increases in Medicare will be pegged to CPI.

Retirement age for our kids will extend—maybe to age 68 or 70. And why not? Life expectancy has increased and most people 65 and over are very productive." . . . **Marge Convery** has a daughter, Irene, just graduated from Stoneleigh Burnham School and a son, Andy, entering his sophomore year of high school. She says she misses Colby in May, enjoying the sun by the pond or driving to the coast. . . . **Bob Drewes** says all three of his children live west of the Rockies, while he and Robbie (Gilson '65) are still in Virginia. He's learning German this year. . . . **Larry Dyrberg** has great news—a brand-new daughter, born February 27, named Caroline. He says he's learning lots of things! His Peace Corps tour in 1994-5 in Poland showed him that the PC is still a wonderful American institution. On the how-far-have-women-progressed question, he says, "Significantly but not sufficiently. I feel the women of 1964 have been wonderful examples of the potential for individual excellence." Bless your little heart,

Larry. . . **Linda Spear Elwell** says the important lessons she has learned since leaving college are "how to maintain a positive attitude, how to bring up children, how to have a good time in spite of adversity and that family and health are so much more important than fame and wealth." . . . **Karen Eskesen** is learning "how to use a word processor; about Julius Caesar and Octavian (relative to developments in Greek/Roman art of that period); Mozart's Piano Sonata #7." She says she has not learned "the inner workings of a car and how to change a washer in a shower thing." She also comments: "Retire? Are you nuts!! I just got started." And on the question of who in our class could have done a better job in Washington, she writes, "I don't know about a better job, but most of the class would have served well, honestly and faithfully—but we didn't, did we." . . . Overall, people in scientific and business careers would take classes in art, music and literature if given another chance at college. Charlie, a college

ized a telecom trade mission to Italy this past May. He attended President Carter's Campaign For Colby meeting at the Phillips Gallery in Washington, D.C., and reports it was "a great success." Myles and Nese have a son in the sixth grade, "a select soccer player," and another son who is a freshman at Langley High. . . . **Ginger Goddard Barnes** was named president of the Human Resource Council in Boston. She's also changed jobs and is now director of HR at National Cable Communications in Boston. . . . **Leah Aranovitch** proudly reports that her daughter, Jennie, was named a Bixler Scholar as a sophomore and was one of two recipients of the Phi Beta Kappa scholastic achievement award. Jennie is an English major and was selected to study at Oxford University for her junior year. . . . **Denis Carter** works full time with Counseling Associations of Winona, Minn. He's also been conducting research on substance and behavior addictions and was published in the *Journal of Sexual Addiction and Compulsivity* in 1996. Denis enjoys playing third solo cornet in the Winona Brass Band, a 30-piece British-style ensemble. They competed in the National Brass Band Championships last April. . . . **Dave Parish**, an attorney and partner in Ruden, McClosky, is on the board of Equal Opportunity Family Health Centers—a not-for-profit integrated health care delivery system. He is also on the board of the Jewish Community Centers and is immediate past president of his local center. Dave lectures on health care matters for the Florida Bar Association and Hospital Trade Association. He's also published several articles and a book chapter on health care matters. Dave traveled to Israel last summer to visit his son who is a high school student there. Dave's daughter

is a senior at Emory University. His other son is a freshman at Tufts this fall. . . . **Judy Eyges Dalton**, who works as a sales rep and travel agent, reports travel with her husband, Bob, last November to the Barbados. Last March they went to St. Croix with their three daughters. Daughter Justine is enrolling at the Tuck School for an M.B.A., Vanessa has a grant to produce a documentary on women's issues, and Alexis is a sophomore at Williams. Judy reports seeing Ruth and Harold Kowal. . . . And as reported by Tim Hill in his Alumni Council newsletter, John Cornell has been recognized for his contributions and was elected an alumni trustee. . . . **Hail, Colby, Hail!**

—Richard W. Bankart

NEWSMAKERS



Carl Glickman '68

Carl Glickman '68, professor of education and founder of the program for school improvement, has been named University Professor, the University of Georgia's highest faculty honor. The award recognizes faculty whose "actions as change-agents have improved the quality with which the university serves its missions." . . . **Rocco Landesman '69**, head of Jujamcyn Theaters in New York City, has formed a partnership with Pace Theatrical Group to create, produce and distribute Broadway shows. According to *The New York Times*, the new theatrical giant, which plans an investment pool of \$20-\$25 million to nurture and present new shows worldwide, "signals a change in the way Broadway makes theater."

teacher, said, "A developmental psychology course would have been useful, and a history of scientific thought from 1543 to the present would have helped more than dissecting a fetal pig." Marge said she would have stuck with French and spent her junior year abroad. Larry would have taken more variety, especially to investigate many professors. Artist Karen would have taken math and geology. Opinions on the fraternity/sorority situation were split, 50/50, with Phil saying, "This is a dead issue. Leave it there." Generally, people are saving, investing for retirement. . . . One more piece of good news. Colleen Khoury is the 1997 recipient of the Maine State Bar Association's Caroline Doby Glassman Award.

—Sara Shaw Rhoades

65 Recognition. Myles Denny-Brown received official "recognition for over 30 years of service to Uncle Sam." Myles, who toils as an international economist in Washington, organ-

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67 Bruce Logan, his wife, Ann-Marie, and daughters Annaleah, 12, and Jennifer, 10, live in South Orange, N.J., while Bruce works in the city as chief of medicine and senior vice president of the New York Down Town Hospi-

tal... Elaine and Kurt Swenson report that their two sons have graduated from Dartmouth and Princeton and are now learning about the job market. Kurt continues running his granite business in New Hampshire and enjoying it as much as ever. . . . In a warmer climate, Woody Roll and his wife, Janet, live in Southside, Va., where Woody works as a program manager for a training center and Janet manages a library. Woody and Janet have two children, Evan, a high school sophomore, and Emma, a freshman at Georgetown. Woody likes to ride motorcycles when he can; Evan and Emma lean toward the performing arts, Evan playing the bagpipes and Emma taking to the stage. Perhaps out of respect for her father's New England connection, Emma recently performed a one-person show, "The Belle of Amherst." . . . Larry Sears, after discovering that he is only a few years away from retirement, has gone back to school to work towards a second master's degree in counseling. Currently, Larry is teaching in El Paso, Texas. He reports that last summer he visited with Dick Hunnewell and his family in New Hampshire after taking a bike tour in Vermont. . . . Clark Whittier has been named territory manager of Maine and Vermont for American Patriot Sales after five years with LeBoeuf & Associates in Needham, Mass. Clark and Kathy and their two children live in North Yarmouth, Maine. . . . By the time you read this, we will have had our 30th reunion and caught up with many classmates on campus. However, in planning the 30th we got the chance to catch up with a lot of people from the Class of 1967 whom many of you haven't heard about in quite some time. Part of the fun was calling classmates to see if they were coming to the reunion and catching up on old times. We spoke to Phil and Valerie Robinson Astwood in South Carolina. Phil commutes to the University of S.C., where he is a geology professor, and Val has started her own business preparing gift baskets. They've purchased a 10,000-square-foot retail space, and they're renovating living quarters above it while utilizing the retail space for Val's business and inventory. Both of their kids have graduated from college. Their daughter is working in geology in Washington, D.C., for a federal agency, and their son has returned home from New Orleans, where he attended Tulane and had his own business, to assist in their new venture. As you can see, most of us have not slowed down one bit! . . . Susan Monk Pacheco writes from her home in Dayton, Ohio, that her daughter, Christina, graduated Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude from Colby in 1996. Her strength in her biochem/English major must have been genetically passed, since Susan is a pediatrician and her husband, Jaime, is a physician specializing in hematology/oncology. They also have a son, Benjamin, who is a freshman at UVM. . . . Ann Russell Starr listed her occupation as "retired" on the recent class survey, but she sure sounds busy with daughters Jessica, 13, and Victoria, 9. "I am not sure that anything in life

has prepared me for the challenges and demands of motherhood," she writes from Oakton, Va., where she lives with her husband, Michael, an attorney. She says she is finally computer literate, surfs the Net daily and has become an independent investor. Since her knees are no longer what they used to be, she has been forced to limit her mogul runs while skiing . . . and has taken up golf!

—Robert Gracia and Judy Gerrie Heine

68 Once again, greetings, classmates. From Boise, Idaho, Barbara Brown Ralston writes that after 20 years of teaching, she's left the education field and opened a vintage clothing shop with her daughter Michele, who's soon to be married. Her daughter Alixe is married and in southern California, where she works as an admissions counselor at USC dental school. Jamison, 16, her youngest, is a stellar basketball player at Boise High. Husband Larry is a real estate broker, and they own three dogs. Barbara is especially busy with the 14 year old and hopes someone is that good to her when she's his age. She says the bottom line after all these years is that "home and family takes first place." . . . Nancy Fischer Reale, from Rochester, N.Y., has been active for years as an advocate for public education on local, county and state levels. For fun, she enjoys competing on her horse, On To Gold, in the sport of eventing. With three grown sons, she finds the "empty nest" situation very agreeable. Two sons are college grads working in investment banking in San Francisco and in consulting in Boston. The youngest is a freshman at Princeton. Husband Vince (they've been married 27 years) is a surgeon who is concerned with the direction of health care and is working on improving the whole system. . . . In November, Col. John Bubar took command of the 101st Refueling Wing, Maine Air National Guard in Bangor, ranked first of 89 guard units in the U.S. Air Force. John, who has numerous military awards and decorations, has been a captain with American Airlines since 1986 and will continue to divide his time between civilian employment and the Air National Guard. . . . George Rideout continues as leader of the Westgate Church in Wellesley, Mass., and his wife, Mary, is both administrator and teacher at Westgate Christian Academy. Thanks to daughter Amy and her husband, David, they are grandparents a second time. Their son Ian married last year. . . . When last heard from, Jeremy Schneider was on his way to Italy for six months, recalled to active duty in the Navy to help direct air operations for the Bosnian peacekeeping mission. For the duration, wife Vickie will have to be both Mom and Dad to daughter Remy, 11, in Georgia. Jerry also leaves behind his work at Blue Rhino, a company that supplies propane cylinders. . . . Barbara Stanford Tremblay was named New Hampshire Assistant Principal of the Year in 1995. She is the proud mother of

three: Andrew, who graduated from BU Medical School in May and married in June, Adam, who finished his second year at Dartmouth Medical School, and daughter Suraiya, who graduated from Bentley and now works in the computer software industry. . . . Our daughter Karen graduated from Bowdoin in May, after receiving a Fulbright Scholarship to Germany. Daughter Christine is an attorney in Massachusetts. That's all for now.

—Mary Jo Calabrese Baur

69 Oh the places we have gone and the careers we have found! Recent responses to questionnaires are full of information about the many different paths members of the Class of 1969 have taken in terms of work. We are doing all sorts of interesting things in all sorts of places. Bob Greene, a criminal justice consultant based in South Carolina, did some work last year in Singapore for their Department of Prisons. . . . Howard Cutler is a grants manager living in Portland, Ore., with his wife and three children, Julia, Ryland and Olivia. . . . Judy Lee Moeckel, a rehabilitation consultant in Connecticut, has taken up both regular exercise and teaching voice. . . . Robert Oldershaw lives and works in Amherst, Mass., with his wife and two young children. Both Bob and his wife are doing scientific research, he in biology and she in astronomy. Bob says he has "lost his ticket on the information highway." Perhaps he can get a new one from Sharon Timberlake, who has left the trenches of social services to start a new career in the travel and tourism business. Currently she is leading both adult and youth tours in Canada and the U.S. If you see Sharon drive by on a bus in your city, she's the leader of the pack. . . . Kerry Hayes continues doing still photography on movie sets. Kerry has an agent in Hollywood, and recent films he's been involved with include *Striptease* and *To Die For*. His family is back in Toronto. . . . Deborah Van Hoek Abraham, although lacking an agent—as far as I can tell—does have a new M.B.A. from Babson College, magna cum laude. . . . Leslie Blanding of Bow, N.H., is married, has four children and lists her occupation as "Mrs. Calabash, storyteller, coach and origami artist." Leslie wonders about the whereabouts of David Katz. David, please get in touch with Mrs. Calabash. . . . Bud Higgins continues as chief of emergency medicine at Maine Medical Center, has a daughter, Jenny '97, and longs to simplify his life a bit. . . . Roger Hopkins describes himself as "stone mason, author and television personality." Roger recently has been involved in a series of programs for Nova on PBS, "Secrets of the Lost Empires." Roger was married in 1995 to Igal Galal, the ballet director of the Cairo, Egypt, Opera House. . . . It is no secret that I am pursuing my true calling as a hockey mother for my 10-year-old son. I do a little clinical social work and psychotherapy as the various athletic schedules allow. . . . Keep

in touch and let me know where your paths are taking you.

—Diane E. Kindler

70 You know you're growing older when your son calls from college and asks to interview you for a history paper because he wants to get the perspective of someone who lived through the events about which he is writing. Laura had the pleasure of that experience the other night. I'm glad she still has the memory to be of help! My memories go back about as far as yesterday. The letters and e-mail notes you guys send help. Keep up the good work! ... The Class of 1970 recently has produced two major executives (at least they have great titles). Mark Zacaria is the COO of Arimmedica Technology Group. The firm develops application software systems for the ethical pharmaceutical industry. (Just a thought—would anyone own up to developing anything for the "unethical" pharmaceutical industry?) Mark, his wife, Ruth, three kids and dog live in Morris County, N.J. Mark also reports having dinner a

while ago with Charles Terrell. Charles is the senior non-MD administrator at Boston University's medical school. ... This column's other major executive is Greg Andrews. Greg's company, Pro CD, was purchased by Acxiom Corporation. Acxiom must be very much on the ball, as they recently made Greg Pro CD's CEO. Pro CD sells telephone directories on CD. I've tried their products (Thanks, Greg!) and they work great. This summer Greg began building a camp on the West Mountain Trail at Sugarloaf. Way to go, Greg! ... I'm always envious when I see classmates who have been able to change direction and return to what they've always wanted to do. Case in point: Judy Wood. Judy writes that she has achieved her dream of living in the Southwest. She is a fifth grade teacher in Santa Fe, N.M.—majestic mountains, starry skies, open spaces—we're all jealous, Judy!

