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Student plus centenarian equals friendship

Why did Michelle Boucher win the Condon Medal?
The Miller Library tower was once again the backdrop for commencement, which this year was held under sunny skies. The College conferred degrees for the 196th time, marking the occasion with an address by Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr. Before a crowd of more than 3,000, Biden urged graduates to participate in the civic process, saying that with their passion and talents they can change the world into which they graduate. More on P. 16
Billy Oates '65 would have turned 75 this summer. He died on Valentine’s Day this year, which was tragic for all of us who treasured him. But with a little distance, I wonder if that day, one that celebrates relationships, wasn’t meant for Billy in some special way. After all, he loved his family with all of his heart, lived life with passion, and adored Colby.

Many knew Billy as a great investor, a founder of Northeast Investment Management in Boston, a civic leader, a man of faith, and a generous patron of education and the arts. To me, Billy was defined by his commitment to his family, especially his wife, Muffy, their three daughters, Lilly, Kate, and Emily, and their families. There was nothing more important to him than his family vacations, which he planned with glee. By all accounts he was a relentless vacationer, insisting that his family be the first at the chair lift each morning and never turn back from the ascent of Colorado’s highest peaks. The family stories are legendary.

Billy was a great storyteller himself and had a way of cutting to the heart of an issue with precision and a smile. He served on Colby’s Board of Trustees and the Colby Museum of Art Board of Governors, so I had many opportunities to enjoy his stories and be buoyed by his unyielding support. He was quick to call after a meeting to check in, to thank me for the work our team did, and to see what he could do to help. And, every once in a while, he would slyly ask: “In the Colby we are building, will there be room for someone like me?”

It was a loaded question that would typically be followed by a recounting of his first visit to Colby. His was a story refined over time, perhaps largely apocryphal, and always entertaining. He described himself in his senior year of high school as a small but plucky hockey player (that part was undoubtedly accurate) who arrived at Colby for a recruiting visit, met the coach at the Alfond Rink, and laced up his skates. He sprinted up and down the ice twice. The coach liked what he saw, and Billy was handed a letter with an offer of admission onsite.

I knew Billy’s story omitted many critical details—like the admissions office being involved for starters—but that was the point. He wanted to contrast what he saw as a simpler time to the rigor of today’s admissions process. Did today’s standards, he was asking, always result in better decisions? Our modern-day process is hardly infallible, but it has led to enrolling exceptionally talented classes with individuals who hold unlimited promise in a variety of fields. The roughly 550 students entering this fall were chosen from 11,190 applicants; on every measure of academic preparedness and diversity in its many forms, the Class of 2021 is the strongest ever to enter Colby.

Among these bright and talented students is a group of highly skilled hockey players who enter Colby on the strength of their academic records along with the athletic talent and drive needed to take our programs back to the top of the nation’s leading conference. Those entering this year will play championship hockey in our new athletic facilities, opening in 2020—65 years after the opening of the Alfond Rink that started a tradition of athletic excellence at Colby. These changes made Billy proud, and he served as a strong force for progress. He always wanted us to look ahead, to position Colby for changing realities, and to insist on the highest standards for the college he loved. Anyone—and there were many of us—who admired Billy’s impeccable, always occasion-appropriate attire knew that he wasn’t a “good enough” sort of guy. In his gentle, generous way, he pushed us to be our best.

So with all of these changes, and with the global competition for a place in Colby’s incoming class, will there still be room for someone like Billy? Each time he asked me his question, I thought, if you mean will there be room for someone committed to leading in his community and profession, who is smart, insightful, compassionate, generous of spirit, and sustains the institutions and individuals who are doing important work in the world, who brings a smile and good cheer to every encounter, and who loves his family unequivocally, I would say the answer is most certainly yes.

David A. Greene
Food for Thought

Baturay Aydemir '17, a student in Professor Russell Johnson's molecular biology class, ponders a recently published paper describing a new method for measuring the synthesis of proteins from individual mRNA molecules through use of fluorescent labels. The new development provides an important new tool for studying how protein synthesis is regulated. Aydemir enters Harvard Medical School this fall.
Championship Run

Charlie Gomprecht ’20 leaps past Trinity defenders en route to the Mules’ NESCAC championship win May 7. Fifth-ranked Colby exploded for a six-goal run to come from behind and defeat the perennial powerhouse Bantams 13-9. Said co-captain Emilie Klein ’17, “The whole game I never felt worried.” Klein was named NESCAC Defensive Player of the Year. She and co-captain Lexie Perticone ’17 were named Intercollegiate Women’s Lacrosse Coaches Association All-Americans.
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— Jon ’69, P’96 and Paula Joseph Eustis ’69, P’96

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Going Up!

Workers guide concrete planks into place as construction of the frame and flooring for Colby’s mixed-used development continues on Main Street in Waterville. The project, which is part of the downtown revitalization efforts spearheaded by the College, is moving ahead, with an August 2018 completion date. The five-story building will include housing for 200 students as well as faculty apartments and retail and community meeting spaces. See P. 20.
I wish I’d known Floyd Harding ’45.

Harding, who died in April, was a first-generation college student, the 11th of 12 children raised on a dairy farm in Albion, Maine. He worked his way through a couple of years of Colby milking cows at a farm owned by a professor and almost got in trouble after students wrangled a cow from the same farm up the stairs of the belfry of the chapel. Harding professed his innocence, saying he just milked the cows and never, ever brought one to college.

Another sort of innocence was lost soon after, as Harding joined the Army in fall of 1943. College hijinks was replaced by the bloody Battle of the Bulge, where he was captured by the Germans during their counterattack in the Ardennes Forest. Harding’s father received a telegram in Albion. The yellowed document is in Harding’s alumni folder:

THE SECRETARY OF WAR DESIRES ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT YOUR SON PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FLOYD L HARDING HAS BEEN REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION TWENTY ONE DECEMBER IN GERMANY. ...

Harding was taken with other prisoners to Dresden, where he remained during the Allied firebombing of the city in 1945. His barracks-mate, Kurt Vonnegut, recreated the experience vividly—POWs and guards huddled together in basements as the bombs rained down—in his novel Slaughterhouse Five. Harding later summed up his war experience more succinctly in a Colby questionnaire: “U.S. Army, Infantry, Corporal.”

Enough said.

Harding remained very connected to Colby over the years, despite the fact that he didn’t resume his studies here. (With other alumni veterans, he was awarded a bachelor’s degree in 1989.). After the war Harding took courses in Florida, got his law degree from Boston University, and moved to Presque Isle, Maine, where he had a successful law practice with his son Alan Harding ’75. (A grandson was named Colby, recognizing Floyd Harding’s affection for the school).

Doing good was a big part of Harding’s life, as it is for many Colbians. Recognizing that, we’ve added a standing feature, beginning with this issue. Pediatrician Kim Mukerjee ’06 appears on P. 31 in this issue and in Colby online in reference to her important work with immigrant children in New Orleans.

But Floyd Harding deserves mention, too. He appears here representing all who have done good before.

Gerry Boyle ’78, P’06
Managing Editor
A Real-time Fan of Sen. Margaret Chase Smith

President David Greene’s appreciative remarks about Margaret Chase Smith (winter/spring 2017 Colby) brought back memories of her visit to Colby in 1948 as a candidate for U.S. Senator from Maine.

With Smith came two formidable opponents in Governor Horace Hildreth and former Governor Sumner Sewall.

In the interest of full disclosure I must admit that I was more impressed with Hildreth. To me, at the time, Mrs. Smith seemed less forceful in her speech than the others. However, she received more votes than her opponents combined in the Republican primary and went on to be overwhelmingly elected as senator that fall.

I quickly became a great admirer of this pioneering woman in politics. She immediately took her place with the great assembly of New England moderate Republican senators who were so influential in the Cold War years. She was also among the first in her party to rebuke Senator McCarthy’s wild accusations.

As noted, I was impressed initially with Horace Hildreth. He had a future, too. He became president of Bucknell University and later served in the Eisenhower administration.

—Rev. Charles L. Smith Jr. ’50
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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More stories need to be told about the thousands of Colby graduates because they are the lifeblood of our country through wars, economic ups and downs, and basically what life is all about in the real world. Please consider focusing on those stories for a change.

—Louise Skillin Coale ’68
Yarmouth, Maine

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It was great to see a faculty profile on Dr. Frank Fekete (winter/spring 2017 Colby Magazine). He personifies Colby’s dedication to engaged and dynamic teachers. Dr. Fekete is the reason I pursued a doctorate in microbiology, and he is my inspiration every day I walk into a lecture hall.

—Susan Lawrenz-Smith ’87, St. Paul, Minn.

ON FACEBOOK

On Creation of DavisConnects, the Colby Program that Guarantees Global Opportunities to All Students

This is exciting news! I studied abroad three times at Colby. They were experiences that continue to impact my life.

—Nathan Gehlert ’01, Cleveland Heights, Ohio

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—Susan Lawrenz-Smith ’87, St. Paul, Minn.
Go Mules! Just over four years ago my heart broke when you took my baby girl away. But your caring atmosphere, community outreach and spirit, and never-ending support comforted me. Fast forward four years. You have turned a promising, intelligent, and compassionate high school graduate into an amazingly gifted, talented, and giving young woman ready to change the world for the better. Always grateful, Colby

—Timothy Noyes P ’17, Nashua, N.H., on the graduation of his daughter Elizabeth Noyes ’17

A Suggestion for the New Athletic Complex

It would be great to see Colby expand academic opportunities with this project. Introducing a sports medicine or sports injury management degree (in some form) would both set it apart from other similar colleges and also help integrate the facility into academic life.

—Andrew M. Cox ’10, Dublin, Ireland, on announcement of new athletic complex, set to open in 2020. (See P. 20)

The Next Generation is Watching

My sixth grader has already expressed interest in Colby! Currently a gifted and talented author, artist, and actress. Sounds like Colby added what she desires. As an alumnus, I am proud and sharing!

—LaWanda Marshall ’89, on Maine Magazine naming President David A. Greene a “Mainer Leading by Example” for forging partnerships across Maine and making revitalization of Waterville a top priority for the College

Kudos for Colby Partnerships

As a “townie” who grew up in Waterville and well remembers the “Hill vs. townie” mentality, I couldn’t be more pleased that this is happening in the hometown that I love. Bravo to Colby and bravo to my beloved “Ville” for coming together here. Colby’s investment should be lauded by all. I look forward to watching and experiencing the revitalization of the Elm City.

—Mike Violette, on Colby Magazine story on the College’s push for revitalization of Waterville

On Colby’s 5,300-panel Solar Array

The power of the sun is free, wrangling it in to a usable resource has it’s costs. But we’re crazy if we don’t make use of every resource available to get us further & further away from use of fossil fuels. I’m also in support of wind power, but these panels are far less obtrusive than tall towers that are visible for miles. ... I applaud Colby College’s efforts and wish them much success in this project.

—Tim Forsman
The percentage of Colby’s electrical needs that will be met by a new nine-acre solar field, set to go online this fall. The 1.9-megawatt photovoltaic energy project is located off Washington Street. It’s the latest step in the College’s ongoing efforts to reduce carbon emissions after reaching carbon neutrality in 2013.
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The number of incoming first-year students taking part in the Colby Achievement Program in the Sciences this summer. CAPS 8, as this year’s group is known, includes Charlyn Gonzales ’21, left, shown with Bonje Obua ’20, summer research assistant for Professor of Biology Cathy Bevier. Obua is demonstrating protocols the research group uses to study the health of green frog populations on Allen Island (see pg. 20), a Colby research center in Maine’s Muscongus Bay, and in central Maine.
Commencement—by Biden

Joseph R. Biden Jr., the 47th Vice President of the United States, told graduates to help the nation return to basic principles of equality and dignity and to understand each other’s stories to develop a deeper sense of humanity.

“When you know somebody’s mom has breast cancer and you know somebody’s dad just lost his job,” he said, “it makes it hard to dislike that person. You get to understand and see their humanity. We used to know those things in Congress.

“Life can’t be lived in this self-referential, self-reinforcing, self-righteous echo chamber we’ve built for ourselves online. Living in our screens encourages shallow and antiseptic relationships that make it easy to reduce others to stereotypes. … You have to work to ascribe to your opposition the same emotional complexity you find in yourself.”

Noting that polls have shown that millennials are capable and tolerant but reluctant to engage in politics, he exhorted graduates to join in the civic process. “No graduating class gets to choose the world they graduate into,” he said. “That history gets written by those who came before you. But now it’s your job to put your hands on the wheel and bend that arc of history closer to where we want to be as a nation.”

Biden greeted each graduate and spent hours on campus, capping the day with a visit to Dairy Cone on North Street. More at colby.edu/commencement.

Four Join Board of Trustees

Armando Bengochea, Sara Burns ’79, Jessica D’Ercole Stanton ’92, and Tanya Williams P’20 were named to the Board of Trustees this spring.

Bengochea joined the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in 2012 as program officer for diversity and director of the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (MMUF).

Burns, of Manchester, Maine, has worked at Central Maine Power (CMP) for 30 years, where she’s risen from manager of risk management to president and CEO, a position she has held since 2005.

Stanton lives in Wellesley, Mass., where she’s involved with a number of local nonprofits and boards leading environmental sustainability efforts as well as working with local homeless shelters and service organizations. Previously, she worked in the development office at MIT’s Sloan School of Management.

Williams is chief administrative officer, secretary-treasurer, and a director of R2T2 Laboratories, Inc. and a board-certified pediatrician. Since 2011 she has been an independent consultant providing health-related support services and advice to the private school community in New York City. Her daughter is beginning her second year at Colby.

Danny Smith ’17, left, and family members pose for a photo with Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr. at Commencement, May 21. With Smith and the vice president are Smith’s mother, Sirtiary Washington, and his brother, Ozias Washington.

The number of students who presented at the Colby Liberal Arts Symposium in May, including presentations, posters, Arts@CLAS, and Open CLAS. The annual celebration of student work across the liberal arts drew hundreds to learn about everything from meteorites to memoir.
GPA of Vlad Murad ’17. The computer science and mathematics major also qualified for the men’s singles tennis NCAA Division III individual championships. The combo earned him a spot in the NCAA’s Elite 90. One of the few NESCAC athletes to earn this honor, Murad is headed for a Ph.D. program in artificial intelligence at the University of Washington.

Embarrassed? That’s a Good Thing

In a June 16 New York Times op-ed, Charles A. Dana Professor of Sociology Neil Gross delves into the historical analysis of embarrassment and the function it has in modern-day society. “The embarrassed individual is a functioning member of society, attuned enough to the dynamics of interpersonal interaction that his or her body responds reflexively to a perceived breach,” Gross writes. “Embarrassment is a signal that family, school, and peer groups—the main institutions that socialize us—are doing their job.”

Crook Family Underwrites Competition

When the planned new athletic complex opens in 2020, generations of Colby athletes—and members of the wider community—will be able to enjoy the new basketball arena, thanks to a $8.3-million-gift from Trustee Jim Crook ’78, P’11 and Andrea Crook P’11. The couple has included $500,000 for Colby’s annual fund.

“The Crooks know from firsthand experience the important lessons learned from being part of teams that prevail in the most competitive environments,” said Colby President David A. Greene, referring to Jim Crook’s basketball team in the 1970s, their daughter Lexi’s lacrosse team, which consistently made the NCAA Sweet 16, and their family’s professional success. “We want our students to learn what it takes to be successful in academics and athletics and throughout their lives in whatever their chosen field.”

Lexi Crook ’11 was a two-sport varsity athlete and a captain of Colby women’s lacrosse. Jim Crook played several successful seasons for legendary coaches Dick Whitmore and John “Swisher” Mitchell. “I learned more from losing as a result of knowing what it’s like to win,” he said, “and I want Colby’s current and future students to have a competitive experience like the one Lexi and I enjoyed.”

Back on the Hill

Trustee Emeritus Richard Uchida ’79, former vice chair of the Board of Trustees and former partner at the law firm Hinckley, Allen & Snyder, LLP, is back on the Hill. Uchida was named vice president, general counsel, and secretary of the College, effective July 15.

Long recognized as a preeminent attorney in real estate law and commercial litigation, Uchida is a national leader on issues of legal ethics, professional conduct, and governance. At Colby, he is the the primary liaison to the Colby College Board of Trustees and other governing groups.

“I was fortunate to get to know Richard through his role on the board, and I was consistently impressed by his deep knowledge, nuanced perspective, and unwavering commitment to the College’s mission,” said Colby President David A. Greene. “At a time when the College is involved in complex real estate transactions and encountering dramatic shifts in the federal regulatory environment, we will benefit from his wise counsel.”

Political Analyst Amy Walter ’91: The Values of Success

National political analyst Amy Walter ’91 told seniors that true success will come from understanding their own values and living by them.

Walter, national editor of The Cook Political Report, a frequent contributor to the PBS NewsHour, and widely considered one of the most respected political analysts in the country, spoke at the College’s 196th Baccalaureate in Lorimer Chapel May 20.

“The real key to success—it doesn’t come from getting the right internship,” Walter told the Class of 2017. “It comes instead from knowing your own values and your own value. You don’t have to know what you want to do with the rest of your life today. But you need to know who you are and what matters to you.”

Olkkola Takes Over as Athletic Director

Jacob Olkkola, an administrator and former coach who has held leadership roles at the University of Delaware and Harvard University, was named the Harold Alfond Director of Athletics following a national search.

He arrived on Mayflower Hill in July.

Olkkola was formerly senior associate director of athletics at the University of Delaware (UD). As a member of the senior leadership team, he had a role in helping teams achieve conference and national championships while overseeing the design and construction of UD’s award-winning athletic and recreation facility.

“This is a dynamic time with many great opportunities on the horizon for Colby and for the city of Waterville. My family and I are beyond thrilled to become part of the Colby community.” Earlier this year, Colby announced its plans for a new, 350,000-square-foot athletic complex, which will position Colby to provide its community with first-rate athletic facilities across the board.

“The most important thing I’ve learned at Colby is collaborative learning. As the African proverb goes, ‘Wisdom is like a baobab tree—no one individual can embrace it.’”

—Kumba Seddu ’17 of Freetown, Sierra Leone. Seddu works at Harvard University conducting research on The Immunological Genome Project—how failures of self-tolerance lead to autoimmune disorders like Type 1 diabetes.
From the Classroom to Eustis

After leading in the classroom and laboratory, some faculty will now be doing the same in Eustis. Provost Margaret McFadden has tapped:

PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY RUSSELL JOHNSON, as associate provost for academic programs. Johnson will oversee the curriculum, including new initiatives, Jan Plan, and planning for academic facilities. Johnson was chair of the Natural Sciences Division.

PROFESSOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES CARLEEN MANDOLFO, as the College’s first associate provost for faculty development and diversity. Mandolfo will support faculty development and promote diversity, equity, and inclusion. She was most recently chair of the Department of Religious Studies.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF GERMAN ARNE KOCH, as inaugural dean for global engagement. Koch will provide leadership and coordination of global opportunities across campus and throughout the extended Colby community. Koch has chaired the Department of German and Russian and chaired the Humanities Division.

Mandolfo’s and Koch’s positions are new roles recommended by College task forces on global Colby and diversity.

Four faculty reach retirement

Four faculty members who have influenced hundreds of students in their time on Mayflower Hill—and witnessed changes in higher education and culture—retired at the end of the spring semester.

Professor of Religious Studies Debra Campbell, Professor of Russian Julie de Sherbinin, Professor of Chemistry Thomas Shattuck, and Professor of Geology Robert Nelson enthusiastically recounted highlights of their careers, from students inviting an activist nun to campus (in mid-discussion) to witnessing the way a war can sway society’s view of science (the Vietnam War actually turned students off to hard science) to finding clues to early civilization in fossilized pollen. “Amazing things happen,” Campbell said.

Read about their careers on the Hill at Colby Magazine online.

McFadden is Provost and Dean of Faculty

Margaret T. McFadden—an acclaimed scholar of American studies and longtime faculty member—is Colby’s new provost and dean of faculty.

“Margaret is an extraordinary intellectual and has been an influential teacher to a generation of Colby students,” said President David A. Greene. “The College will benefit from the energy and engaged spirit she brings to this role.”

McFadden joined the Colby faculty in 1996 and was previously the Christian A. Johnson Associate Professor of Integrated Liberal Learning. She has chaired and served on major College committees, and she led the establishment of new initiatives including the Center for the Arts and Humanities, the program in environmental humanities, and the Cinema Studies Program.

As associate provost, a role she held since March 2016, McFadden supervised curriculum review and policy development.

A scholar of American popular culture with interests in gender and sexuality, media, and comedy, McFadden won teaching prizes at Colby and at Yale, where she earned her Ph.D. after her undergraduate work at Wells College. In 2001 she was awarded Colby’s highest faculty prize, the Charles Bassett Teaching Award, given annually to a professor chosen by a vote of the senior class.

ATHLETIC COMPLEX

Forget the drawing board. A new era for Colby athletic has begun.

Ground was broken August 1 for the new athletic complex on the northwest corner of campus. More than $100 million has been raised for the all-new complex, which replaces the Harold Alfond Athletic Center, built in the 1950s and 1960s. When the new complex opens in 2020 it will become one of the best Division III facilities in the nation.

The new athletic complex will include the 13,500-square-foot Boulos Family Fitness Center, an indoor competition center with a 200-meter track, a gleaming basketball arena (See “Crook Family Underwrites Competition,” P. 17), and Maine’s only Olympic-size pool. It is expected to bring more competitions to Mayflower Hill, serving Colby athletes and opponents, local and regional teams, and the community.

The athletic complex is just one part of the changes in Colby athletics. After months of preparation—design, construction, and a whole lot of earth-moving—new soccer, lacrosse, and field hockey fields associated with the project are ready for play. The fields are located behind the present athletic center, and have stunned some returning alumni at first sight.

THE ENVIRONMENT

Colby has long been an important nexus for serious environmental science and policy research. Now the College is doubling down.

Allen Island and Up East foundation. The Buck Environment and Climate Change Lab. The Russ Cole Research Fellows Program and Resident Lectureship. Hiring of four additional distinguished faculty to work on issues related to environmental science and policy.

And it’s all happening now, offering Colby students unparalleled opportunities for research, internships, and global experiences related to environmental issues.

The Buck Environment and Climate Change Lab, made possible by the generosity of Trustee Sandy Buck ’78 and Sissy Buck, will give students opportunities to work with organizations in Maine and beyond that focus on the environment.

A partnership linking the College with Up East, a Wyeth family foundation, has turned the private island on the Maine coast and an alternative school serving nearby mainland communities into learning laboratories. (In July the island was humming with activity as faculty, incoming first-year students taking part in the Colby Achievement Program in the Sciences (CAPS), and other student researchers made the rugged 450-acre property the nexus of their academic work—see P. 15).

With its existing affiliations with the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences and The Jackson Laboratory, preeminent research institutions, Colby has become a multifaceted center for study of our planet and consideration of its future.

As the fall semester approaches, the College continues to move forward on several significant fronts. From the new athletic complex and downtown revitalization, to Allen Island and DavisConnects, opportunities are expanding for Colby students.
DAVISCONNECTS

The home of DavisConnects opened in July in a redesigned and expanded Grossman Hall. The new program, which supports internships, research, and global experiences, begins operating in earnest with the fall semester.

Funded by a $25-million gift from the Davis family and trustee of its charitable foundation, Andrew Davis ’85, LL.D. ’15, the program replaces what had been traditionally known as career services, working with students throughout their academic careers to integrate classroom learning and off-campus opportunities. The program provides experts who will work with students throughout their Colby careers to design a plan of course work with complementary internship, research, and global experiences. Funding and staff and faculty support will be available through the program.

In addition, students will be supported by Davis Global Engagement Fellowships, providing enhanced support for future global leaders, including the Davis Summit on Global Engagement, an annual campus event. “DavisConnects is leading a transformation of the liberal arts by demonstrating how research, global, and internship experiences can enrich an education and provide an unlimited set of postgraduate opportunities,” said President David A. Greene.

Davis said the program goes beyond offering universal access to providing competitive grants and incorporating ways for students to share their new knowledge and perspective with the campus community. “It has the potential to truly transform the Colby experience and the trajectories of Colby students,” he said.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

Construction continued on the 100,000-square-foot, five-story mixed-use development on Main Street. Site work, including utilities and foundation, is complete on the first phase of construction, and crews are erecting the steel frame of the building and placing concrete planks.

The building will include student housing, retail, and public meeting space, and is expected to be completed in August 2018. Students who live there will be part of a new civic engagement curriculum, which will include connections with community organizations like the Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter and the Waterville Public Library.

Across the street at 173 Main St., employees of CGI, a technology consulting company (see P.48), and Colby were set to begin moving into the historic building in August. After extensive renovation, the building was reopened, preserving its distinctive architecture and contributing to the vitality and character of Waterville’s downtown. The building will include office space and ground-floor retail.

Meanwhile, design of a hotel to be built at the south end of Main Street continued. “It’s all coming together,” said Director of Commercial Real Estate Paul Ureneck.
BIG DATA:

By Kate Carlisle

COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY OPENS A NEW WINDOW ON THE WORLD’S CHALLENGES FOR COLBY SCIENTISTS
Pick a number, any number.
Then multiply that number by, say, a trillion.
You’re getting close; you’re in terabyte territory.

Imagine that the resulting product, that huge number, represents tiny bits of data: information about what makes you human, what gives you brown eyes, and why your hair is curly.

Now, take these data, these trillions of facts, this micro-universe of information, and use them to change the world.

Far-fetched? Not anymore, and not at Colby, where students and faculty are studying clues to the world’s biggest challenges through the use of computational biology, an imposing blend of data and life science and the College’s newest major.

“What makes us ‘us’ and not a plant? Not a bacteria, or a virus,” asks Andrea Tilden, The J. Warren Merrill Associate Professor of Biology and a genomics expert. “Any one genome has six thousand novels worth of information. Computational biology is the tool we use to read them.”

Simply put, comp bio (a very short moniker for a very big field) is the study of biological questions through the use of massive data sets, integrating biological, statistical, and computational understanding. Many scientists argue that computation, or the quantitative method, is now absolutely central to biology, imposing order and providing testable concepts on a large scale. They say that someday the “computation” label will disappear, subsumed into the larger label of “biology” as mathematical and statistical tools become as much a part of the science as the agar, Bunsen flame, and microscope were on a 20th-century laboratory bench.

Indeed, the twinning of computing capacity and scientific research is having an effect approaching science fiction, not just on big issues like climate change, but on very personal levels, said Professor and Chair of Computer Science Bruce A. Maxwell. A generation hence, individual health monitors could be as common as the ubiquitous iPhone today. “Imagine if I were standing in my house and a monitor went off and said ‘Bruce, your blood sugar is low. Better eat something,’” he says. “That’s not far-fetched. That is a thing that could happen, and the technology is based in the type of work that is being done right now.”

Maxwell points out, however, that scientists are grappling with big questions right now using computational models that exceed resources available even 10 years ago. He ticks off a long list of applications, including agriculture, social studies, including population and migration, psychology, robotics, and advanced medicine.
For years, researchers have been banging their heads against the wall as they search for a treatment for Alzheimer's disease. Researchers like Mike Sasner ’83 hope that's about to change.

Sasner—a research scientist at The Jackson Laboratory (JAX) in Bar Harbor, Maine—is at the forefront of a new wave of Alzheimer's research, which is using fast-evolving scientific technology and data management tools to accelerate the search for the causes of the devastating disease.

JAX is a global leader in development of genetic mouse models for scientific research, and one of the research institutions with which Colby has a growing affiliation. Now, boosted with a $25-million grant and a partnership with Indiana University School of Medicine, JAX is launching a new effort to rapidly develop more—and more precise—models to be used in sorely needed clinical trials.

“We need to understand the brain before we can know how to fix the brain,” Sasner said.