... Ted Wells is another classmate doing his thing. Ted has rejoined the Peace Corps and is now in Africa. His daughter graduated from Colby-Sawyer last spring. (Another thought—were Laura and I the only ones in our class whose kids didn't go to school with Colby in its name?) ... Sharon Niles Brokaw is a senior historic preservation specialist at the Rhode Island Historic Preservation Commission, where she manages grants and loans. Following the death of her husband, Walter, after a long illness in 1994, Sharon has been able to get on with her life in a very positive manner. She has taken drawing and painting courses at Rhode Island School of Design and psychology courses at Rhode Island College. Sharon writes that she'd like to hear from "old" (her word, not mine) classmates. (Another thought—three in one column, a new record!—will any of us ever

admit to that word "old"?). ... Congratulations go out to Jon Weems and his wife, Donna. They welcomed William Robert Weems to their family in February. Jon is in the biology department at West Virginia University. ... Finally (I heard that loud sigh of relief and the thunderous applause all the way down here in Maryland!) a special thanks to Wayne Blanchard. Wayne has been working with Colby in establishing a Class of 1970 Web page. He's got our 25th reunion mule on-line. Check it out. ... Still waiting to hear from you, Nicky Pach. Phone home!

—Steven Cline

73 Janet Gillies Foley works as a sales representative in North Andover, Mass. She has six stepchildren and 13 step-grandchildren, with more on the way! Janet is working on her M.B.A. and comments that returning to school as an adult is a big change from school at college age. She often sees Chris Hannon, who is a college librarian. ... Robert Diamond is in investment banking and heads the global mar-

ing and has moved from Beirut to Bahrain in the Arabian Gulf. He and Mahal have three boys ranging in age from 4 to 10. ... Margaret Lichtenberg works as a manager of product design and development in New York. She is thoroughly enjoying her young son, Michael. ... Geoff and Janet Shea Legg attended their son's graduation in May 1996. They have the distinction of being the parents of the first offspring of the Class of 1973 to graduate from Colby. ... Dennis Powers is a casino games manager in Atlantic City. He and Bonnie have two daughters and general contracted their own house by watching *Home Time* and *This Old House*. ... Susan Rennau is a registered nurse and manages a fertility center in Salt Lake City. She and her husband, Rick Hoffman, have twin girls, 9, who both enjoy playing musical instruments. ... Fran Gates Demgen is a wetland biologist in Vallejo, Calif. She and her family spent a weekend in Maine with Merrilee Bonney and her family, who were visiting from their home in the Netherlands. ... Ken Eisen

is a self-described "film guy"—co-director at Railroad Square Cinema in Waterville, film critic for *Maine Times* and film instructor at Colby. The last time I mentioned Ken in the column, I incorrectly reported his wife's name. Sorry, Beth Ann!

—Margaret McPartland Bean

NEWSMAKERS



David Marshall '75

Peter Daigle '70, director of operations for Lafayette Hotels in Maine, was awarded the 1997 Eagle Award by the Bangor, Maine, Convention and Visitors Bureau for contributions to local tourism. ... Joseph Mattos '73 became the assistant superintendent of Waterville, Maine, public schools on July 1. In past years he received the Distinguished Principal's Award for Maine and the Maine Educator Award. ... David Marshall '75 has been appointed president and CEO of Duquesne Light Co., an energy company in Pittsburgh, Pa. ... Jay McSweeney '77 is the new vice president of estimating and pre-construction services for Kay Construction Corporation, a Boston general contracting and construction management firm.

MILEPOSTS

Births: A daughter, Sarah Kinney, to Kay and Robert Kinney '79.

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74 It's late April, our first real spring day as I write this. Niki and Rodger Silverstein are both M.D. ophthalmologists in Chester, N.J. Rodger enjoys spending time with Suzanna, 12, scuba diving, collecting cars, and taking Rhet, 14, to tennis matches "hither & yon." ... Rosina and Jeff Seip and daughter Lauren moved from Saudi Arabia to Shanghai last year. The climate and social stresses are very different, but they have made the adjustment from strict Islamic culture to the dense population, lousy air and

... cold weather of Shanghai. ... Diana Stork is recording and producing multicultural harp music for PolyGram Records in California. ... Jackie Oliver writes from Catskill, N.Y., that she has changed careers from family law to teaching social studies at the secondary school level, realizing her long-standing interest in education. ... Laura and Jim Lazour are in Virginia, where Jim is a dentist, a youth basketball coach (D.C. area champs last year!) and dentist with the George Washington University team. He has been to 10 NCAA tournaments with them! Jim also sees Jim Glover occasionally. ... Norman and Sandy Spurr Michaud are in Reading, Mass. Sandy is a scientific associate at Schepens Eye Research Institute in Boston, and Norm is senior research tech at Mass General. They enjoy sons Russell, 11, and

Lucas, 9. (Great name—I have a Lucas, too!) Sandy plans to attend our 25th reunion and would like to hear from or of Kyle and Glenn MacPherson. . . . In Charleston, W.V., Marcy Aswad Greenfield is a church organist, and husband David is publisher/editor of the *Charleston Daily Mail* (circulation 41,000). They have two daughters, Mallory, 13, and Alison, 11. . . . Kudos to Ed Hatch for being named the #2 analyst in 1996 by the *Wall Street Journal*. Ed works for UBS Securities and earned a 47 percent return in his stock picks, if I understand the article correctly! He and Kerry enjoy their sons, Kevin, 3, and Connor, 2. . . . Closer to home, Milton and Nancy Dubois Truman are in Biddeford, where Nancy teaches language arts and French to middle schoolers and Milt is banquet manager at the Portland Regency Hotel. Son Mikel, 21, is a dean's list junior at Colby, and daughter Kate, 18, will start at Rollins this fall. Nancy enjoys reading the class news (thanks for the pat on the back!) and hears from Dianne Chaplin Risner in Shalimar, Fla., with husband Keith and daughter Paige, and also from Jan Hampshire Cummins, who is adopting a Rumanian child this year—an exciting life change. . . . Ted Field writes briefly that he is busy directing a nonprofit management program at the University of Maryland. He also consults for the D.C. Public Health Commission and for eco-tourism in Mozambique. . . . Here at home, 12-year-old Lucas's Odyssey of the Mind team finished second at the state competition in April, a thrill for us all! More next time!

—Shelley Bieringer Rau

76 Susan and Brad Cohen were blessed with the arrival of William David Cohen in October 1996. We hope that the new parents have caught upon their sleep by now. . . . Sharon Marden Johnson, a massage therapist in the Waterville area for almost 15 years, was recently elected member-at-large to the American Massage Therapy Association. She lives in China, Maine, with husband Bob and daughter Hannah. . . . Barbara Brennan Silano wrote from Menlo Park, Calif., where she works as the deputy chief of the organized crime and racketeering strike force in the U.S. Attorney's Office in San Francisco and lives with husband Bob, a special agent for the DEA. Sara, 7, and Matthew, 5. . . . Where are you, Janet Gorman? John Loker '75, currently in Indianapolis, is looking for you. . . . Steve Shafarman reported on his doings since graduation. Like several other '76ers, he recently published a book; his work is titled *Awareness Heals: The Feldenkrais Method For Dynamic Health*. Steve lives in Santa Barbara and recently started the Ph.D. program in human development at the Fielding Institute. . . . Harriet Buxbaum Pinansky reported that son Sam, 17, a French horn player, performed at the White House. She recently returned to work; husband David '75 works at the FDIC, and daughter Sarah is 12. . . . Manny Rosa, recently returned to N.Y.C., is now an

assistant VP for external affairs at New York City Health and Hospitals Corp. and serves as board member for several worthy causes. . . . A member of our class for only two years, David McKay Wilson is a newspaper reporter in White Plains, N.Y. He lives with wife Lil and son Luke, 1, and enjoys long-distance bike riding in his spare time. . . . Wendy Swallow Williams loves her job teaching college students. A journalism professor at American University in D.C., she lives in Kensington, Md., with sons Joey, 9, and Geoffrey, 8, and has published articles in several national periodicals. . . . Scott Butchart lives in my hometown, Needham, Mass., and works as a French teacher at Brookline High School. He and wife Christine have a new son, Liam Christopher, born in June a year ago. . . . Kathy Donohue Yeo reported that she and Ron '75 recently celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary. They live in Albuquerque with children Heather, 11, and Peter, 7. Ron is associate professor of psychology at the University of New Mexico, and Kathy is a clinical social worker at the UNM Student Mental Health Service and also works in private practice. . . . Also celebrating their 20th were Rab and Martha Bell. The Bells live in Cresskill, N.J., where Martha is a writer/editor and Rab is a consultant. They have two girls, Victoria and Madeline. . . . Jim Wiederhold bragged about kids Aaron, 14, and Kyle, 10. He lives in Marietta, Ga., where he runs his own executive search firm in health care. . . . Carrie Gettye-mailed from Idaho Falls, Idaho, where she is executive director of the Idaho Falls Arts Council and is renovating a local vaudeville theater. Husband Gregg Smith has authored several books on beer—both Gregg and Carrie are "national beer judges." . . . Joanne DeFilipp Alex, founder and director of the Stillwater Montessori School, Old Town, Maine, was chosen one of the nine finalists for the 1998 Maine Teacher of the Year. . . . Steve '77 and I continue to love living in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. Like so many other parents, much of our time is dedicated to watching our sons (Dan, 16, and Derek, 12) compete on athletic fields or in the gym; our jobs are demanding, but family comes first! Keep those responses coming so I can share your news!

—Valerie Jones Roy

77 I am sorry, class, that my last column got lost. I think it was my best! . . . Randall J. Schreitmueller has been appointed assistant vice president for marketing with Allendale Insurance. He has been a writer for them, in Boston and in New York, but was promoted to sales manager in 1990. . . . Michael T. Martin was recognized at Fleet Bank and Canal Bank for his experience in loan portfolio monitoring and collections. . . . Kent Wommack writes that he is executive director of the Nature Conservancy (the Maine Chapter). His sabbatical from his job included a two-month camping trip with his spouse, a natural resources consultant, and their three "wonderful children." It made him

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Corrected Vision

Twenty-three years ago Doug Smith '70 was a young Air Force officer sitting in a bunker 120 feet beneath the Montana plains with his finger on the button of a nuclear weapon aimed at Russian cities. He never stopped to think about who the people he might kill were or what they were like. Six months ago he found out.

Smith, an optometrist in Medford, Ore., says he is purging his past by participating in a humanitarian and business exchange with some of the same people he would have wiped out a generation ago. His involvement with Rotary International has taken Smith to Siberia twice this year, and, he said, he has forged relationships with "some of the warmest people I have ever known."

Smith says Russian businesspeople, many of whom come from military backgrounds, are aggressively seeking U.S. expertise on market economics as well as help in meeting their country's basic needs. In January, Smith and his fellow Rotarians traveled to Petropavlovsk, a city of 300,000 on Kamchatka Peninsula, nine time zones east of Moscow. The isolation that made it ideal as a Soviet nuclear submarine port also retarded the city's progress, resulting in severe deprivation for the populace. "We visited one hospital where eighteen women were giving birth, and there was only one attendant for all of them," Smith said. "Very basic things like analgesics— aspirin—are prized items there."



Doug Smith has warmed up to Russians.

The experience was profound for Smith, who says he couldn't escape the irony that these people were once the targets of his nuclear missile. "There's a lot of baggage there," he said. "I shed a lot of tears. [The trip] was a very emotional time for me."

He is now corresponding with and hopes to soon meet his Russian counterpart, a former nuclear missile controller from Novosibirsk, who, Smith said, "had me in his sights at ground zero."

Smith says that for 10 years after he left the service he had nightmares about the nuclear holocaust scenarios he and his fellow officers were taught as part of their survival training. "I had suppressed them for years until I went to Russia and while I was there I had one nightmare. I haven't had one since," he said.

Smith was involved in ROTC and majored in psychology at Colby, and he joined the Air Force planning to make it his career. "I decided about eight hours into my first day that that wasn't in the cards," he said. When his four-year stint ended in 1974, he attended Montana State for one year and then entered optometry school at Pacific University, graduating in 1979. He has had a private practice in Oregon since.

Smith, who made another trip to Petropavlovsk in June, said "the infatuation [with Russia] has matured a bit and we are looking at a long-term commitment to meeting the health care needs there," he said. "Every time we go in we take five or six hundred pounds of medical gear."