He's been mulling this problem at JAX since he finished his post-doctoral fellowship at the National Institutes of Health. With a Ph.D in neuroscience from the University of Connecticut, the Colby biology and biochemistry major (and varsity soccer player) is co-directing the disease-modeling core of the new Alzheimer's Disease Precision Models Center. The center will team with the new Center for Biometric Analysis, a state-of-the-art imaging lab that will analyze and assess the new mouse models. The Bar Harbor behavioral lab will also begin testing potential compounds for treatment of the disease.

“We really have a nucleus here,” Sasner said.

It couldn’t come soon enough, as Alzheimer’s research has repeatedly stalled at the clinical level. Scientists have identified conditions in the brain that coincide with Alzheimer’s: tangles of beta-amyloid and tau, two types of invasive protein. Modeling has focused on genetic mutations that are associated with these proteins, but recent research has shown that these genetic variants are relatively rare.

“So the issue is we're testing drugs in models that represent about one percent of the patient population,” Sasner said. “Ninety-nine percent of the people [with Alzheimer's] don't have these mutations.”

It turns out that most patients have a number of more common genetic variants that singly present little risk, he said, and some combination of these presumably cause Alzheimer's. “This is what our goal in the center is,” Sasner said, “to make models to express these variants. And therefore test drugs in those which ... mimic the ninety-nine percent of the patient population.” That way, he said, “we're much more likely to get a therapy that's going to work in the clinic.”

The mission is to get the models and related information out to the research community as soon as possible. Sasner said JAX and partner Indiana University will be working with a bioinformatics company, Sage Bionetworks in Seattle, to do human-to-mouse matching. If a biomarker is increased in a mouse model, does that biomarker show a correlating increase in the patient population? “Do they track the same? Untreated? When we test with compounds?” Sasner said. “The power of this is correlating the human to the mouse. ... This has never been done on this scale before.”

Sasner says computational biology is key to future scientific breakthroughs. “Science is no longer about generating data,” he said. “The data are easy. It’s analyzing the data. Understanding the tools to manage that data is really where the world is going.”

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The field of computational biology is not brand-new at Colby, Maxwell points out. After arriving in 2007, he guided the first interdisciplinary computation programs here. The official designation of the major (believed to be rare if not unique among small liberal arts colleges in the United States) was a natural evolution of this curriculum development, according to Tilden. “It started out in a more raw form, where we were just looking at courses we could put together that could combine this growing interest and need to use computational tools to analyze big, biological data,” she said. Tilden, whose work had moved into bioinformatics (using computer tools to look at biological questions), created a ground-breaking Jan Plan genomics course with the education team at Colby partner The Jackson Laboratory (JAX), a biomedical research institution in Bar Harbor, Maine, where more than 1,900 employees search for genomic solutions to human health problems.

Through Tilden’s program, Colby students working at the lab were able to wrangle big data in their search for answers to basic genetic questions. (Additionally, Colby has a bioinformatics relationship set up with Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory, where Tilden will spend the coming year as a visiting scientist in bioinformatics.)

The JAX Jan Plan researchers were in good company. Life scientists and medical researchers around the world have begun to use bioinformatics in their approach to every problem, from population ecology to agriculture to cancer.

The field has exploded at a rapid clip, and when current Colby students were born, computational biology was in its infancy, too. “Very recently, around the year 2000, we had just finished sequencing the human genome,” Tilden said. “It had taken 15 years at 20 different labs around the world, a vast project. We now have the tech to accomplish this in a fraction of the time, and while there is still a network of labs and researchers around the world, we can share all this data in virtually no time.”

For example, medical researchers studying a child born with a metabolic condition would have once believed it was a unique genetic problem, but they had no easy means of comparison to help them address or prevent the condition. Through

WELCOME TO COLBY—AND BIOINFORMATICS

Jay Moore ’18 is one of Colby’s new comp bio majors, and he’s already using technology that was the stuff of researchers’ dreams when he was born.

Moore, of Kennebunk, Maine, is one of the early adopters of nanopore gene-sequencing technology brought to campus by The J. Warren Merrill Associate Professor of Biology Andrea Tilden, who has played an instrumental role in providing research opportunities to Colby students, from Colby’s partnership with The Jackson Laboratory to helping land the National Science Foundation grant to support a data network among Colby, JAX, and the University of Maine.

Now Tilden has introduced the MinION—a portable, real-time sequencer for genomic material—to Colby. About the size of a cell phone and linked to cloud computing using a laptop computer, the technology is highly accessible and affordable, allowing Colby to bring both the laboratory and computational aspects of genomics directly to students, Tilden said. Said Moore, “It’s pretty amazing what you can do (with bioinformatics). ... Lab work is really about creating data.”
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bioinformatics, “you can sequence that child’s genome and compare it to an [international] database to understand what is the one difference,” Tilden said. “Then you begin to have a base to find a solution.” What does it take in 2017 to get this done? “It’s a thousand bucks and one day—we are really close to what we call the thousand-dollar genome.”

And recent Colby graduates are already helping move the science in new directions.

Adam Lavertu ’16, one of Colby’s first comp bio majors, is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in bioinformatics at Stanford University. Lavertu was initially attracted to both biology and computer science at Colby, but envisioned a fairly standard life science path as an academic. “My interests collided,” he said, while analyzing the genetic sequence of an algae species. “Our goal was to discover how algae and coral synchronize their cell cycles, a vital part of their symbiotic relationship. If we could increase our understanding of how their partnership works, we might be able to help slow or even reverse the damage climate change has inflicted on the world’s coral reefs,” Lavertu explained.

He was deeply impressed by how computational methods could guide traditional biological research—and have a tremendous impact on some of the planet’s most pressing problems.

This interdisciplinary approach is fast becoming the rule, not the exception.

In fact, computational biology is a great exemplar of Colby’s success with interdisciplinary learning, according to Associate Professor of Computer Science Stephanie Taylor, who teaches systems biology, which draws both computer science students and biology scholars. “It’s clearly more interdisciplinary than whatever we’ve been able to do before,” she said. “I find when I’m teaching a class like this, I can go further with computer science students who have a bio background. And there’s a greater depth of learning for students with background in each, because they can have greater interaction with the material. Even those who don’t know certain things yet can learn from their peers.”

The problems and projects Taylor assigns are based on her own research, in many cases her work on circadian rhythms (which has real-world impact on problems ranging from jet lag to cancer drug dosing). “The students work on mathematical models of circadian clocks. We ask, how do we write the code that solves those problems numerically?” By comparing models published in scientific literature, Taylor’s students learn to evaluate the tools that will someday be used on tough problems. It’s not easy, but the challenge of using data in this way sets the students up for future success in this field. “If they were grad students, this might be the first project I would assign them,” she said.

For Lavertu, who grew up in Maine’s Aroostook County interested in life sciences, it was a class with Taylor that first sparked interest in combining computer science with biology. “After a couple of late nights spent on the projects, I was hooked on coding and determined to build my computational skill set,” he said.

But it wasn’t his first brush with comp bio as a discipline: as a high school student he took a course offered at JAX that
used computational techniques to examine genetic data. And he points out that the field is not new: it has simply exploded in capacity thanks to technological advances. “In the late 70s and early 80s an entire Ph.D. thesis could be based on a graduate student sequencing a single gene; now I work with data sets that contain genetic information for hundreds of thousands of people,” Lavertu said.

Given the importance of big data in biology research, is it time to abandon the “comp bio” designation and just call it “biology?” Some scientists think so. “In all the sciences, advances in technology have made computational work so necessary that yes, it’s an integral part of the discipline,” Maxwell said.

But Lavertu agrees only up to a point. “It is becoming increasingly difficult for a biologist with no computational background to remain effective in the modern laboratory,” he says. “Computational research now has a presence in almost all current day research.” That said, he believes in a “need for and value in computational biology remaining distinct within biology. Computational biologists receive a level of specialized training that is comparable to someone who has selected a particular area within biology such as cancer or development.”

And the road to that specialized training can now begin at Colby. The program is growing—a distinction for a liberal arts college. “While (the program) is very, very new and undergraduate programs in the field are rare, we are ahead of the game,” Tilden said. “We are aware of the magnitude of this.”

And the program doesn’t stop outside the classroom or Mayflower Hill. Colby’s partnerships with JAX, the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences, and other research centers offer opportunities for students to put their training to use on challenging problems. Charles Wray, director of courses and conferences at JAX, also worked closely with Colby faculty to launch genomics study at the College. “These partnerships are extraordinary and distinctive,” said Tilden, whose class last year worked on a JAX “mouse model” investigating Down syndrome.

A National Science Foundation grant awarded last year to a partnership among Colby, the University of Maine, and JAX will support a dedicated research network connecting Colby faculty and students to resources at UMaine and JAX’s large genomic databases. And this is where the “big” in big data really comes in. Colby researchers can quickly gain access to numerous gigabyte- and terabyte-scale data sets. For comparison, the Hubble Space Telescope generates about 10 terabytes of data a year. “It’s huge,” Maxwell said.

Working with this kind of data, and in concert with top-drawer research partners, affords Colby’s comp bio students the type of experience Lavertu (who worked with JAX as an undergraduate) found so valuable. He’s now putting that experience to work in his doctoral studies, aiming to guide drug research toward more safe and effective medicines. And that is truly big.
Lisle guides readers through the changes in stadium design since World War II, from urban ballparks like Ebbets Field and Fenway Park to the later iterations that turned from cities to the suburbs. In tracing this cultural change, Lisle examines the motivations and actions of professional sports teams, architects, and city officials. What emerges is cultural analysis of this long-overlooked architectural and social phenomenon, the evolution of which reflects, in grand scale, changes in American society.

Where are the women in French poetry in the 19th century? In *Genius Envy*, Paliyenko restores them to their rightful place, tracing efforts by men of the time to marginalize women and diminish the importance of their work. Male thinkers, critics, and writers were part of a cultural effort to relegate women and their creative work by proclaiming that only men could carry the seed of true genius. This was a “scientific” theory of the time, one that linked the production of sperm cells to artistic creativity. Women, it was said, would reduce their reproductive capacity if they spent time and energy writing and reading. Paliyenko refreshes appreciation of the work and careers of five French women poets who challenged these notions and earned their place in literary history (see story, P. 52).

How does the environment affect the human body? What role does it have in disability and disability politics? Sibara and Ray’s volume *Disability Studies and the Environmental Humanities* seeks to create a resource for undergraduate and graduate students that explores these questions from interdisciplinary perspectives. Beginning with several foundational essays to orient the reader in the environmental and disability discourse, Sibara and Ray include new essays and emerging voices on topics like food justice, health, and imperialism. In the initial essay, Ray dissects the image of the typical outdoorsman—usually male and able bodied. In “Reification, Biomedicine, and Bombs: Women’s Politicization in Vieques’s Social Movement,” Victor M. Torres-Vélez investigates the female force behind health advocacy on the island of Vieques in the aftermath of its use as a facility for the U.S. military. Sibara and Ray weave together essays of many different topics and style to create a cohesive dialogue about the intersection of environment and disability politics.
Paula Harrington (English) and Ronald Jenn

Mark Twain & France: The Making of a New American Identity
University of Missouri Press (2017)

Mark Twain is known for his writing about American life, in novels like *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *Life on the Mississippi*; however, despite his apparent distaste for the country, Harrington and Jenn argue that France was an important figure in his life and work, both as a place and a foundation for his own musings on American identity. The product of a Fulbright scholarship spent in Paris and a residency at Quarry Farm, the Clemens family’s New York summer home, *Mark Twain & France: The Making of a New American Identity* tracks and dissects the influence of France on the writer’s life and work.

Richard J. Cass ’73

In Solo Time
Encircle Publications (2017)

Cass dives into the Boston bar scene with his novel *In Solo Time*. In this prequel to his first mystery, *Solo Act*, alcoholic bar owner Elder Darrow finds himself in the middle of an investigation when a performer is murdered in his bar’s bathroom. It’s par for the course at the Esposito, a Boston dive that Darrow hopes to turn into a jazz nightspot. As the police struggle to find leads, Darrow discovers his connections to the case run deep. Can he stop the killer before he strikes again (and again)? Lovers of noir fiction will be at home in this dark—and engaging—depiction of the mean streets of Boston.

James Martin ’70, P’20 and James E. Samels

Consolidating Colleges and Merging Universities: New Strategies for Higher Education Leaders
Johns Hopkins University Press (2017)

Since the economic downturn of 2008, some colleges and universities have looked for solutions to their own financial weakness. In this book, Martin and Samels, a professor of English and an attorney, respectively, bring together higher education leaders to consider what may previously been unthinkable: forming partnerships with their competitors.

Many of those leaders share their experiences, hoping to help their peers negotiate challenging economic times. A practical guide to the downsizing of American education.

A car accident reveals two dead bodies, but the suspect’s story is a little too good to be true. The sheriff who brought him in believes he’s innocent, but will anyone else buy it? So begins Rosecrans Baldwin’s newest novel, *The Last Kid Left*, a crime novel told between flashbacks that illustrate coming of age in a small town, the difficulties of high school in a tech-savvy world, and the struggle of young love.
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Dave Angelini (Biology) and Will Simmons '17J, “Chronic exposure to a neonicotinoid increases expression of antimicrobial peptide genes in the bumblebee Bombus impatiens,” Scientific Reports, March 2017.


Tanya Sheehan (Art), Five-part series on photography and migration, posted to Still Searching, Fotomuseum blog, March and April 2017.

Judy Stone (Biology), Emily Arsenault ’14, Mary Furth Thomas ’15, Alice Hotopp ’15, Matthew Lipman ’15, Mackenzie Nichols ’14, and Margaret Parrish ’15, “Diversity of seeds captured by interception exceeds diversity of seeds deposited in traps,” Biotropica, April 2017.
Pediatrician Kim Mukerjee ‘06 is director of immigrant and refugee health at the New Orleans Children’s Health Project, a program formed in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina to help bring medical care to the city’s most vulnerable children in need. Most of the children Mukerjee sees are refugees from Honduras who are fleeing economic hardship and a country rife with gang violence and political instability. Many of them have never seen a doctor. 

To read a full profile of Mukerjee go to colby.edu/mag

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Care Package

BY GERRY BOYLE ’78

Last summer Michelle Boucher ’17 led multiple lives. She went looking for help because she was a homeless woman, because she was a minor who needed counseling, because she was a single mother whose child needed services. She sought help for mental illness, was admitted to a crisis unit, and stayed for 24 hours.

And then she went back to the people who run Sweetser—the Maine nonprofit for which Boucher designed and executed the “secret shopper” project that sent her out in these roles—and reported on her experience with the health care agency’s providers.

“Her internship is legendary,” said Sweetser President and CEO Deb Taylor. “She’ll live on in our minds for a very, very long time.”

Boucher has a way of doing that—plunging into new endeavors with the intent of helping others, and making an indelible mark on people’s minds along the way. At Colby, she propelled efforts relating to sexual violence prevention (she helped write the curriculum); mental health (she coordinated a storytelling program to reduce the stigma attached to the illness); challenges for first-generation students (she helped start an emergency book fund); and global experiences for all students (her serendipitous and life-changing senior Jan Plan in Verona, Italy, was part of the inspiration for DavisConnects, a landmark program that ensures that all students have access to a global experience).

Her contributions to the Colby community were recognized when Boucher’s classmates awarded her the Condon Medal, a prestigious honor recognizing student citizenship—the only award given at commencement. “It still hasn’t hit me yet, to be honest,” she said days later. “I wake up in the morning and I say, ‘Whoa. I won that?’”
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Michelle Boucher ’17

Boucher may be the only one surprised by the nod from her classmates. From the students, staff, and faculty she worked with at Colby, to the townspeople of Fryeburg, Maine, the small community where she grew up, those who know Boucher see the award as a fitting culmination to her college career.

“A lot of people were really rooting for me coming in here,” she said. “Now they’re like, ‘Yeah, you did it. I knew you could.’”

But for the first year and more of her Colby career, she wasn’t sure she would come close to living up to the expectations of her Fryeburg fans. The town in western Maine boasts the Fryeburg Fair, Fryeburg Academy, and, until recently, a single stoplight. “They opened a Subway,” Boucher said, “and had to add another stoplight because it was such a big deal.”

For a few years Fryeburg could also boast of Michelle Boucher, who was class president all four years at “the academy” and turned the position into a hub of service to the entire community. As a sophomore she organized a dinner that raised $3,000 for a family with a young child with a rare cancer. She planned a winter break trip that had students repairing a home for a disadvantaged family in Florida.
Michelle Boucher ’17 leads the Waterville Junior High School band during senior week. Boucher began working with the music students soon after arriving at Colby.

“She kept doing one thing after another,” said Jennifer Richardson, Fryeburg Academy science teacher and advisor to Boucher’s sophomore class. “I didn’t have anyone else like that who would just take things like that and run with them.”

Richardson said she and others in the community fully expected that Boucher would continue to contribute at Colby. But, in fact, it was a tough transition for the first-generation college student, whose parents separated early in her freshman year. “I actually really struggled,” Boucher said.

In homogeneous small-town Maine, she hadn’t thought much about issues around race or gender or social class, or heard the term “first-generation student.” Her mother and father are an office manager and arborist, respectively, and solidly middle class in Fryeburg. At Colby, there were students from much more modest backgrounds than Boucher, and others who had access to what seemed to her like unlimited wealth.

Friends and staff who worked with Boucher at Colby knew she was struggling at times. But they also learned that Boucher doesn’t back away from a problem. “If something is intimidating and difficult, she works to get to the point where she knows how to handle it,” said Katie Sawyer, coordinator of alcohol and drug programs at the Garrison-Foster Health Center, who worked closely with Boucher on student health initiatives. “She will invest whatever energy is necessary to figure out how to get over an obstacle. And this is true for her professionally and personally.”

That attitude led Boucher to come up with a strategy in her first weeks on the Hill. “I’ve always been about making a difference,” Boucher said, “so I needed to pick the places where making a difference is the most important to me and go from there.”

A member of the jazz band in high school (she played trumpet and trombone) Boucher learned that Waterville Junior High School was looking for a band tutor. She immediately volunteered, working with music teacher Sue Barre for four years. (Boucher’s Phi Beta Kappa speech in May focused on Barre’s observation that “everyone has something,” and all people need to be treated with empathy and understanding.)

Boucher was hired to work with Student Health On Campus, a group that organizes programs on physical health and nutrition, mental and sexual health, alcohol and drug issues, among others. She went on to help create a program that allowed students to share their experiences with mental health, and, in the process, let others know that they aren’t alone in such struggles. “It’s ubiquitous,” she said, “but everyone thinks they’re the only one.” Students who tell their stories—and those who listen—“feel like they’re liberated,” Boucher said.