Smith hopes to be back on Colby's campus later this year. He and his wife, Hazel (Parker '70), have been alumni interviewers for the Admissions Office for 25 years. "I think we've netted nine kids during that time," he said. "From Oregon, that's not too bad."—Kevin Cool

decide that there's something to be said for the life of leisure, or lively leisure I should say. Kent, I remember you from John Sweeney's American Studies English senior seminar. I wrote a paper on the theme that I thought was in Melville's *The Encantadas*: a tortoise is both black and bright. I lost that paper also! . . . William Yoder sent me a James Dean stamp. His spouse, Judy, is a writer. Their house is a very, very, very fine house with two dogs and cat in their yard in Arlington, Va. He is a management consultant in the areas of organization and change and has been working for the same technology consulting firm for 15 years. Willy, 10, and Stephanie, 12, are good reasons to be active in PTA and Cub Scouts and to coach a Little League team. . . . Deb Buccina, Shelby Moravec '76 wrote to me that she'd love to hear from her old, very dear friend—you. I don't give out addresses but the Alumni Office will. . . . Bob Keefe was involved in a small-is-beautiful-type venture in a special way last year through his company in Minnesota. He was chosen as one of 10 experts in the new technology of membrane filtration, which improves the quality and efficiency of food production in underdeveloped countries. He spoke in Rome (Italy!). Maybe it'll be Peru next year, Bob (not Maine). . . . Jan Staples Wunderlich, thanks for your nice note. Very few women are stock traders and partners, too! Congratulations. I remember you from freshman year, when we were right across the hall from one another first semester. I especially remember the picture on your bureau of you in a long, bright yellow high school graduation dress. Your engagement picture, I guess. My graduation dress was a red and white dotted Swiss long gown (Ann Fogarty-designed). Please forgive me for the good memory I've been told I have. . . . Bruce and Jennifer Davis Thomson live in Ann Arbor, Mich. They were looking forward to seeing lots of '77 alums at our reunion. I remember they were there at our 10th and were doing something exotic sounding having to do with Japan. You'll be lucky to have seen them, given the distance they have to travel and their now-burgeoned family unit—three children and a dog. . . . Another classmate whom I met sophomore year across the hall is Susan Wadsworth. Children have been a blessing to Susan and Dave Bourdelaes, as Steven, 3, has a newly born brother. Susan and Dave have a busy extracurricular life given their family responsibilities and Susan's tenured job in art history and art at Fitchburg State College. . . . The bestest excitement in my life is that I picked mayflowers for the first time yesterday, Sunday. I'd never smelled them before. Oh, it's a wonderful life.

—Leslie A. Ramsay

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It's late in the day, this column's late (I hope it beats the deadline!), and I'm late in my tour as class correspondent (I think), so I'll go straight to the news. . . . Lisa Klein Boldt writes that she and family have moved to Millburn, N.J.

Lisa still gets together with Ted '76 and Rae Caravaty Shanahan occasionally, including a recent celebration of her 40th. Congratulations on that milestone! I'd like to hear from anyone who thinks their 40th birthday celebration was unusual or unique in some way. . . . Got a nice long letter from Doug and Marjorie Gonzalez Blackwell, who report that their daughters, Laura and Courtney, are highly competitive swimmers. The Blackwells bought a house in Chatham, Mass., on the Cape, to which we're all invited as soon as they get it fixed up. Marjorie is still with DEC, and Doug is now with Lightbridge Inc., but the jobs may go on hold once Laura and Courtney make it to the 2004 Olympics. . . . Jim DeYoreo, "physicist, section leader for crystal development," wins this column's prize for most New Age occupation. Jim and wife Kelly are stationed in Livermore, Calif., along with three kids and upwards of a dozen pets. (I can only imagine what shopping for food for everything from a guinea pig to a set of frogs must be like: "Do you think we need two boxes of flies this week, honey?") Jim also reports that they recently finished building their own house. . . . Anthony Cagino, M.D. and president of Capital Pulmonary and Critical Services, responding to the question of what has changed recently in his life, stated, "Leigh, 8, Lauren, 6, and Kristen, 4." I can relate, with our Sara, 8, David, 6, and Christopher, 4. . . . Sandy Buck has wrapped up his job as director of outreach, Kieve Leadership Decisions Institute, and is starting as president of Horizon Foundation, a nonprofit educational foundation. Sandy reports that after 18 years of teaching, fund raising and administering in nonprofits, "it is exciting to be in the business of grantmaking." Sandy is looking forward to reunion '98. . . . Waterville's *Morning Sentinel* recently carried a long piece on Bill Linnell '80, who has become a nuclear safety activist. Bill has stinted as a lobsterman, shipwright and teacher and now serves as town council member in Cape Elizabeth. In his "spare time" he is probably the biggest thorn in Maine Yankee's side and is leading a referendum drive to close the plant when its license expires in 2008. My favorite quote in the article: "A lot of people think all anti-nuclear people have long hair and wear beads. Those are wonderful people, but you don't have to be a hippie to recognize the dangers of nuclear power." Good work, Bill. . . . Elizabeth Dugan is finishing up with the International Republican Institute in St. Petersburg, Russia, and heading to Cambodia. Liz's career focuses on building democratic institutions, and she also is looking forward to exploring that exotic corner of the world. As Liz put it, "Phnom Penh will demand a whole new wardrobe." Liz has nothing but praise for the Russians she met and worked with in her two years in St. Pete. And in the world of obscure trivia, did you know that Liz's mom and my dad were a near-item in their college days. Strange world. See you all soon.

—Nicholas Levintow

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The task of being class correspondent

can be occasionally bittersweet, and this column serves as a case in point. First, the sweet: after many years of not-much-news, I recently received a wonderfully upbeat e-mail from our friend Laurel Johnson Black. Laurel is an assistant professor of English at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), and she and her husband, Bill, are the recent parents of daughter Willa, who has added a wonderful new dimension to their lives that those of us with children can all understand. Unfortunately, life also presents challenges, and Laurel's challenge these days—besides being the mother of a dynamic soon-to-be 3 year old—is breast cancer. She has recently begun radiation treatments, and I am sure it would cheer her to hear from classmates as she battles this terrible disease. Her e-mail is ljblack@grove.iup. Best of luck, Laurel. . . . I also have some old news to take care of ("old" in the sense that it's been lost in a drawer for a while and recently discovered during decorating). Dr. Curt Moody and wife Rosemarie DiBiase recently moved to Wellesley, where they are raising their two children, Julia (who started kindergarten last fall), and Alexandra, 3. Curt is an allergist in private practice who also works at Children's Hospital in Boston. . . . Carl Lovejoy began graduate studies at Dartmouth last summer, where he claims to have spent more time in the library in eight weeks than in four years at Colby. (Can anyone verify this?) He is director of admissions at the Carigan Mountain School in Canaan, N.H., where he and wife Cari live and raise three boys: Ben (seventh grade), Matt (third grade) and Nick, 4. . . . Dr. David Phillips II lives in Cumberland Center, Maine, with wife Susan (a gourmet chef) and their two children, David III and Lauren Ashlyne. . . . Louise "Robin" Reid writes from Vermont, where she is production manager for the *Charlotte News* and husband Robert Mack is a dairy farmer and town selectman. They have two children Eric Mack, 12, and Peter Reid Mack, 2+, who is very polite, I'm told. . . . Julie Sydow Palmason writes from Littleton, Mass., where she has managed to remain employed at Digital for more than 13 years despite several "downsizings." She is currently a training manager. She and husband Rob are raising two children, Erik, 6, and Hillary, 4, who can sing "Hail, Colby, Hail" and reportedly wants to go to Colby and follow in her mom's footsteps. Julie keeps up with Lou-Ann Takacs Brown, who lives outside Atlanta and is raising three girls. . . . Jacie Cordes Hurd and her husband, Charlie, have switched roles, with Charlie rejoining the work force after 10 years as primary caregiver to Max, 10, and Lydia, 8, and Jacie assuming a new, "non-career" role and having great fun. Jacie keeps in close touch with Jane Venman Ledebuhr and Jean Sherwood Lynch. . . . Kay Lavoie Lowell and husband Nathan live in Greeley, Colo., where Kay is the library guru at the University of Northern Colorado (i.e., she's assistant professor of library science and catalog librarian). Their daughter,

Elizabeth Jean, turned 2 in May and helps around the house with the four cats. . . . **Karen Oehle Wright**, husband Benjamin and son Travis welcomed the arrival of Emily Oehle on December 22, 1996, a wonderful holiday present! . . . **Sarah Davis** recently adopted a 14-month-old girl from Changzhou, China. Sarah, a landscape architect in Bethesda, Md., describes her as a real joy. . . . **David Bernier**, former mayor of Waterville, is a partner in the law firm of Marden, Dubord, Bernier & Stevens in Waterville and when not practicing law helps wife Karen Unger raise their three children, twins Mathieu and Luc, 8, and Dineke, 5. . . . **Sarah MacColl** swam the annual Peaks-to-Portland race last August, even though the race was officially canceled due to fog. Her reason? "I turned 40 this year (1996), and figured I'd do this and run the [Maine] marathon, and then I can sit home and eat bon-bons and never do anything again" (quoted from the *Maine Sunday Telegram*). . . . Dr. John Crispin was certified in April in the anesthesia sub-specialty of pain management, one of only a handful of anesthesiologists in Maine with this sub-specialty. John is chief of the department of anesthesiology at Central Maine Medical Center. . . . Kay, Matthew and I welcomed Sarah Moses Kinney on May 19, 1997.

—Robert Kinney

80 Congratulations are in order for **Marjorie Smith Bose**, who gave birth to a daughter, Kendall Jean, last summer. She and husband Ron are thrilled, although 12-year-old Seymour, the family canine, has been suffering somewhat from a form of attention deficit disorder. Marjorie and family live in Derry, N.H. . . . Similarly blessed is the reverend **Jane E.D. Dibden Schwab**, whose newborn son, Arthur Jonathan Moses Dibden, joins a growing family of three girls (Lisa, 7, Amy, 4, Jasmine, 2) and husband David W. Schwab. The Schwab family has recently moved to Vassalboro, Maine, after stints in Virginia, Vermont and Texas (in Houston in the spring of '96, Jane pastored a church called CrossTimbers). Jane's present ministry is as an ESL tutor for the Waterville public schools. She also reports that **Diana Small** and husband **Rich Snow** have bought a house in Belmont, Mass. . . . Novel-writing, guitar-playing, rolling stone **Geoff Becker** writes from Colorado Springs, where he is a visiting English professor at Colorado College. Geoff has been traveling a lot and giving readings (including at Colby) from his growing body of work. Check your bookstores: his novel should be out in paperback by now. Geoff and his family of guitars seem well but pose a question I can't answer: "Where's R.P.?" Any sightings to report? . . . Nearby in Boulder, Colo., assisted by cat Kimba, **Lori Batcheller** is freelance writing, having finished a master's in journalism and mass communications at the University of Colorado. Lori

confesses that three weeks in Europe last summer have left her somewhat jaded about the materialism and artificiality in much of America. . . . **Mary Ramundo**, M.D., has been making the papers as a result of her efforts to bring the best available medical care to persons with HIV through a new clinic in St. Johnsbury, Vt. The clinic opened in the fall of 1996 under a grant from the federal Health Resources and Services Administration. . . . **Jeremy Beale** e-mails from Paris that he is traveling a lot to the West Coast in his job for the multilateral Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development on policy and regulatory reforms but that he has not run into any Colby people. Jeremy earned a doctorate in international relations at the University of Sussex in the U.K.,

North Star Academy Charter School, founded and co-directed by Jamey Verrilli '83, was praised by N.J. Gov. Christie Whitman in her "state of the state teacher" address and selected as one of the best schools in the state.

taught at a university and worked in the private sector. . . . Closer to home, local press clippings announce that **Rick Tonge** has been selected to be treasurer of the new Waterville-based entity formed by the recent merger of the local Boys and Girls Club and the YMCA. The new entity is planning the construction of the new Harold and Bibby Alford Youth Recreation Center (including a new outdoor pool to replace the one on North Street) to be built on 10 acres of land off Drummond Avenue. . . . On a personal note, after three years at Amtrak, I have jumped ship (or train in this case) to take an in-house legal job with MCI supporting consumer operations. Please let me know what's new with you—either through e-mail (you may use either johnveilleux@Compuserve.com or 72072.1114@Compuserve.com) or by letter at 8413 ParkCrest Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

—John Veilleux

81 I recently ran into **Kathy Beane Rockstrom** on the commuter rail from Boston. Last October, she and her husband, Jan, had a second son, Kurt, who joins brother Erik, 2. Kathy is still working at Fleet Bank in Boston in the same building I work in, but we seem to catch up with each other on the train. Kathy and Jan live in Carlisle, Mass. . . . **Herb Perry** is a staff reporter for the Frankfort (Ind.) *Indiana Times*, covering city and county government as well as business. Herb graduated from the University of Indiana in 1994 with a master's in journalism and worked for the *Indianapolis Star* before joining the *Times*. He and his wife, Kathy, have two children and live in Frankfort. . . . **Dani Nemec Micsan** has moved once again—this time to Rabat, Morocco. Dani's husband, Jim, is in the foreign

service so they move every few years. They have three children, Jessica, 8, Julia, 6, and Joseph, 2. They traveled to Disney World in 1996, a "welcome respite," according to Dani. They hope their next move will be to the States. . . . **Karen Orloff** and her husband, **Brian Maddox**, have two children, Phoebe, 5, and Ian, born in July 1996. Brian is in financial public relations, and Karen is at home with the two children. She writes that Phoebe has had quite an adjustment adding a new younger brother to her life and starting kindergarten all at the same time. . . . **Laura Manger Leneweaver** is living in Clearwater, Fla., and is a contract trainer with Dataflex. She and her husband, Gene, have four sons, twins Ryan and Kyle, 10, Andrew, 1, and Bradley, 1. . . . **David Rocks** is living in Prague in the Czech Republic with his wife, Jacqueline Lucas, and their daughter, Esme, 1. They are in Prague writing for *The Boston Globe*, *Toronto Globe and Mail*, and *Chicago Tribune*. David says if any Colbyites are in the newspaper or magazine business, they are available for work. They have traveled to Martha's Vineyard, Colorado and southwest France. . . . **Jodie Hewey Murphy** and her husband, Richard, are living in North Chelmsford, Mass. They have two sons, Sean, 5, and Christopher, 3. Jodie returned to work as a software development manager after being at home for about a year and a half. Richard is a software engineer. They traveled to the New Hampshire White Mountains with the boys to visit Storyland and Santa's Village and to ride the North Conway scenic railroad. . . . **Katie Critchlow** Luther and husband Mark are living in Mandan, S.D. They have two children, Megan, 12, and Jed, 7. Katie writes that she recently quit her job as a geologist to stay at home full time with her children. Her husband, Mark, is also a geologist. . . . **Sue Perry** is living in Upton, Mass., and is a large-animal x-ray technician. Sue traveled to the Olympics in Atlanta to see the equestrian events. She has two horses of her own, Magic and Sugar, who are kept in line by cats Daisy and Skipper. Last year Sue rode Magic in The Hunter Under Saddle Classic and won! . . . **DeAnn Lewis** and her husband, **Henry Coll**, live in South Portland, Maine. DeAnn is a vice president, compliance officer of Key Bank of Maine, and Henry is a training coordinator at Burgess Business Solutions in Bath, Maine. . . . **Bill Lichtblau** spent two months last summer cycling in France. He has written a book titled *Drive Yourself to Cycling Heaven in France* and is looking for a publisher. Anyone interested can reach Bill by e-mail (funhog@colorado.net).