While helping to bring mental illness out of the shadows, she also joined efforts to educate students about sexual violence. “She reached out to me out of nowhere,” said Emily Schusterbauer, director of the Gender and Sexual Diversity Program. Soon Boucher was a key part of a team of students that helped write the mandatory curriculum for peer-led trainings surrounding the difficult issue. By her sophomore year, the group, including Boucher, was facilitating the training for 900 first-years and sophomores. Last year, the number of student trainers had grown from 8 or 10 to more than 40.

“One big change is that students seem much more willing to talk openly about [the subject of] sexual misconduct,”
Schusterbauer said. “That’s largely because of Michelle and the other peer educators.”

Her willingness to give so much may be Boucher’s signature contribution to Colby, said Director of Counseling Services Eric Johnson. “She is just such a role model to her fellow students in terms of her overall commitment to this community,” Johnson said. “I think that would be her biggest legacy.”

“I remember thinking, ‘Why don’t you have some sort of fund?’” she said recalling a particularly expensive semester. “This makes no sense.”

So Boucher emailed President David A. Greene saying, “There’s no fund for books. What can we do about that?” Greene met with Boucher, heard her out, and created the emergency book fund the next semester. “She was right about the importance of it,” he said.

It’s a tough model to emulate, as Boucher’s energy and enthusiasm is by all accounts as unquenchable as it seems. Close friend Grace Carroll ’17 said Boucher was committed to her many projects and to her friendships, and is quick to reach out to keep relationships going.

Boucher was just as relentless in her determination to fix inequities, Carroll and others said. By sophomore year she found that buying textbooks was taking a large portion of her summer earnings—and knew that other students might not be able to afford to do what was necessary to earn top grades.

Boucher saw the same need for Colby students unable to have a global experience. Although she wanted to go abroad, a full semester wasn’t practical for her, and she knew from her own experience that the cost of some global Jan Plan programs put them out of reach for many students.

By fall of her senior year, Boucher feared the opportunity was going to pass her by. And then one day she was eating lunch in Dana when she overheard an administrator, Director of Communications Kate Carlisle, talking about an alumna of modest means who had been determined to find a way to have an abroad experience at Colby. “All of a sudden this young woman...
came by and said, ‘Forgive me for listening to your conversation, but I have to know who this person is,'” Carlisle said.

The person in question was Dean of the College Karlene Burrell-McRae ’94, and Boucher made a beeline to her office in Eustis. “She wanted to know if I could help her brainstorm to figure out how she might have this experience,” Burrell-McRae said. “And that’s how our journey began.”

Burrell-McRae’s own abroad experience at Colby included study in Hong Kong, Mexico, and London—opportunities she sought despite being from a modest background. Boucher told the dean that she wanted to do her last Jan Plan in Verona, Italy, with Zacamy Professor of English (Emeritus) Pat Brancaccio. The $500 deposit was due, and Boucher feared losing her deposit if she couldn’t raise the rest of the funds.

Burrell-McRae told Boucher to pay the deposit and she would commit to finding a way to make the trip happen. “She hadn’t given up,” Burrell-McRae said. “She hadn’t become jaded. She tried to be creative, and she had taken on what was best about being at a liberal arts college.”

Boucher did go to Verona, studied Italian literature, wrote related essays, traveled through Italy, and explored Rome alone, gaining confidence in her abilities to navigate wherever she might land. “It sounds so cliché but it really changed my life,” she said.

And, as it tends to work with Boucher’s projects, the experience also changed the lives of countless others.

Every day Boucher emailed reports to Burrell-McRae, who then shared photos and stories with other members of senior staff. “What I loved to watch was seeing all that she had been building and growing at Colby transformed in a different way,” she said.

Those photos and letters from Italy moved the president, too. “Her enthusiasm for it, the way she jumped with both feet into that experience and just became immersed in it was to me exactly what we want to see in our students,” Greene said. “She just lit up.”

He said Boucher’s experience shows how students with initiative can leverage a global experience to enrich their future. “They’ll grow and develop and their worldview will broaden,” Greene said. “Michelle was, in fact, part of our thinking when we set out to create universal experiences for people like her, who are filled with initiative but might not have the resources to take advantage of everything that’s available to them.”

That thinking led to DavisConnects, the innovative program established last spring thanks to the generosity of the Davis family and trustee of its charitable foundation, Andrew Davis ’85, LL.D. ’15. The program supports internships, research, and guaranteed global experiences for every Colby student.

Boucher said she congratulated Greene as soon as she heard about the new program. She was flattered to think she might be part of the inspiration, she said, and was gratified to know that in the future students like her won’t need a serendipitous meeting in the dining hall or have to perform financial perambulations to broaden their Colby experience. That she could play any part in making that happen would just be her way of returning the faith that so many placed in her over the years.

“I know I won the Condon Medal and everything ... but I didn’t even know if I would make it through four years,” Boucher said. “It was hard at first, but the support I received and the people who believed in me when I didn’t believe in myself—I get emotional thinking about it because I owe them so much.”

No surprise that she intends to pay it forward. Boucher went on to take a teaching position at Landmark School, a school for children with learning disabilities, in Beverly, Mass. “You know I want to make a difference no matter what I do,” Boucher said. “A lot of people, including myself, are excited to see what’s next.”
Nick Pattison ’18 and William “Brownie” Brown, 101, forge a close friendship in “just passing the time”

By Gerry Boyle ’78

It was lunchtime at a nursing home in Waterville, and Nick Pattison ’18 had brought a feast: homemade venison sausage, pancakes, and cubes of cantaloupe, served on paper plates. Pattison’s friend, William “Brownie” Brown, 101, sat in his easy chair as Pattison poured fresh maple syrup.

“Thank you, kind chef,” Brownie said, then turned to a visitor and said in a slow stage whisper. “Right out of the blue he’ll come barging in.”

Every Sunday for more than a year and a half, Pattison has been “barging in” at Lakewood Continuing Care Center, where Brownie lives. Pattison arrived as a hospice volunteer assigned to the then-99-year-old former hunting guide and retired paper-mill worker. “He turned out to be a pretty good guy, too,” Brownie said between long chews of sausage. “I wouldn’t tell him that. He’d get a swelled head.”

Pattison grinned.

This scene is played out every Sunday. Sometimes Pattison’s there for hours, lifting Brownie into his wheelchair for the ride to the activity room, saying,
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Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder is a preventable disorder that affects an estimated one in 20 children in the United States. It can be difficult to diagnose, and while widespread in the general population, is often only identified in adopted children or those in the foster care system. Doug Waite ’84 and Diane Smith Howard ’86 are on the front lines of the battle against it.

Smith Howard is an attorney with the National Disability Rights Network, whose work on FASD focuses on advocating for families and individuals living with related disorders. Waite, a physician, is medical director at the Keith Haring Clinic at Children’s Village, in New York City, which serves children in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems.

Their careers came full circle in July when Waite and Smith Howard joined to present at a conference on FASD at Colby. Though they didn’t know each other on Mayflower Hill, their professional lives evolved on parallel tracks.

Waite found himself drawn to the study of FASD after seeing cases of adopted and foster children who had loving, supportive environments from a very early age but were presenting massive behavioral challenges. “So I started reading about
alcohol,” he said, “and I realized this is what’s going on.” Smith Howard found similar cases but also had a personal connection as a member of her family was identified as on the spectrum when diagnosis was still in its infancy. Finally, at a conference, a mutual colleague made the Colby connection for them.

The deleterious effects of alcohol on the prenatal environment have been intimated for centuries, but the disorder wasn’t given a name until 1973 when a landmark paper was published in the British medical journal *The Lancet*. “It was described as facial features, and that’s the way this whole thing was identified,” Waite said. But science now says facial features are characteristic with just 10 to 20 percent of affected children.

Scientific understanding of the expanse of spectrum disorders has advanced, but public understanding hasn’t. Waite and Smith Howard are advocates for public education—lots of it—and increased funding for early identification of FASD and services for children and adults living with the disorder.

One obstacle for them and others is the deeply ingrained stigma around alcohol consumption during pregnancy that keeps many mothers from admitting they drank, and as a result the children go undiagnosed. Also, nearly half of pregnancies worldwide are estimated to be unintended. It’s not uncommon for women to have consumed some alcohol before discovering their pregnancy, and the first trimester can be a sensitive time for fetal development.

“I think a lot of people don’t know that even a small amount of alcohol during the first trimester can have a significant impact,” Smith Howard said. “It doesn't matter who you are, any walk of life.” But alcohol effects people differently, she said. A woman whose child has FASD may have actually have drunk a very small amount of alcohol, while another woman might have consumed much more and her child turned out just fine.

“We have to be careful in our judgment because it’s so variable,” Smith Howard said. “But what that means is there’s not a clear statement of, ‘You can have this much.’ And that’s what people want.”

In 2016 the Centers for Disease Control recommended that women of reproductive age who are not actively preventing pregnancy should avoid alcohol—period. The public decried what was widely viewed, as Waite puts it, as a “nanny-state” recommendation.

Defying stereotypical assumptions, said Waite, the women who tend to drink during pregnancy are white, college-educated women. “So those are the people that the CDC was trying to reach. I think a more effective strategy would be ‘couples that are planning on having a child should both abstain from drinking,’ because it includes the man as well as the woman, and it is a more supportive message.”

In fact, Waite advocates for a different way of thinking that would support pregnancy free of all sorts of environmental neurotoxins, an area he calls prenatal ecology. He reeled off a list of potential neurotoxins, including lead, plastics, and flame-retardant chemicals.