—Beth Pniewski Wilson

82 **Deborah Nader Hartshorn** was due to have a baby girl sometime at the end of April. Her husband, Tom, is a contractor, and Deborah is a kindergarten teacher. They are living in

northern Vermont, where they keep busy running, skiing and renovating their 130-year-old house. . . . Sharon L. Dulude received her master's in social work in 1995 and is now working for the Sweetser Children's Services in the Saco Valley School District in Maine. Sharon's husband, Tom Cuset, is a chef. Their two pets are Wild Willie, a poodle, and Lucille, their cat. . . . Brian Sharples sends news from Austin, Texas, where he is president of IntelliQuest Information Group. IntelliQuest went public in May of '96, but Brian considers raising his daughter, Chloe, 4, to be the most fulfilling experience of his life. . . . Lesley DeYulio Defio is a cancer information specialist and also a figure skating instructor. Her husband, Joe, is executive director of institutional sales of Jenkins Music. They have two dogs, Rudy and Truffles. . . . Carolyn Berry Copp gave birth to Charlotte Page Copp on Sept. 3, 1996. Charlotte goes to daycare four days a week at her dad's high school, Lincoln-Sudbury High, where he teaches math and is able to visit her during the day. Carolyn recently took on the new job of director of marketing at Linkage Incorporated, an organizational development conference and consulting company. This is a change from the conference marketing that she had been doing. Carolyn has a stepson, who is currently taking time off from college, and a stepdaughter, who will be entering college this fall. Unfortunately, Colby is not in the warm climate that she seeks! . . . After 11 years with the Williams-Mystic Program, Ellen Heusch Anderson is now the associate director of the Connecticut College annual fund. For three-plus years, her husband, Gary, an artist, has been restoring and documenting the Watch Hill Carousel, the oldest continuously run carousel in the country. He has done a full restoration of each horse, which includes removing more than 30 layers of paint off of each one! They have two children—Dylan, 7, and Elizabeth, 5, who have been in a K-1 class together in a small school. Ellen's earlier ambitions of a career in historic preservation have been directed into the refurbishing of their 130-year-old house, a former stage coach house just before the Rhode Island-Connecticut border. As the children get older, Ellen anticipates the return of tennis into her life. . . . Andrea Brantner is now on the legal staff at The Boeing Company in Seattle. This is a switch from seven years of private practice with Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, which took her to New York and Tokyo. Andrea moved primarily for a better quality of life. Shifting to in-house gives better hours, but the bureaucracy is worse! Andrea is trying to work with some Colby alumni in the Seattle area to get a local Colby Club started and keeps in touch with Sarah Perry, Diane Zavotsky, McCleanehan and Karen Enegess. . . . Big changes lately for Catherine Smith Badmington and her family. After eight years in a downtown rowhome in Baltimore, they have moved to the suburbs in search of green spaces

and good schools. Cathy and her husband, Rich, have three children—Casey, 6, Timmy, 4, and Brady, almost 2. Cathy is at home full time now after 10 years in education, teaching and administration. They see Carter Knipp, who lives nearby. They greatly miss Sarah Fox Whalen, who had lived nearby but has relocated to Rhode Island. . . . Beth Ellis Tautkus lives in Newport News, Va., with her husband, Keith, and their four children: Jason, 9, Katherine, 7, Jennifer, almost 4, and Austin, almost 2. Keith is a teacher, and Beth started teaching after separating from the Air Force. Beth is in the AF Reserves working in Atlantic Intelligence Command. Last summer she spent three weeks on the U.S.S. John F. Kennedy aircraft carrier. Beth had a great time talking about old times at the Washington, D.C., campaign kickoff with Colleen Plourde Harvey and Denise Glennon.

—Mimi H. Rasmussen

83 News from Macedonia comes in a long letter from Steve Nicholas, who left his job as a senior environmental planner for the city of Seattle in May 1995 to take a job in the former Yugoslav republic. He works for a Vermont-based nonprofit organization called the Institute for Sustainable Communities. Steve is the director of the Democracy Network Program, a three-year program funded by American taxpayers (via the U.S. Agency for International Development) aimed at strengthening the new democracy in Macedonia by strengthening its fledgling non-governmental organizations via grants, training and technical assistance. It has been a real challenge, Steve says, but also a lot of fun. In 1996 he was trekking the canyons and mountains of the Zagoria region of northeast Greece when he stopped for a night in a remote village called Tsepetovo. The innkeeper told Steve that another American was there and that he should meet her. She turned out to be Harriett Matthews, Colby art professor! They enjoyed a bottle of retsina and chatted about "all things Colby" and debated the on-going war of words between Macedonia and Greece. . . . Another interesting piece of news came from the pages of Brown University's magazine interview in November 1996 with our own John Tomasi. John is the Stanley J. Bernstein Assistant Professor of Social Science with a specialty in political theory, ethics and public policy. The interview was titled "Rights and Wrong: Political Theorist John Tomasi wonders whether our pursuit of individual rights has gone too far." It reminded me of the good old days of having the time to sit together with extremely thought-provoking classmates at Colby while we talked about the world around us. . . . Founder and co-director of North Star Academy Charter School of Newark Jamey Verrilli wrote from Cranford, N.J. His new school of grades 5 through 8 has been praised by Governor Whitman in her "state of the state teacher" address and selected as one of the best in the state. When not running the school, Jamey and his wife, Beth, a teacher, take

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One day the research conducted by Beth Schwartz-Kenney '86 may help put a criminal behind bars.

Recently tenured as an associate professor of psychology at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Schwartz-Kenney is working on a "lineup kit" designed to help children identify strangers, a technique that could be applied in legal cases involving eyewitness testimony.

According to Schwartz-Kenney, children as young as preschool age can make competent witnesses but lack the cognitive and linguistic abilities to spontaneously report details of an event. Her research in children's eyewitness memory involves "determining what types of things they can remember and what types of things they can't." Her focus has settled on the latter because she has found that children have difficulty reporting what a person looks like, an obvious impediment to effective courtroom testimony. After investigating techniques used in helping people identify suspects in criminal cases, she found none that were appropriate for children. The traditional Ident-A-Kit requires the user to subjectively create composite images of suspects from transparencies of facial features, and it has a poor record of accuracy, particularly when used by children, she says.

Her lineup kit includes eight characteristics—including hair color, eye color, weight and height—to aid children in giving descriptions of persons they don't know. Rather than verbalize their descriptions, children can select pictures of, for instance, blue eyes, or use lines on a wall to approximate height. "It gives them something concrete to point to, which we felt would help them," Schwartz-Kenney said.



Beth Schwartz-Kenney lines up a solution.

She says the new techniques still provide only a general description that is useful in narrowing the field of suspects. "In reporting what a stranger looked like, it would at least give the legal system some information on who can be eliminated. It won't draw a picture," she said.

Schwartz-Kenney received her Ph.D. in cognitive psychology from SUNY-Buffalo in 1991. Her interest in the field began, she says, as an undergraduate. "At Colby I took a Jan Plan course on human factor psychology—it's a lot about how people work together—which gave me a better idea of the kind of psychology I wanted to work in," she said. "My honors paper at Colby dealt with eyewitness testimony, so that also was an interest of mine."

Recently she has been researching children's understanding of secrecy, which may help draw out the testimony of children who have witnessed an event but been asked not to talk about it by the perpetrator. "What happens is that often the children are keeping the information to themselves and then eventually reporting it. Defense lawyers then can say that their story is not credible because they have contradicted themselves," she said.

"I find that [area of research] intriguing because it deals with children's understanding of the mind, how their mind works and how other people's minds are different from their own," she said. "It gets more at the theory of cognitive psychology." —Kevin Cool

time to run around with kids Nathan, 6, and Allison, 2. . . . The update from Big Sky, Montana, is that Jacques Poisson Persons and Brantley Persons were married in October 1996. Jacques, who is enjoying owning her own retail clothing and gift boutique and hoping to start a family soon, lives with Brantley, a fly fishing guide, and their three large Alaskan huskies. . . . Binney Hare wrote from Cambridge, England, where Bin's a graphic designer. Her husband, Norbert Peahody, is an anthropologist at the University of Cambridge. Their son, Marcus, is 5. Hellos to all three of you and thanks for writing, Binney. Are you playing any squash? . . . Playing more tennis here in the States is Wendy Wittels Renz in Guilford, Conn. Wendy's the vice chairperson at son Tyler's nursery school and does the busy mom routine with Tyler, 4, and Lauren, 2. Wendy is wondering what happened to Maura Shaghnessy, so anyone in contact with Maura, please update us. . . . I was glad to get a letter from Abigail King Diggins, who sent a wedding photo of herself and her new husband, Jeffrey Diggins, who is a consultant. Joanna Hughes Brach was Abby's matron of honor at the September 1996 wedding. Abby started a new law firm with two partners named LeBlanc and Young in February 1995, and a fourth attorney joined them in September 1996. The firm specializes in handling trusts and estates. The couple lives in Cumberland Foreside, Maine. . . . Darryl and Deb Caldwell Wooten sent news from Norwell, Mass., where Debbie reports that a new baby girl is due to join brothers Brandon, 6, Dominic, 5, and Zachary, 3, this month. Darryl is a track coach and an at-home dad, and Debbie is an Ob-Gyn physician. . . . News from optometry doctor Jennifer Ambler was mixed with joy and sadness. Her daughter, Kate, who turned 2 in January, is "definite future college material" in light of her current learning trends, says Jennifer. Kate also loves to snowmobile, fish and waterski, to name a few of her outdoor activities. Since Jennifer's husband died unexpectedly of a heart attack in November 1995, she has been coping busily as a single mom and business owner. In her "spare" time she is state treasurer and president of her local branch of AAUW, an international committee member in Rotary and on the board of a local arts organization. She also went on her second medical mission in February 1997 to El Salvador, performing eye exams and dental care, visiting their sister church and renewing friendships. . . . Thanks to all who wrote and keep those cards and letters flying in. Anxious to see you all in June!

—Sally Lovegren Merchant

84 Sam Staley is living in Bellbrook, Ohio, with his wife, Susan, and children Claire, 3, and Evan, 2. He is VP of research for Buckeye Institute for Public Policy Solutions, a free market think tank he founded in '89 that focuses on Ohio public policy issues. He completed his M.S. in economics in '87 at George Mason University in Virginia and expects to receive

his Ph.D. from Ohio State this year. He has written two books, one on drug policy and the other on planning and development in Hong Kong, and dozens of reports and articles. . . . Cathy Altrocchi Waidyatilleka is living in paradise—in Honolulu—with husband Nandi and children Caden 3, and Dillion, 1. Cathy and Nandi met while she was in Sri Lanka working with the Peace Corps. He is employed at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel and she is a ninth and tenth grade English teacher. . . . Joan (Ray '85) and Dieter Weber, a business analyst for IGS Corp., live in Boulder, Colo. They love the proximity to the mountains and the hiking, hiking and snow year-round. They have done a ton of traveling in the American Southwest, the Rockies—both Canadian and U.S.—and Germany. . . . Kit Williams is an associate dean at Boston University, where she's working with Chuck McCormick '89. Kit got married last summer—and had a great day until Hurricane Bertha showed up and the ceremony and reception quickly moved inside! Carolyn Donovan, Melissa Carperos and Jim '85 and Karen Melino Cruickshank attended. The Cruickshanks have moved to Needham, Mass. Karen is an associate dean at Babson College, where she directs the office of class deans. They traveled to Italy in 1994 and Australia in 1995 and had their first child, Nicholas Jennings, on December 17, 1996. . . . Carrie Leggett and Randy Wilmore live in Concord Mass., with their son, Benjamin, 3. Randy is a project architect with William Rawn Associates in Boston and has completed many award-winning projects, including Phillips Exeter Academy's Forrestal-Bowld Music Center, a Boston Society of Architects Honor award winner. . . . Jon and Sue Palmer Stone are back in New Canaan, Conn., with son Roger and daughter Abigail. Sue has found staying home with the children more rewarding than she ever imagined. . . . Isabella and Tom Underwood are in Beverly Farms, Mass., with their children Hannah, 4, and Ian, 1-1/2. Becoming a father has been the single most important change in his life, Tom writes. After many years in education, he received his master's in social work and is employed as a social worker/therapist. Isabella is a teacher. Tom writes that Bill Rogers has completed his round the world trip! . . . Theresa and Jeff Bistrong also are living on Boston's North Shore, in Manchester-by-the-Sea. Jeff is a director of emerging marketing/investment banking at BancBoston Securities, Inc., and travels for business quite often to Latin America and Asia. They have two girls, Emily, 4, and Madeline, 2, and Theresa has put her social work career on hold for a time to raise their children. Jeff writes that they are close to completing their antique dream house/money pit/restoration rite of passage. . . . Hall Adams is in Wilmette, Ill., with wife Julie and two daughters, Marie, 5, and Eleanor, 1. He's a partner at the law firm of Williams and Montgomery, Ltd. When answering the questionnaire for "what fitness programs or activity? Marathons? Triathlons? Chasing

after kids?" Hall responded, "All of above." . . . Kim Crook writes that she decided to run for president of the United States last election, though she only received one vote—her own. She enclosed her platform, which illuminates her stance on many topics. Her platform's slogan was, "You can't be serious." . . . Adam '83 and Becca Cunningham Weiss recently moved to Williston, Vt., where Becca is an artist, homemaker and domestic goddess! Adam is teaching. Becca has become a board member of Friends of Indian Music and Dance, which helps to bring Indian music and dance to New England. She wishes that her routine could include doing more artwork but with three kids—Mara Margaret, Caelin Cunningham and Anthea Skedel—and sleep deprivation, she doesn't get to. The family does hike and swim often, though. . . . John and Jennifer Cleary Calabro live in Merrimack, N.H., where Jennifer is an attorney and John is an engineer. They have three children—Billy, 7, Teresa, 6, and Joseph, born in February. Jennifer finds volunteering in the schools and working one day a week in a small office practicing real estate law the perfect balance between juggling the children's activities and keeping in tune with her profession.