“All these things can conspire to give similar neurobehavioral effects, and right now we don’t have an adequate safety net,” he said. Children exposed to toxins before birth often have special needs and behavior problems. Some end up in trouble with the law, and their problems aren’t addressed there, either. “They do stupid stuff, we lock them up,” Waite said.

Smith Howard sees the outcome of that treatment frequently in her clients—children identified as having willfully created behavioral problems, or ADHD, that cannot be treated with medication. Often they have been expelled from school or referred to the juvenile justice system.

It might seem an intractable problem but, in July, as Waite, Smith Howard, and their peers gathered at Colby, there was optimism. “With the right interventions and support,” Waite said, “we can help children and adults with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders build upon their strengths instead of highlighting their failures.”
Since her childhood in India, Minakshi “Mina” M. Amundsen, assistant vice president for facilities and campus planning, has always been curious about the interconnectedness of the natural world, the built environment, and the humans who navigate both. That fascination with connections has informed her work at Colby in myriad ways.

Since arriving on the Hill in 2015, Amundsen has overseen approximately 110 administrators and staff in Facilities Services, which is responsible for capital planning and construction, such as the planned 350,000-square-feet athletic complex; operation of the biomass-fueled central steam plant; custodial work and maintenance of the grounds; building trades and mechanical and electrical services; and sustainability efforts. There are literally a lot of moving parts that require a manager who sees the big picture, understands how things work at ground level, and is responsive to the people who keep the campus running day and night.

Which brings Amundsen’s story back to her native India.

She traveled across the country on family vacations, including stops to see son et lumière for which her engineer father provided lighting. “I was exposed not just to physical geography, but to social geography and economic geography, languages, food, and culture. You can learn so much just by passing through.” These childhood pursuits and travels drew her to art, biology, languages, drama, model making, and social studies, which included history, civics, and...
geography. In her work at Colby, she brings a keen awareness of the complexities inherent in the way an institution grows, how its history and values ultimately shape what gets built, the impact on the land, and how the school relates to the larger community.

Nowhere is the comprehensive nature of Amundsen’s work more evident than in her role overseeing the diverse project team undertaking the planning and construction of the new athletic complex, the largest project in the College’s history. As the point of contact for the facilities project team, design team, and senior administrative team, Amundsen was closely involved in the architect selection and all phases of design as well as environmental approvals. She is keenly interested in meeting the facility’s ambitious sustainability goals. “I see the successful delivery of the new athletic complex project as ultimately my responsibility,” Amundsen said.

Her journey to the field of campus planning was circuitous. As a teen, she rejected expectations that she might become a doctor, then a microbiologist, then an engineer. Architecture was a compromise, especially when she realized it could combine her love of art and history. Amundsen would eventually practice as an architect in India for eight years, but found herself drawn more to the chaos and integration of big cities than working on one small building after another. Her boss kept urging her to become a city planner, and when she was awarded a scholarship to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for a master’s in architecture studies, the transition began. After a year in the program, she added city planning, receiving a dual master’s degree in 1998.

Following graduate school, she joined Harvard University’s office of planning and real estate as a senior planner with both planning and design skills. Three years later, she moved to Cornell, where she directed the university’s facilities planning. “For me it was not just numbers, but a map. We were looking at processes, buildings, and the glue that holds them all together.”

She and her husband, conservationist and consultant Ole “Trey” Amundsen III ’90, though, had always wanted to live in Maine, and today live just down the hill from Colby. “I can promote sustainability here on this hill of such natural beauty,” she said, “and I have the chance to integrate planning, design, and operations on a smaller scale.”

On those childhood trips, Amundsen also saw how her father was always stopping in a village to visit customers. All these years later, Amundsen is touring all of the mechanical spaces on campus to see how they function. She’s taking time to talk to members of the Facilities Services Department, learning who they are, what they do, and how they want to grow.

Today this might be considered an example of “slow management,” in which every employee is valued for their role in an organization, trusted as a professional, and given more autonomy for creativity and problem solving. At Colby, Amundsen’s approach is translating most noticeably into sustainability initiatives. “We’re trying to pull everyone into sustainability. The project folks are updating to sustainable standards. We’re doing green cleaning and piloting organic lawns. Everyone has been very receptive, and they’re learning cutting edge ideas and technologies.”

In the long run, the hope is that this will result in a shared ownership of sustainability. “Everyone here has a role, and they are equally important,” said Amundsen.
FROM MAYFLOWER HILL TO A GLOBAL STAGE

The Maribor Uprisings, a documentary by Maple Razsa and Milton Guillén ’15, is attracting international audiences and acclaim

By David McKay Wilson ’76

At the U.S. premier of their film The Maribor Uprisings, Milton Guillén ’15 and Maple Razsa, associate professor of global studies, stood before an audience of 125 in an outdoor courtyard in downtown Brooklyn, inviting them to participate in that evening’s showing.

The enthusiastic filmgoers did just that—just as crowds have done at film festivals in Copenhagen, Toronto, Cape Town, Maribor (the city in Slovenia where the protests took place), and other locations around the world.

“It’s a story about collective protest movements and how to respond to repression by the police,” said Razsa, whose scholarly research has focused on political activism in Eastern Europe since the fall of the Soviet Union. “It’s something the audience has to grapple with, too.”

Audiences have responded and documentary juries have, too, inviting the Colby pair to do more screenings, including a festival in South Korea in September. The documentary drew praise at leading film festivals in Denmark, Romania, South Africa, and Canada. Recently, Maribor Uprisings notched a major national award as it was named best documentary feature by the Society for Visual Anthropology.

In New York, organizers of Rooftops Films festival proclaimed The Maribor Uprisings “an important piece of documentary filmmaking—one that manages to be informative, evocative and always engaging.”

And it all started as a project on Mayflower Hill.
The film’s allure is that the audience, at crucial points during the film, collectively decides how the drama will unfold. Will the protestors in Maribor, Slovenia, confront the riot police in Freedom Square, or will they hang back? Do they want to follow the protestors rolling a hay bale into the maelstrom? Will the audience learn the background of one of the rock-throwing demonstrators?

“It’s a new form of film—a participatory documentary, where the audience makes decisions,” Razsa said.

The partnership began when Guillén was a student majoring in anthropology and Razsa his honors thesis advisor. Guillén, a native of Nicaragua, began collaborating with Razsa during his junior year when the tech-savvy student helped the professor develop an online version of his project Bastards of Utopia about leftist radicals in Croatia.

Their relationship deepened when Guillén did an independent study in film. Then they traveled together to Slovenia during the summer between Guillén’s junior and senior year to research the Maribor protests. Guillén went back during Jan Plan senior year and did an artist residency.

“On a personal level, Maple was always there for me,” said Guillén, who, after working in film production in New York City, returned to Colby in 2016 as a photographer and video journalist. “Intellectually, he has showed me such trust, and the confidence to realize what I could bring to his project from a cinematic point of view.”

Razsa said he was immediately impressed by Guillén’s skills in the digital realm as well as his ability to connect with his subjects in the field.

“As an anthropologist, you don’t casually invite someone to your field site; it’s sensitive,” Razsa said. “Milton convinced me of his maturity, and I introduced him to my activist collaborators there. Though he was relatively young, he built really good relationships, and from his thesis project we decided to work together on something much more ambitious.”

That project was The Maribor Uprisings, which melds on-scene footage of the protests with exploration of the event and its aftermath. “Milton brought great energy and devotion to the project,” Razsa said. “He shot the vast majority of the interviews and city portraiture. He helped organize and edit the immense amount of footage we had, and he came up with creative ideas about the story lines.”

In Brooklyn in June the audience voted overwhelmingly to see the 2012 confrontation between the demonstrators and the police, which was filmed by Slovenians in the streets during the uprising. Viewers in the Brooklyn audience also raised their hands to learn more about one of the protestors.

The documentary, edited by renowned film editor Mary Lampson, of Winthrop, Maine, reveals the street battles between rock-throwing protestors and the police in riot gear, firing canisters of tear gas to disperse the demonstration.

Over its numerous showings, certain trends have emerged, Razsa and Guillén say. The audiences in most showings have opted for confrontation. Some Black Lives Matter activists have backed the option to retreat and regroup, suspecting (correctly, in the Maribor case) that a confrontation with police will not end well for protestors.

For Guillén making the film was a chance to use his scholarship for a project in which he believed. “Film is a way to animate anthropology,” he said. “It is a way for me to be an active ethnographer by using cinema.”

Opposite, Associate Professor of Global Studies Maple Razsa, right, and Milton Guillén ’15 take questions from the audience at a showing of their film, The Maribor Uprisings, at Rooftops Films festival in New York in June.
That cultural bias, one that assumes men are better at math than women—and undermines women in the classroom and the discipline—wasn’t just a high school thing. It carries over to college—and beyond. “I think what we have to do here is not only teach women to be strong in a place where they’re a minority,” Freeman said, “but also teach the men how to be allies to women as they leave Colby and go into the workforce.”

It’s a national problem. According to a recent survey by the American Mathematical Society, 43 percent of the mathematics degrees conferred at small private colleges in 2015 went to women. “All of us are aware of the gender issues in mathematics,” said Associate Professor of Mathematics and Statistics Scott Taylor.

Kayla Freeman ’19 was used to being in the gender minority in honors and AP math classes at her high school in central Massachusetts. But a particular incident stands out. “One time someone found out that I got the highest score on the final,” she said, “and all the guys in my class were shocked.”