—Maura Cassidy

85 The most wonderful part of being a correspondent is getting a letter from old friends. Whether it was dishing out food in the dining hall or dancing till dawn, Richard Leitch knew how to make us laugh, and so it is with great pleasure that I report that the "Stickman" has been married 11 years, has two kids and is living in Minnesota. . . . Frank Porada is an attorney residing in Colorado with his wife, Beth, and their two children, Erik and Ian. . . . James Martin works as an editor and is living in Norwalk, Conn., with his wife, Jacqueline, and their son, Wyatt. . . . Carol Simon has established quite a reputation as women's basketball coach at Brandeis. The team has won five New 8 championships and one ECAC Conference Division III tournament. Way to go, Carol! . . . Mary-Jane James-Pirri is working in the mosquito abatement office of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management. MJ writes, "the office was 'abuzz' with activity this past summer due to the unprecedented amount of eastern equine encephalitis isolated from mosquitoes trapped in Rhode Island." . . . Ann-Meg White and husband Sean Padgett have a new addition to the family: Sarah Louise. They moved to Arlington, Mass., last fall. . . . Mike Muir is very proud of his son, Chris, 6, who started kindergarten last fall and is now "reading up a storm." Mike works as a practicum supervisor for the University of Maine at Farmington. . . . Laura Mahoney was married to Terry McGovern. Laura is a planning consultant, and they reside in Newton, Mass. . . . Elliot Kolodny and his wife, Andrea, just purchased a new home in Chalfont, Pa., and should be moved in by the time you read this. Elliot

writes, "My relationships with many of my Colby friends continue to be among my strongest." ... Steve Lawson spends his spare time with his children, Timothy and twins Charlotte and Shane. Steve and his wife, Suzanne, built a house and moved to Wilbraham, Mass., last year. ... Sheryl Larson Mortensen and her husband, Rodney, are building a house. "Life is hectic and wonderful with two little ones," says Sheryl. ... Beth Towle was married to Timothy Locke, and they are now living in Winchester, Mass. In attendance at the ceremony were Shannon Morrissey and Donny Cronin, Marybeth Boland Haut, Sandra Winship '84 and Wayne Eddy, Carolyn (Boynott '84) and Kevin Bruen, Karen Marquardt McLellan '84, Lisa Maria Booth and Wendy Neville Kraunelis. ... Jeffrey D. Smith was appointed chief operations officer, vice president of Camden National Corporation, a holding company engaged in banking and trust services. Jeff is also pursuing his master's in business administration at Thomas College. ... Kelli Crump is engaged to Michael Guehl Jr. of Methuen, Mass. Kelli is an equity assistant at Dewey Square Investors, Boston. ... Diedre Galvin-Wemple has been appointed to the position of development associate at Mount Aloysius College. Deidre will research funding sources for the college, draft grant proposals and correspond with donors.

—Barbara Knox Autran

86 Ego-surfing, anyone? I would love to take the credit for creating the Class of '86 homepage on Colby's Web site, but that honor goes to David Epstein, who called me in March to let me know he was working on setting it up. Check it out (www.colby.edu/classof1986). We've put up some great nude photos from the 10th reunion and listed all your personal phone and pager numbers. (Just kidding—this is Colby, remember?) Someday maybe we'll have our very own Web site, complete with an '80s soundtrack, a virtual Green Death party and a real-time discussion on the topic "A Liberal Arts Degree: Useful or Almost Useless?" I can dream, can't I? ... Anyway, back to Dave Epstein. He's still doing the weather thing, but only part time now. He lives in Boston and works for a company called First Call, which distributes research data to stock brokers. Doesn't sound nearly as exciting as predicting major storm systems, but I bet the pay is better. It was great to get a phone call from a classmate! I'll check with my boss to see if I'm allowed to give out my company's toll-free number. ... I got an e-mail from William Arsenis, who lives in Athens, Greece. He is now working as a pilot for an Irish company called Transliff and was recently promoted to captain. He says his family unit

includes his classical guitarist wife, Maria Michalitsanou, his 10-year-old son, his dog and his Pentium 133 (us computer geeks are everywhere!). ... Welcome home to Joyce Sutton Anderson and her husband, Kevin, who have returned to the States after almost two years in Alexandria, Egypt. Joyce is a French teacher at Winchester High School in Melrose, Mass., and Kevin is a civil engineer. Their family includes Lindsay, 6, and James, 4. ... Note to Laurie, Suzanne, and M.L.: Ann Sanborn Ciulla would love to know how you all are, so please write and tell me (or call if I get that toll-free thing worked out). Ann and her husband, Sal, live in Laguna Niguel, Calif., with their daughter, Madison, 1. Another addition to the family was expected in July. Ann asked for name suggestions for Baby #2, but hopefully they have one picked out by now. ... The name dilemma was easily solved for Elise McDonough Gardner and her husband, Dozier. Their son, Dozier Lee, was born in September, and as Elise described it, he is "the fifth or sixth male in the family to be graced with the name!" They live in Winchester, Mass., with their two dogs. ... More on names (and dogs). Sheila Duffy has chosen some clever

of Commerce Board in Vermont. Tom is director of development at Vermont Academy in Saxtons River, Vt., where he lives with his wife, Victoria. I bet you never thought I would hear about this, did you, Ox? Congratulations! ... That's it for now. Please write and respond to my surveys or I may have to start pestering you (especially now that I can download your pager numbers from the class homepage). Thanks again to Dave E. for his help. Happy late summer to everyone.

—Wendy Lapham RUSK

88 Thanks to Sara Dickison, who's been busy as a recruiter in Boston, for all her time with this column. I'm the director of marketing and account management at an interactive advertising agency in New York City. I'm also having an apartment with a rooftop patio (big coup in N.Y.C.!) so it should incite many BBQs with good friends! I hope that includes Mark Wylie, who oversees the public relations department at Best Buddies, a nonprofit organization based in Miami, Fla., and Brenda Kneuer Zurita and Vanessa Reed, who keep promising a visit. Vanessa, a sales executive for a publishing firm in Massachusetts, travels extensively.

Brenda and her husband, William, own a home in Arlington, Va., near Brenda's job in Washington, D.C. ... Melissa Ruff and her fiancé, Steve (and three cats), are tying the knot this July after a whirlwind romance. Mel, who is a social worker and director of student life in Boston, made a Caribbean cruise with Hope Worden. ... In addition to working as the director of Grand County Resources for Youth (nonprofit drug and alcohol prevention organization), Kate Walker seems busy with serious skiing and snowshoeing in Fraser, Colo. Kate attended Lorin Haugh's wedding last October. ... Brian Smith graduated in May with a Ph.D. in justice studies from Arizona State University. His dog, Jasper, "the fastest dog in Tempe," tags along on his rollerblading and hiking escapades. ... Maybe Whitney Kelting's dog, Gloucester ("the big red hound"), can give Jasper a run for his money. Whitney and her husband, Steve Runge '87, live in Waltham, Mass., where Whitney teaches ESL classes and works for RIM, a refugee assistance and resettlement organization. Whitney, "finally done with school after 25 years," completed her Ph.D. in South Asian religions. She keeps in touch with Hillary Seward, Lisa Kearney, Chris Brown, Nancy Knapp and Hank and Cindy Hudson Whittenberg. ... Sheila Rudolph Correia is a research lab technologist at Mass General and nurtures a side-business in graphics for science. She mentioned that Alexandra Motyka Duffy had her second son, Brian, this past October and

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State Rep. Paul Doyle '85 (D-Wethersfield, Conn.) was named to the Toll Fellowship program, tapping him as one of 40 emerging state leaders from across the country. ... Maura Smith '88, associate editor and writer of business stories for *Forbes* magazine, recently switched gears with a humorous, fact-based fiction piece in *Portland* magazine.



Maura Smith '88

MILEPOSTS

Births: A son, Dean Arthur Smith, to Mark '80 and Patricia Valavanis Smith '80. ... A son, Nathaniel Alexander Hokanson Strein, to Dennis Stein and Kimberly Hokanson '81. ... A daughter, Kaitlyn Julie Leerburger-Mahl, to David Mahl and Marian Leerburger-Mahl '84. ... A daughter, Bridget Eva Horwood, to Frederick '87 and Gail Glickman Horwood '86.

monikers for her two chocolate Labs: Nestle and Toblerone. I guess that's better than the names I would have picked (Chip and Malt). Sheila now lives in Santa Fe, N.M., with husband Raymond Broussard and 1-year-old daughter Larkin. ... Kathleen Hooper Zane is happy and busy as a new mom and homeowner in Guilford, Conn., where she lives with husband Chris and 1-year-old son Ian. They moved into their house a mere five days after Ian was born—yikes! Kathleen caught up with classmates Dan MacDonald, Kelly Donahoe and Jay and Lori O'Keefe Burke at Heather Cameron '87's wedding last fall. ... I got a news clipping announcing that Tom Oxholm was recently elected president of the Great Falls Regional Chamber

of Commerce. ... Maybe Whitney Kelting's dog, Gloucester ("the big red hound"), can give Jasper a run for his money. Whitney and her husband, Steve Runge '87, live in Waltham, Mass., where Whitney teaches ESL classes and works for RIM, a refugee assistance and resettlement organization. Whitney, "finally done with school after 25 years," completed her Ph.D. in South Asian religions. She keeps in touch with Hillary Seward, Lisa Kearney, Chris Brown, Nancy Knapp and Hank and Cindy Hudson Whittenberg. ... Sheila Rudolph Correia is a research lab technologist at Mass General and nurtures a side-business in graphics for science. She mentioned that Alexandra Motyka Duffy had her second son, Brian, this past October and

that Terry Allen and his wife had a new baby recently. . . . **Daniel "Chip" Nyhan** and his wife, Mary, are in the midst of the "terrible twos" with their son, Graham. Chip and his wife, teachers in New Hampshire, are researching teaching opportunities at American schools in Europe. . . . **Carol O'Hanlon Ishiguro** works from home doing Japanese translation while being a full-time mom to her daughter, Bonnie Grace, born in December 1994. . . . **David and Leslie Migliaccio Mitchell** enjoy their two girls, Eliza and Isabel. Leslie is a comptroller at Northeast Healthcare, and Dave is vice president in portfolio management at Fleet Bank in Providence, R.I. . . . **Derek Sappenfield** received his M.B.A. from Duke last May. . . . **Jennifer Spencer Haddock** enjoys spying famous authors in Manchester, Vt., where she works as a graphic designer/bookseller at the Northshire Bookstore. She says, "I read great books all the time and have met Pat Conroy, Stephen King, Anne Rice and Richard Ford." . . . Having ventured to Alaska for a summer stay six years ago, **David Rand** has been in Anchorage ever since and works as a general manager at Landis & Staefa (a subsidiary of Siemens). He also will complete his M.B.A. by year's end. He plans to visit newlyweds Ellen and Rich Mueller, who reside in Guatemala. Dave also mentioned **Marc Cadieux's** upcoming marriage in July. . . . **Kristin Sween** and her boyfriend (and dalmation Caesar) enjoy life on Cape Cod. Kristin, anxiously awaiting graduation from Boston College with a master's in social work, has "no clue" as to where she will be or what she will be doing, but her tenacity and "need to make a difference in other's lives" promise an amazing future. . . . **Muffy Guthrie** is a technical support specialist at a New England prepress equipment supplier and plans a move to Needham, Mass. Muffy and Vanessa Hemsley traveled to Vermont to celebrate with **Tom Charlton** and his wife, Katherine—Tom was ordained as a Baptist minister. He did his graduate studies at the Israel Institute in the Mideast and finished his master's degree at Gordon Conwell Theological School in Boston. Muffy also reports that **Lynn and Jonathan Radtke** live in an amazing home in Portland, Maine (previous owner was a wagon painter with Barnum & Bailey Circus). Muffy also ran into **Pamela Parker**, who resides in Augusta, Maine, and works for the DEP. . . . Other '88ers are in Maine. **Nell Walker** is building her law firm in Portland. **Kate Kfoury** resides in Freeport and works as an advisory client rep for IBM. After a number of years in Colby's Alumni Office, **Mary Federle Porter** is busy with her three children, Molly, Aliza and Samuel, in Cumberland, Maine. No doubt she bumps into **Laurie Meehan Reed**, **Lisa Collett Hook** and **Toby and Vickie Caron Bell**, also Cumberland residents. **Toby**, who is at Bath Iron Works, and **Vickie**, who recently started a new job in the real estate department at Hannaford Brothers, are busy landscaping their new house. They heard from **Sean Collins**, who

is in the midst of developing a Web site for the Class of '88. **Toby** also keeps in touch with **Randy Catlin**, a project manager for Shawmut Construction in Boston. **Randy** currently is overseeing the 25,000-square-foot addition to FAO Schwartz in N.Y.C. . . . If you keep up your end of the bargain by writing, I promise to deliver the news on time!

—*Lauren Frazza*

89 **Dave McCauley** is looking for any alumni up in the Montreal area; he has been the international sales and finance manager for Michelex Industrial Group in Massena, N.Y. Although he's way up there, his job has allowed him to travel to South America and the Mediterranean looking for new markets for cassettes and CDs. . . . **Andrew Ayers** is in his third year at Georgetown Medical School and will be Dr. Ayers by our next reunion. He also has taught at the Delbarton School in Morristown, N.J., and has an M.S. in physiology from Georgetown as well. . . . **Dayna Adams** met her future husband on an airplane and has now moved to Denver, Colo., after six years in Mexico. Her previous hotel experience helped her land the position of director of revenue management for four hotels in Denver. She and her fiancé are gutting and remodeling their future house and planning their August 23 wedding. Best of luck! . . . **Wendy Bellerman** is a Ph.D. student in medieval literature at NYU, keeping busy teaching freshman composition (grading papers!), taking kung fu classes and searching for hiking areas in New Jersey. . . . Congrats to **Robin Trend Baughan** and her husband, **Max**, who had a daughter on October 8, 1996. **Natalie** is reportedly keeping them very busy, especially since she never naps. **Robin** is a broker manager for Aetna/US Healthcare, and **Max** is a golf professional. Currently they live in Branford, Conn., with their two chocolate Labs but may be moving to Tampa soon. **Robin** is also looking for news from **Alison Wright** and **Kristen Palmer**. . . . **Anne (Burger)** and **Majester Abdul-Jalil** are living in West Virginia, where **Majester** is a master's student in biology at Marshall University of Graduate Studies. **Anne** is an academic tutor and a full-time mom—wow! Their first child, **Maryam Hannah**, was born January 29, 1997, at 5 lbs, 8 oz. **Majester** also trains for triathlons and is applying to medical schools—best of luck! He also wonders where **Ahmed Arif** and **Richard Lasley** are these days. . . . **Jeff Ward** graduated from the Darden School of Business Administration at the University of Virginia and is now an investment banking associate at Paine Webber, N.Y.C. He recently married fellow Darden graduate **Michelle Thomas**, who now works for **Arthur Andersen** as a management consultant. . . . **Rob Cloutier** graduated from UVM Medical School in 1995 and is now an emergency medicine resident at the Medical College of Pennsylvania. **Rob** married his COOT leader, **Nicola Rotberg '88** (who also graduated

from UVM med school), after their second year in school. They figured if they could get through the basic sciences together, they could get through anything! **Nicola** is an Ob-Gyn resident at Temple. Much thanks for all the advice, **Rob**!

—*Deborah Greene*

90 **Margaret Clymer** has taken a leave of absence from her job as a high school teacher in Seattle and is now teaching elementary school in a rural community in Costa Rica. Before returning to Latin America (**Margaret** spent a semester in Ecuador during our junior year), she ran in the Seattle Marathon, which she counts among her major achievements. **Margaret** writes, "I am learning Spanish, and much more! . . . It's been a big year for me!" . . . **Reed Bernhard**, a lieutenant in the Navy since 1992, flies helicopters off of aircraft carriers in the Adriatic, the Persian Gulf and the Red Sea. **Reed** will move this fall to Whidbey Island, Wash., north of Seattle. He plans to go to graduate school there, in addition to flying mountain search and rescue missions. . . . **Ted Walsh** and his wife, **Maya Glos '91**, are living in New Hampshire, where **Ted** is special assistant to New Hampshire's first woman governor, **Jeanne Shaheen**, and **Maya** is a teacher at Portsmouth High School. . . . **Megan Wahl** is still teaching seventh grade science in Delaware and is now a dean of students. She coaches field hockey and lacrosse and during school vacations organizes youth white-water rafting expeditions, including an upcoming trip to Chile. She does a lot of camping with her Labrador puppy. . . . **Lisa Wright** teaches biology at Tidewater Community College in Virginia Beach, Va., and is applying to graduate school for a master's degree in biology or education. **Lisa** says she enjoys teaching and is blessed with two wonderful children, a son and a daughter. . . . **Steve Coan** recently moved from Birmingham, Mich., and is now in Marion, Mass. About his work in the sales training program for Titleist, **Steve** writes, "I found the job I've always wanted, working with the company I always wanted to work for, working in an industry that I love (golf)." . . . **Dana Frost Allara** is in Beverly, Mass., and is taking a break from her career as a school psychologist to be a stay-at-home mom for a while. Her son, **Michael**, was born in the fall of 1996; her husband, **Mark**, is a family practice physician. . . . **Janet Palmer Blaney Walsh** lives in Millis, Mass., with her husband, **Dominic**, and her son, **Conor Crosby Walsh**. Before they were married, **Janet** and **Dominic** spent a year traveling around the world, living in Australia, Europe, Southeast Asia and the South Pacific. Since returning to the States, they've lived in San Francisco and Maine (where **Janet** worked at L.L. Bean) before settling in Millis to raise their family. **Crosby** was born in the summer of 1996, and **Janet** is now staying at home with him and taking computer science courses to-

ward a degree as a systems analyst. . . . John Woods and his wife, Jane, live in Charlottesville, Va., where John is an attorney at the firm of Sands, Anderson, and Marks and Jane is a second grade teacher. John is also a ski coach at a local ski resort. . . . Jack '91 and Katherine Cole Aydelott live in Eastford, Conn. They were married at Colby in June 1996 and have recently bought a beautiful 1850 Colonial house in rural Connecticut. Katherine is completing her doctorate in English, and Jack is working as a chef at the Inn at Woodstock Hill. . . . Anne Cirillo and her husband, Rob Freedman, live in Boise, Idaho, with their two children, Hayden Marie and Riley Suzanne. Anne describes herself as a "very part-time preschool teacher" and says Rob is a corporate attorney. . . . Bill Aguiar is at George Washington University Law School in D.C. and has already landed a job, beginning

after he graduates, at the Chicago firm of Schiff, Hardin, and Waite. Bill tells me that Christy Law got married last fall to Kevin Blanchard (whose sister is Shauna '91). Christy and Kevin are now living in Providence, R.I., where Christy is the communications manager for the State of Rhode Island Employees Retirement System. Shauna, also married, lives in Washington, D.C., where she works for the Peace Corps. At Christy's wedding, Bill caught up with Holly Peirce, who is currently working on a doctorate in international relations/Latin American affairs at the University of Miami, and Janet Boudreau, who will graduate from Harvard Business School this May. Janet is also planning a June wedding. . . . Kerri Weise Augusto recently completed her doctorate in clinical psychology and is now working toward state licensure in Massachusetts. Kerri and her husband, Jonathan Augusto, just bought a home in Millbury, Mass. Kerri is teaching psychology at Becker College, and Jonathan is a veterinarian.

—Laura Senier

91 Thank you for all of the news. Rich Rusnack wrote in from Fish Creek, Wis., that he is currently the president of Contractual Enterprises, Inc., a retail, manufacturing, brokerage and database management company. He moved to Wisconsin from Breckenridge, Colo., and he misses the lifestyle he had in a small ski town. . . . Christine Murphy Abbatiello is currently working as a business development manager in Bolton, Mass. She is married to Thomas Abbatiello '89, and they spend their spare time (and money) fixing up their old country house. . . . Elin Baird has started a Ph.D. program in counseling psychology and is living in Denver, Colo. She would love to hear from other Colby alumni in the Denver area. . . . Trevor Braden is a biology and earth science teacher in Sedona, Ariz.—at the same school the parents of Jen

Porter '93 taught at 25 years ago. He and Jen are still together, and Trevor writes that he is addicted to kayak building and paddling as well as mountain biking. . . . Dan and Leslie Eydenberg Bouvier were married on August 17, 1996, and currently live in New York City. Lesley is assistant vice president at Bankers Trust, and Dan is doctor of orthopedic surgery at St. Lukes/Roosevelt Hospital. There were many Class of '91 alumni in their wedding, including Jessica Butler, Leaf Ives, Tree Sullivan, Julie Collard, Peter Antall, Matt Dumas, Matt Melander and Erik Potholm. A spring wedding is planned for Leaf Ives and Arthur Gurr. She works for Larson-Juhl Company, and he is employed by Bacardi International in Bermuda. . . . Other wedding/engagement news: Catherine Giles and Scott Stecher were to be married July 19. Tara Taupier married Dan Donoghue on April 20,

**Sarah Nagle '93 got engaged high atop
Rockefeller Plaza in New York City, had baked
Alaska and champagne and doesn't
remember anything.**

Laura Pizzarello is engaged to Norwood Scott '89, and Andrea Walker '93 is engaged to Corey Fravert. . . . Lauren Knebel has completed one year of graduate school and is living in Brookline, Mass. . . . Beth Ackroyd is a first grade teacher in Needham, Mass. She reports enjoying teaching in both urban and suburban areas and recently enjoyed skiing in Utah. . . . Susan Cummings, who works as a manager of client services, was to marry John Wiseman on June 14 and live in Winchester, Mass. . . . Heidi Meyers Waugh, married to attorney Ted Waugh, is living in Ellicott City, Md., and working as an attorney and urban planner. In addition to attaining her law degree from American University in May 1994, she also completed a master's degree in urban planning. . . . I recently received a copy of a news article about Kay Cowperthwait, currently the coach of the three-year-old Stanford University women's varsity lacrosse team. She recruits high school players, mostly on the East Coast, and has been praised for her efforts at building the Stanford program. . . . My own news is that I gave birth to my second child on May 2. His name is Max, and he and his 18-month old sister are keeping me busy! Keep in touch, everybody!

—Jennifer Wood Jencks

93 Greetings, earthlings! I hope the summer is treating you well and that you are applying your SPF diligently and liberally! Imagine that, as we speak, we are less than one year away from our fifth-year reunion—Mayflower Hill revisited. A little older. A little wiser. A little more psyched to rage. It is not too soon to dust

off your tin of dip and your Coed Naked Beer Die T-shirt for another go-at-it in June of 1997. Let's collectively say, "I'm there" and make it the best dad-blamed reunion in the history of our alma mater! Yahoo! More to come on that subject, you can be sure. . . . Chinny (Chris Chin) sent me a very informative letter from his abode in Portland, Maine, where he works for a financial group. He is engaged to be married in March 1998 (congrats!) and sees Colby faces at Gritty McDuff's from time to time. He heard from Ellie North, who is studying for her midwife's license at Simmons College in Boston, and Dave Bartlett, who "left his job for Rounder Records to go on tour with a band called Cape Cod Charlie and the Weedwackers." Sounds dubious to me. He also supplied an outlandish account of Mike Powers in the role of personal skiing instructor to Drew Bledsoe (QB for N.E.

Patriots) in Whitefish, Mont. Wonders never cease! . . . Laura Steinbrink is a fund raiser for the Cuyahoga County Republican Party in Ohio and was quoted in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* as saying that Colby is a "typical ivory tower liberal bastion." Is that a direct quote from Dole's Commencement speech? . . . Karyl Brewster-Geis is currently going for her M.S. in marine ecology at UMD and writing her thesis on sandsharks. . . . Also studying along those lines is Betsy Arden, who is at Oregon State getting her M.S. in marine resource management. She lives with her cat, Wyatt, and plans to sail around the world with Bart Rickards, who is in the venture services group at Robertson, Stephens & Co. in San Francisco. . . . Also in Oregon is Anny Mahoney, who is at the U of Oregon getting her degree in architecture. . . . Continuing across the Pacific Ocean you will find Ari Druker in Japan working for Maxxel. . . . I just got e-mail from Tim von Jess the other day telling me that he couldn't be happier with his recent move out to Deerfield, Mass., to work in fund raising at his pre-high school alma mater, Eaglebrook. . . . Sarah Lee also loves her job—she is a television reporter for WNCT in Greenville, N.C. She also ran the N.Y. Marathon last year. Congratulations, Sarah. . . . Also working in the television industry is Naomi Pietrucha, who works for CNBC's *Rivera Live*—Gerald Rivera's nighttime show. . . . Other congrats go to Jason Pizer and Jeff Baron, who are engaged (not to each other), and to Kristin Ostrom Allen, who was married last summer, with Sheri Petelle in the wedding and Laura Schuler attending. . . . Tasha Worster will graduate in 1998 from UVM College of Medicine, and Amira Bahu has one more year of med school at Rush in Chicago. . . . This just in: Sarah Nagle is engaged to be married in the spring of '98 in Los Angeles, Calif. She got engaged high atop Rockefeller Plaza in N.Y.C.,

had baked Alaska and champagne and doesn't remember anything! Congratulations, Sarah! ... Please send me letters! Bye bye now.

—Elizabeth Curran

94 After a summer on Fire Island, N.Y., Jeff Carter entered the U of Iowa's School of Nursing and would love to hear from any alumni living in the Iowa City area. ... Matthew Gaines, working on a master's degree in physical therapy, enjoyed climbing the Cascade Mountains with Paul Kim and Eric Sokol. ... Last fall Thomas Gully, a sales rep with Axis Communications in Massachusetts, and Karen Schofield were engaged to be married. ... Also announcing their engagement are Teresa Lutjen and Shawn Keeler, who is employed by First USA Bank in Wilmington, Del. ... After working at an orphanage in Guatemala and teaching history in New Hampshire, David Holtzman became a part-time writer/reporter for a Boston-area newspaper. ... Erik Johnson was also in Guatemala last summer to learn Spanish. ... Connie Huffine, a scientist with a bio-tech company, lives in San Francisco with Jeff Zlot '93. She wrote that Rachel Herf and Sarah Whitely live together in Boston; Andie Sulak moved to San Francisco from Colorado; Michelle Satterlee moved from San Francisco to Los Angeles; and Kim Kessler, who frequently sees Megan Campbell and Jason Sudano, works at Christie's Auction House in New York City. Kim, Julie Cyr and Holly Coxé '93 served as bridesmaids at the June '96 wedding of Ried and Laura Keally Heywood. Laura, a research associate at State Street Consultants, and Ried, a purchasing agent at Stone Webster, live in Charlestown, Mass. ... Beth Scoville teaches English in Japan, and Bob Schneider is back from Europe. ... In Limestone, Maine, Josette Huntress is the director of student support services at the Maine School of Science and Math, a school she helped to start. ... Carie King works in administration at Desert Academy and loves Santa Fe. ... Andrew Kulmatiski, a "professional student" at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies for the next three years, is working on a nutrient cycling project and looking forward to some world-wide sampling. ... After teaching Spanish and living in the dorm for the Madiera School in Virginia for the past three years, Caroline Grab will study for her master's at Columbia University's Teacher's College. ... Last August Jennifer Chasin moved to rural Oregon, where she enjoys working as a family educator at Head Start. ... Last fall Joseph Jabar joined the firm of A.G. Edwards of Waterville as an investment broker. ... Jessica Haskell performed in "Dreamscapes," an audience-interactive, improvisational piece based on the techniques of the Playback Theater Method. ... Zachary Geisz and Karyl Brewster-Geisz '93, a marine ecology student at the University of Maryland, share an apartment near D.C. with Doug Hill,

a TA at Maryland studying social psychology. Zachary freelanced as a sound operator for the production of *Shear Madness* at the Kennedy Center and worked at other area theaters while writing two plays that were produced last summer: *The Big Question* in Bethesda, Md., and *Goat Song at a Public School*, a radio play in Grover Beach, Calif. He also enjoyed a visit from Geoff Harvey, who is working in Binghamton, N.Y., and came to see the Olympic soccer games. ... Jenna Dinn, proud to participate in the Boston to New York AIDS Ride 2 last year, was doing research and development for Behring Diagnostics to create new blood tests for HIV and hepatitis B and hoping to go west to pursue a Ph.D. in biochem. Jenna frequently saw Greg Lynch, who ran the N.Y.C. Marathon last fall and was teaching chem and biology and coaching cross-country and basketball. She also heard from Kebba Tolbert, head coach of track and field at Iowa Wesleyan College, and Rob Aldrich, who was working in Colorado. ... Jonathan Kaplan received his M.A. in public policy from the University of Chicago and is an economic policy analyst at The Progressive Policy Institute in D.C. He wrote that Erik Belenky planned to work for a law firm in Atlanta after graduation from Duke Law School and that TJ Winick is an on-air reporter for the NBC affiliate in Ft. Myers, Fla. ... After working at a D.C. public relations firm and serving as Senator Judd Greg's (R-NH) deputy press secretary, Laurie Silverman has moved into the position of the senator's press secretary. ... Congratulations to Mark and Seven Lathrop Grenier, whose daughter, Rebecca Bruce, was born last August and to Kelly O'Rourke and Leif Merryfield '93, who married in October and honeymooned in Arizona.

—Alicia S. Hidalgo

95 Thanks go out to Dave Chen for helping to get the Class of '95 Web site up and running (www.colby.edu/alumni). Dave works at TechKnowledge, Inc. in Maine. ... Sue Nackoney is working in Oregon to protect designated forest areas. ... Prior to attending grad school, Jeff Harrison was working in Mexico on a geology exploration with a copper mining company. ... William Gillis was living in Paris, where he is doing a number of things, including historical research and coaching young French kids to play basketball. He wrote at a time that Pete Gates was over for a visit. ... There have been or will be a number of marriages. Cal '92 and Aimee Flores Wheaton were married on July 13, 1996, in Connecticut. Aimee is a med student at Penn State College of Medicine, and Cal is an investment banker at Alex. Brown & Sons; they commute to their home in Maryland on weekends, along with their beagle. Colby people in attendance included Kristen Fowler, Jen Brown, Vaughn Chau, Maureen Finn, Krista Gai '92, Beth Baumer '92, Eric Schwartz '96

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and Allan Ingraham '96. Mark Mellyn '92, Charles Beeler '93 and Christopher Wilde '94 were ushers. The couple honeymooned in Vatulake Island, Fiji and Lake Tahoe. ... Laura Moore Johnson married Tim Johnson on July 20, 1996. Laura is working at the Smithsonian Institution as a designer, and Tim is a counselor and a basketball coach. They bought a "fixer upper" five bedroom in An-

napolis, Md. . . . **Regina Wlodarski** and **Keith Kruger** are to be married this month. They live in Stamford, Conn., and Regina works in N.Y.C. . . . **Michelle Friedland**, who is in Bath, Maine, as an editor and feature writer for a weekly newspaper, will be marrying **Tim Gagnon** next month at the Colby Chapel. Also to be married in August are **Betsy Robinson** and **Jason Phillips '96**. The wedding is in Minnesota, and they will be honeymooning in Bermuda. Betsy is currently studying epidemiology at the University of Minnesota as part of her master's in public health and will be attending dental school there in the fall. Jason is working at a computer networking company.

. . . **Fred Webster** and **Heather Johnson** are to be married on August 30. They are currently living in Seattle, where Fred is an account executive with American Sales Leads and Heather is an administrative assistant with EES Consulting, Inc. Colby grads at their engagement party in Chicago included **Brendan Cavanaugh**, a med student at Rush Medical School, and **Jay Collins '93**. . . . **Tracy Patton** is marrying **Kurt Zschau** this year as well. . . . I also have been told that **Pete Murphy** is to be married this year. . . . **April Armstrong** wanted me to let folks know that she did indeed graduate this spring, although it was reported a few issues back that that would not happen until '98. . . . **Cristina Harris** is working in Maryland. . . . **Darcie Labrecque** is in grad school. . . . **Kathryn Steele '93** is living in Pennsylvania. . . . **Erin Naftel** has been working at a law firm in Boston but is now managing at a Sheraton resort in Vomo Island, Fiji. She is planning on heading to law school this fall. . . . **Missy Smith** is now a program manager for an AmeriCorps program called the New Jersey Community Scholars Corp. in Princeton, N.J. The program is a consortium of eight colleges and universities, each with five to 10 students who have committed to two years of service. Prior to that, Missy was a volunteer with City Year. . . . **Lee Paprocki** is a researcher/organizer at a grassroots environmental group in Sheridan, Wyo. She drove cross country by herself on the way to Wyoming, stopping all along the way. One of her stops included **Darrell Sofield**, a grad student in volcanology in Michigan. Lee plans on attending grad school this fall for hydrology. . . . **Kristen Hansen** recently left her job at the Massachusetts State Labs to work on a boat in a program for high schoolers on Long Island Sound. She plans to attend med school in the fall. . . . **Lisa Kenerson** is a teaching assistant at an elementary school in Bedford, Mass., and is an applicant for a 1997-98 Rotary scholar-

ship to study education at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand.

—*Alyssa Falwell*

96 Hello again, classmates! **Tina Garand** is in the Peace Corps in Africa and loving every minute of it. She has learned to play guitar and hopes to be able to travel and visit **Jen Pope**, who is in Mali. . . . **Grace Jeanes** has gone into business with **Laura Iorio '95** manufacturing custom-made horse boxes. Grace lives in Boston. . . . **Rebecca Mawn**, who is a graduate student at Lesley College, is studying to get her master's and teacher's certification in elementary education. Rebecca also sees **Anne Robinson**, who has been accepted to numerous law schools on the East Coast and has gotten

as a deck hand on *Westward* in the North Atlantic. . . . **Brant Janeway** works as a publicity assistant at Random House in New York City. He attended New York Film Academy and created his own short film in addition to working on three other films. . . . **Josh Morris** revels in the re-release of *Star Wars*. He reveals that the jokes in "Seinfeld" are written for a New York audience, which is why people from Maine don't get them. Josh declares his occupation to be a mover/telemarketer. . . . **Eric Loth** is in insurance sales and lives in Portland, Maine. He anticipates a trip to L.A. to visit **Erick Gustavson** and **Rob Sutter**. . . . **Gregg Leblanc** works as an underwriter for American International Group in N.Y.C. He lives with **Alex Talbot**, who is a cook at Park

Avenue Cafe. . . . Apparently **Jeff Sklarz** proved that he has a huge appetite—he ate a 21-lb. pastrami sandwich at the Carnegie Deli and left with one to go on a recent visit! . . . In June **Aran Ryan** joined WEFA group, an economic forecasting and consulting firm, as an economic analyst. Aran ensures that he is taking care to feed his muses in the dynamic city of Philadelphia. . . . **Erin Mahon** works at Mount Snow in W. Dover, Vt. Erin enjoyed much snowboarding last winter and planned to work on an organic greens farm on Cape Cod this summer. He traveled cross

NEWSMAKERS

Noah E. Wepman '96 is the new assistant editor at *Campaigns & Elections* magazine and reports on initiatives and referenda, FEC, FCC and election law. . . . **Dan Harris '93** is now weekend anchorperson on the New England Cable News Network. . . . **Army Spec. Daniel S. Sevilla '93** graduated from advanced individual training at the U.S. Army Infantry School of Fort Benning, Ga. . . . **Jon Pataki '97** is the new editor of *Coastal Journal* in Bath, Maine.

MILEPOSTS

Marriages: **Danielle L. Jamison '94** to **Robert L. Benedetto**, in Providence, R.I.

engaged to **Woody Pollack '97**. Anne is an administrative assistant at a Boston telemedicine firm but will head to law school in September. . . . **Susannah Kowal** is working as an occupational therapist with special needs students at the Cotting School in Lexington, Mass. . . . **Suzanne Kulin** works as an aid for special needs students at Lexington High School. . . . **Kim Verner** also works with children and has been interning with an early intervention program in Waltham and Winchester, Mass. Kim hopes to get her master's in counseling/expressive therapy at Lesley College. . . . I received a curious response from **Jonathan Cannon**, who, curiously, lives in Vermont but claims to be held prisoner in a Sri Lankan prison for crimes he claims not to have committed. Hmm. . . . **Casey McCullough** is finishing his first year at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and pursuing a five year dual-degree program with St. Joseph's University that will lead to D.O./M.B.A. He is still playing hockey and playing the saxophone and the flute. . . . **K. Liisi Linask** is a research assistant at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical Department of Molecular Genetics & Biology. . . . **Andrew Minkiewicz** is a law school applicant who has traveled to Poland, the Czech Republic and Austria this year. He is working

country with **Tobi Scipione** for seven weeks as well as substitute teaching. . . . **Sarah Morgan** is the acting director of audiovisual services at Bowdoin College. She has recently spoken at two conferences: "Women in Society" in New York and "Reading Stephen King" in Maine. Sarah excitedly reports that she has hundreds of feet of coaxial cable at her disposal. . . . **Craig Murray** is the manager of Office Furniture USA. Some big events in Craig's life include the grand opening of his store and the anticipation of two more openings in 1997. . . . **Big Earl Lewis** is a research technician at Thomas Jefferson University in Philly. Earl also moonlights as a homebrewer and completed his first dark brown ale for the Superbowl. . . . **Gwen Nicol** is a nursing student at the B.S.N. program at Johns Hopkins School of Nursing. Gwen has become engaged to **Christian Citarella '95**, and the two planned an August wedding in Pennsylvania. . . . **Lissa McDonnell** teaches elementary school English and environmental education in a tiny town on the Pacific coast of Costa Rica with World Teach. Lissa attended **Lindsay Frantz's** wedding in Canada, where she saw **Elizabeth Garbe**, **Grace Jeanes**, **Georgia Bryant** and **Jessie Palmer**. . . . I'll include the remainder of the news in the next magazine!

—*Amie Sicchitano*



O B I T U A R I E S



Clifford O.T. Wieden '23, March 3, 1997, in Presque Isle, Maine, at 94. He became president of Aroostook State Normal School in 1952 and guided the school to its current position as the University of Maine at Presque Isle. He was awarded numerous honors for community service throughout his professional career. Survivors include his son, Clifford O.T. Wieden Jr., and his daughter, Carolyn Carey, a brother, 11 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Arlene Mann Peakes, Nov. 28, 1995, in Gorham, Maine, at 89. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate, she was a school teacher in Strong, Mexico, Rumford, Brewer and Bangor, Maine. She was a member of several teachers organizations and served a variety of local boards and associations. Predeceased by her husband, Lawrence A. Peakes '28, she is survived by her daughter, JoAnn Mary Thomas, a son, David Peakes, her sister, Melva Mann Farnum '23, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

G. Hersom Lambert '30, Dec. 27, 1996, in Modesto, Calif., at 91. Following service in World War II, he was a medical officer for a company in China. Later he served for 28 years as chief radiologist at Gould Medical Group and Downy Park Group in Modesto. He is survived by a son, Ronald Lambert, a daughter, Mrs. Wayne Healey, a brother and sister, four granddaughters and 10 great-grandchildren.

Ernest J. Theberge '30, Feb. 15, 1997, in North Andover, Mass., at 91. From 1936 to 1963 he owned and operated Theberge Keystone Coal and Oil Company in Lawrence, Mass. He also worked for a real estate business and as a teacher for the Tarbox School in Lawrence. He is survived by two sons, Paul and John Theberge, and a daughter, Nancy Theberge.

David S. Carr '33, Feb. 11, 1997, in Bradenton, Fla., at 85. He earned a law degree from Boston University, served in the Navy during World War II and was a director and sales manager for National Drug Co. in Philadelphia for 20 years. He is survived by his wife, Marge, a daughter, a son, two grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

Edward W. Sawyer '33, Jan. 9, 1997, in Caldwell, Idaho, at 83. He graduated from West Point. After serving in the Philippines in World War II, he carried out staff and command duties in the States until his retirement in 1964. For the next 18 years he taught business administration at the College of Idaho. Survivors include a son, John Sawyer, a daughter, Durand Marcus, and several grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Adelaide Jordan Cleaves '34, Sept. 16, 1996, in Scarborough, Maine, at 83. A homemaker, she

is survived by her husband, Kenneth Cleaves, and by her daughter, Erla Cleaves Davis '59.

Dorothy Connor Farnham '34, Jan. 17, 1997, in Penobscot, Maine, at 84. She taught in schools in East Orland, Franklin and Casco Bay, Maine. She is survived by two daughters, a son and grandchildren.

Ernestine F. Wilson '39, Jan. 7, 1997, in Boston, Mass., at 78. She earned an M.A. in English at Yale, then taught at schools in Providence, R.I., Shaker Heights, Ohio, and Rome, Italy. After her retirement she was in the antiques business in Stonington, Maine. She is survived by cousins.

Virginia Duggan Boudreau '41, Jan. 6, 1997, in Swampscot, Mass., at 76. She was employed for many years as a vice president with Shawmut Bank of Boston. She is survived by a stepdaughter, Helen Lund, four grandchildren, two sisters and nieces and nephews.

Cornelius F. Moynihan '41, March 3, 1997, in Fairfield, Conn., at 79. He served with the Naval Air Force during World War II. Before retiring in 1980, he was production manager at McKesson Laboratories in Fairfield. Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Margaret, two daughters, two sisters and two grandchildren.

Priscilla Gould Brock '44, Jan. 14, 1997, in Portland, Maine, at 76. She was a homemaker and a substitute teacher in public schools. She leaves her husband, William, two daughters and five brothers and sisters.

Cecelia Nordstrom Harmon '47, Feb. 27, 1997, in Portland, Maine, at 72. The New England archer champion for small colleges while she was at Colby, she became a civic volunteer in Portland, where she owned and operated Albert M. Harmon Insurance Agency. Survivors include her son, Robert Harmon, a stepson and three grandchildren.

Raymond A. Webster '48, Feb. 21, 1997, in Alna, Maine, at 72. He was Maine's deputy commissioner of labor from 1971 to 1973. He worked for the C.F. Hathaway Co. and later owned and operated the J.A. Brewster Co., a sportswear manufacturer in Camden, Maine. Surviving are his wife, Marjorie, and two sisters.

John W. Strong '52, March 2, 1997, in Ottawa, Ont., at 67. He received a Ph.D. from Harvard and for more than 30 years was a professor of history at Carleton University, where he served as department chair and was editor of *Canadian Slavonic Papers*. His wife, Carol, predeceased him.

Mary A. Devan '53, Jan. 30, 1997, in Washington, D.C., at 66. She earned a master's degree in education of the deaf and was a supervising teacher

in schools for the learning disabled and handicapped. She is survived by her sister, Freda Devan.

Richard A. Reed '54, Jan. 27, 1997, in Dartmouth, Mass., at 65. After serving in the Navy from 1952 to 1956 and the Naval Reserve until 1960, he was a pharmacist in Dartmouth and New Bedford, Mass. Survivors include his wife, Joan, a daughter, a son, a brother and grandchildren.

Rebecca E. Bachman '61, Feb. 4, 1997, in New York, N.Y., at 57. She was vice president of Fitch Investors Service, Inc. in New York. Survivors include her sister, Ann Bachman Ryan.

Shelley D. Vincent III '62, Feb. 7, 1997, in Mendon, Mass., at 56. He was an estate planning attorney at Tyler & Reynolds in Boston for 28 years before his retirement in 1993. He also was president of the Milford National Bank and Trust Co. He leaves his mother, a son, a daughter and a sister.

James R.F. Quirk '65, Feb. 23, 1997, in Alexandria, La., at 50. A professor of computer science at Louisiana State University-Alexandria, he was rated by the National Chess Federation and played postal chess with opponents from around the world. Survivors include his daughter, Marie Quirk, and a sister.

Martha L. Bennett '69, Jan. 21, 1997, in Yorba Linda, Calif., at 49. A flight nurse on the first Life Flight helicopter rescue program in the nation, she was a director of the American Association of Air Medical Services and the National Flight Nurse Association. She is survived by her mother, a brother and three sisters.

Joseph G. Pittman '76, Feb. 25, 1997, in Fremont, Calif., at 42. He was born in Geneva, Switzerland, and was a biology major at Colby. He died after a lengthy and courageous battle with schizophrenia. He is survived by his mother, his father and stepmother, two brothers and three sisters.

Steven W. Savchick '78, March 1, 1997, in Boston, Mass., at 41. An employment specialist and health care recruiter, he was director of recruitment at Olympus Healthcare Group in Westboro, Mass. He died from complications after a bone marrow transplant for leukemia. He leaves his partner, Fred T. Fuge Jr., his mother, a brother and sister, nephews and nieces.

Dorothy Fosdick, L.H.D. '54, Feb. 5, 1997, in Washington, D.C., at 83. She was a foreign policy expert who helped fashion the United Nations, the Marshall Plan and NATO in the 1940s. For the next three decades she was foreign policy advisor to Senator Henry M. Jackson. Survivors include her sister, her niece, Patricia Downs Berger '62, and a nephew.

What Friends Are For

Museum's supporters turn helping into an art

By Kevin Cool

Thirty-nine years ago, two men bearing a still-moist painting of then-president J. Seelye Bixler drove their station wagon from Waterville to the Beekman Towers Hotel in New York City for a meeting they hoped would change forever the complexion of the College. The two men, Ed Turner, Colby's vice president for development and an avid art lover, and Willard Cummings, co-founder of the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture and the painter of the Bixler portrait, were representing a group of people who dreamed of developing a first-class collection for the College's budding museum of art. The woman with whom they met, Edith Jetté, was a discerning collector and the wife of long-time Colby trustee and chairman of the Hathaway company Ellerton Jetté. Turner and Cummings's proposal, that Edith Jetté chair an organization to support the acquisition and exhibition of art at Colby, was the genesis of the Friends of Art. She said "yes," and a year later, the Friends of Art sponsored its first exhibition.

Since then the group has helped sponsor 370 shows, helped acquire some of the museum's 3,500 works of art and been a driving force in its public outreach.

The meeting in New York with Edith Jetté was emblematic of the connections the Friends of Art have used to advance the museum's growth. The museum



Theresa Violette, a Friends of Art docent, leads a children's tour.

has long been served by a network of influential persons in the art community, including former director of the Whitney Museum of American Art Lloyd Goodrich. Goodrich served on the original advisory council, which later became the Board of Governors and which helped guide the museum during its early years. In 1963, with the help of Goodrich and 52 museum directors, curators, art historians, scholars, artists and dealers, the Friends of Art assembled an exhibition to celebrate Colby's sesquicentennial, titled "Maine and Its Artists: 1710-1963." The exhibition opened to wide acclaim, was included in a *Time* magazine roundup of spring art shows and later was mounted at the Whitney Museum, where it broke an attendance record.

Jere Abbott, associate direc-

tor of the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, also was a devoted friend of the museum. Abbott, a Maine native, was one of the founding members of the museum's advisory council. Through his contacts, the museum was able to attract donors and supporters who enhanced the collection and helped the museum's reputation grow. Abbott created an art acquisition endowment fund that today is valued at more than \$4.8 million.

The Friends of Art established an ambitious outreach program that brings more than 7,000 school children to view the College's collection each year. That project is now coordinated by museum staff and supported by grants from the Joan Whitney and Charles Shipman Payson Charitable Foundation and the

Betterment Fund. Friends of Art members serve as docents.

"The Friends of Art really provides us a way of serving as a public museum," said Hugh Gourley, director of the museum. "Their support provides funds for exhibitions, lectures and other events. They provide an important service."

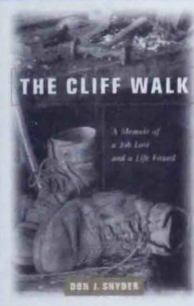
The Friends of Art now hopes to broaden its membership and is seeking more Colby alumni as participants. "Colby alumni should feel very proud about the museum of art," said Turner, who is leading the membership drive along with Friends co-chairs Hillary and Edmund Ervin '36. "It is one of the most important small college museums in the country and enhances Colby's reputation."

As efforts to add exhibition space to the museum continue, Colby alumni will become an even more essential group in the museum's success, says Turner. "The museum has attracted support from people who in many cases had no relationship to the College," he said. "We would like to have more Colby alumni become involved."

Friends of Art also hopes to engage more student interest in the museum, which would translate into greater alumni participation, Turner says. "We have this tremendous resource available here and students often don't take full advantage of it. We want to build awareness about what the museum can offer." ♦

Autographed Books

AT THE COLBY BOOKSTORE



Don J. Snyder '72

The Cliff Walk: A Memoir of a Job Lost and a Life Found

Don J. Snyder '72 was a professor of English at a prestigious college in upstate New York, was married and had three children with another on the way when he got his pink slip.

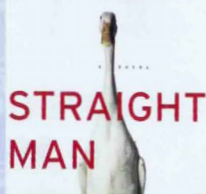
The Cliff Walk chronicles Snyder's journey from privilege to desperation and on to a new sense of hope. In the end, Snyder finds grace and dignity as a laborer at a construction site, a type of work he had run from all his life.

Written with a novelist's eye for searing details, *The Cliff Walk* is a startling story, both infuriating and heartbreaking, a tribute to a family's love and the resources that sustained it through an economic and emotional free fall.

Snyder is a caretaker and housepainter in Scarborough, Maine. He taught as a visiting instructor of English at Colby in January 1989. An excerpt from *The Cliff Walk* was published as a *Harper's* magazine cover story in November 1995.

Richard Russo

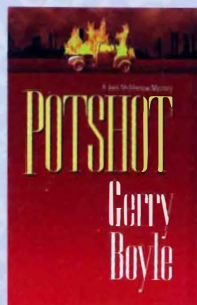
Author of *Nobody's Fool*



Richard Russo
Professor of English
Straight Man

In Richard Russo's new novel, *Straight Man*, Russo flawlessly captures the soul of the wise guy and the heart of a difficult parent. Hank Devereaux is a hero whose humor and identification with the absurd are mitigated by his love for family, friends and, ultimately, knowledge itself. Unforgettable, compassionate and laugh-out-loud funny, *Straight Man* cements Russo's reputation as one of the master storytellers of our time.

Russo is the author of three previous novels, *Mohawk*, *The Risk Pool* and *Nobody's Fool*, which was made into a film starring Paul Newman.



Gerry Boyle '78
Potshot

Gerry Boyle '78 is one of the best new mystery writers today. Jack McMorrow, Boyle's journalist sleuth, already has been compared to Robert B. Parker '54's Spenser as a quintessential contemporary male hero.

Boyle's four mystery novels, set in Maine, follow the life and career of McMorrow, a former *New York Times* reporter who has left the city behind for rural life. In *Potshot*, McMorrow searches for the truth about some hemp-growing hippies and a marijuana legalization movement. Boyle's three previous novels, *Lifeline*, *Bloodline* and *Deadline*, earned glowing reviews.

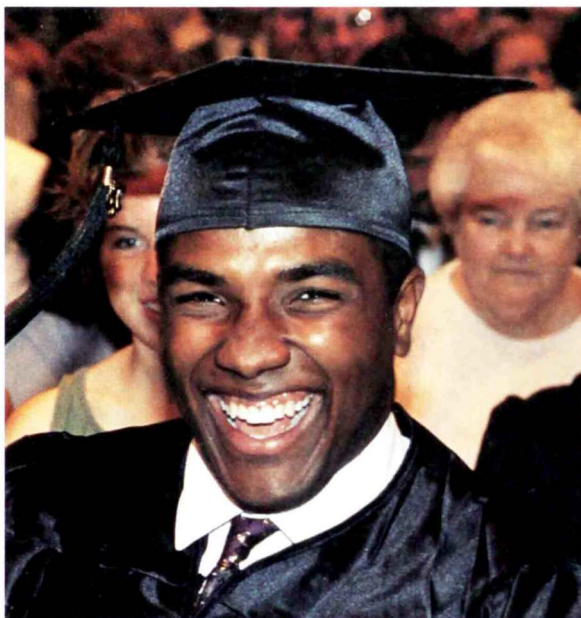
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Lighting Up the Place

For the Class of 1997, a rainy Commencement Day became a glittering celebration. See story, page 14.