Mirroring the national trend, women have historically been in the minority in mathematics at Colby, though numbers vary significantly from year to year. For the Class of 2010, women broke 50 percent (16 of 30 majors) but dropped to just 18 percent four years later (4 of 22 majors). Numbers have rebounded to more than 40 percent for the Class of 2018 but have dipped slightly for the two subsequent classes.

“For the math class I took my freshman spring, for the first week and a half I was the only female in the class,” said Allyson Redhunt ’17. “And then one other joined.”

In recent years, the department has undertaken a sustained effort to turn the numbers around—and to change the math culture for all involved.
To that end, the Runnals Dinner for Women in Mathematics, established three years ago, was continued as part of an effort spearheaded last year by faculty. Taylor and Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Statistics Lu Lu landed a Tensor Women and Mathematics grant, and, with assistance from Clare Boothe Luce Assistant Professor of Mathematics Nora Youngs, the department has sponsored a series of events and programs aimed at bringing more women into mathematics.

Chantal David, a leading number-theory researcher, was brought to campus to speak. Two alumnae, Ann Miller Crumlish ’98, an actuary, and Malia Kawamura ’14, who is in graduate school for engineering, ran workshops for Colby students on the demands of being a woman in a male-dominated workplace and discussed the kinds of mathematical work they do in their careers.

Colby math majors have run workshops for area high school students, and a Colby math mentorship program has been established that matches advanced math students with students beginning their work in the discipline. While the program isn’t gender specific, the last five mentees were women math students, Taylor said.

Redhunt was one of those mentors, trained through the Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement, and she advised first-year students considering a math major but curious to get a major’s take on the department. A coxswain on the men’s crew team, she said she frequently fielded questions from her fellow rowers—all male. “I had three different male teammates texting me, saying, ‘What do you think I should take [for math]?’” she said.

One benefit of the program, beyond the mentoring itself, Taylor said, is putting out the word that there are senior women math majors. Those seniors are headed for the workplace and will be able to offer advice even after graduation.

Freeman, who switched her major from pure math to math science, linking that with a computer science major, said she’s been happy with her experience at Colby and doesn’t often run into gender problems. “I do sometimes question if it will be worth it in the long run,” she said, “if I end up in a career where my gender puts me at a disadvantage. But I get enough support from women who are older who tell me it will be okay.”

Redhunt said she had coffee with a first-year who had completed her first semester in Dijon and had been told by some students it would be difficult to major in pure math. “She was feeling pretty frustrated so I told her I didn’t take a single math class when I was abroad, and I’m still graduating on time with a math major—and I finished all my pre-med requirements without a problem. So she definitely benefited from the voice of someone who had a similar track.”

The pep talks will continue. Freeman said plans for the fall were shaping up, as the Women in Mathematics and Computer Science became an official Colby club. “We’re going to hit the ground running,” she said.
FOR computer science majors Austin Nantkes ’19 and Chris Marcello ’19, the path to a summer internship began with some serious competition.

CGI, Inc., a Montreal-based computer consulting firm that Colby recruited to Waterville as part of ongoing downtown revitalization efforts, chose to do more than the usual application process for the paid summer positions. “During Jan Plan we competed with another team to pitch an idea,” Nantkes said. Based on the pitches, the company would decide who would get the paid summer internship.

Two teams of Colby students were instructed to create a project proposal that used blockchain (the basis for bitcoin online currency) to make the process of sending and receiving college transcripts easier. Nantkes and Marcello chose to focus on making the process more secure for users. In the present system, once transcripts are downloaded, people have the ability to edit the documents. “It looks official, but [with altering] they also have a 4.5 GPA via Photoshop,” Marcello explained.

The other Colby group took a more business-oriented approach, and the company ultimately liked both ideas. As a result, all four entrants earned summer internships, but only Nantkes and Marcello accepted the spots.

The Colby students work at CGI’s offices at the Hathaway Creative Center (the company planned to move to downtown offices at 173 Main St. in September following renovation of that Colby-owned building). “We’re basically developers, so they give us full developer computers, they give us a workstation, they set us up and they say, ‘This is what you need to do today, get it done,’” Nantkes said. Because they are interns they look to their supervisors for advice and help. Their supervisor gives them both responsibility and respect, Marcello said. “If we tell our boss, ‘I don’t know if we can do this,’ or ‘There’s a better way to do this,’ he’s immediately listening.”

Rick Bryant, CGI’s Waterville site manager and the students’ supervisor, said interns like Marcello and Nantkes are “true members of the team.” At daily staff meetings, the Colby interns and their coworkers give a synopsis of the project they are working on: what they did yesterday, what they plan to do that day, and what the roadblocks might be. In this way, Bryant hopes to prepare his interns for post-graduation work in the tech industry.

Because CGI is a consulting firm, developers work on varied projects, making for an interesting work space filled with short cubicles and individual stations. When different teams form, workers simply put their belongings into a rolling filing cabinet and set up in a new configuration.

In addition to learning what it’s like to work an 8-to-5 job, Nantkes said one of his favorite things about CGI is the opportunity to work with a wide array of colleagues, from Thomas College interns to older developers with advanced degrees. Nantkes, who is considering entering a master’s program after Colby, said it’s been helpful to learn about colleagues’ career paths and the ways they have specialized within their field.

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While the interns have had much to gain from working at CGI, Bryant said they have been a valuable addition to the office. “I love those guys,” he said. “Both have really good skills and are fitting in well.” Though Marcello plans to go abroad during the fall semester, Bryant said they have offered Nantkes a part-time position during the school year.
ALUMNI

Full Circle

Former Posse Scholar Jia Chen connects to her native China

By Eric Butterman
When Jia Chen ’06 moved with her family to New York City, she was enrolled in a middle school where 90 percent of the students were Chinese immigrants and little English was spoken. She spent the next two decades soaking up education and experiences that have prepared her for a career in the country she left behind.

Chen is CEO of WeVenues, a Shanghai marketplace for event space. Like online travel sites that match vacationers with available homes or apartments, WeVenues matches available spaces to anyone looking for a place for a meeting or a conference.

“You have so many commercial spaces that are empty for a decent part of a 24-hour period,” she said from Shanghai. “It doesn’t do anyone any good. Bars closed during the day, museums and galleries closed for hours. Imagine appreciating works of art while you’re having your event?”

It’s the latest stop in a journey that included Chen’s stint as part of the first group of Posse New York scholars at Colby, an adventure that took her away from Chinatown as she reached out to get access to the best education possible. “Being a part of [Posse] is one of the things I’m most proud of from my time at Colby,” she said.

Chen crafted an independent major (administrative science with an emphasis on marketing, accounting, and corporate finance), minored in Japanese, studied guitar, and early in her Colby career fell in love with her English literature classes.

Another course, she noted, gave her confidence that carries over today. Since childhood she’d had a speech problem, an impediment that hampered her confidence. “A big part of overcoming it was taking a public speaking course with Professor, [David] Mills,” she said of the late English professor. “With the support I received and hearing my improvement, my confidence just grew.”

Law school at the University of Iowa and stints working as a public defender and court interpreter were followed by work as an attorney for firms in Palo Alto and New York City. Then the tech world beckoned—from China.

Chen had seen many friends leave jobs in the United States to take their experience and education back to China. Her interest piqued, she decided to visit and made the rounds of Beijing, Chengdu, and Hong Kong.

On her first day in Shanghai, Chen met a Bowdoin alumnus on the subway. He invited her to an ex-pat gathering and she met several people who were starting their own companies in China. The next day she landed her first job there, as interim CFO for a startup. A few months later, she launched WeVenues. Starting with 1 million Chinese yuan in seed money (about $150,000), the company’s revenue is growing steadily, and it now has venue hosts in Shanghai, Beijing, Hangzhou, Suzhou, Guangzhou, and Wuhan—and is eyeing non-Chinese markets.

“I’ve connected with thousands of people since coming to China. You have to remember—you never know when a connection can lead to great things.”

—Ija Chen ’06
It was the fall of 1989. Then an assistant professor of French newly arrived at Colby, Adrianna Paliyenko had a chance meeting with a student on the steps of Miller Library.

“Her name was Paula Henriques,” Paliyenko said. “She was in my seminar on French poetry of the 19th century, and she asked me, ‘I know they hired you because you specialize in poetry. So who were the women recognized as poets in the 19th century?’”

Paliyenko, who had recently completed her Ph.D. in French literature and culture at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, had to think. “I stood there on the steps of the library and I said, ‘Well one comes to mind, Marceline Desbordes-Valmore. Other than Desbordes-Valmore, I can’t think of any. That’s really odd.’”

So odd, in fact, that the question would ultimately propel Paliyenko, Charles A. Dana Professor of French, into a research project that would take more than a decade, involve a cadre of student research assistants, and result in her book Genius Envy: Women Shaping French Poetic History, 1801-1900, published by Penn State University Press in 2016.

This seminal work is being hailed by literary scholars—and has prompted a call for translation into French as soon as possible. The book unmask a decades-long effort to marginalize woman poets by linking genius to the male sperm cell, and women’s creativity to masculinity—in effect, minimizing their mark on literature and culture.

It isn’t that French women poets of the 19th century were overlooked. In some spaces they were treated as equals to men, published side by side in anthologies, attracting serious consideration and criticism. But years after their work was hailed as significant, there often was a more subtle, insidious, and deprecating treatment at work. “I don’t resolve the contradictions,” Paliyenko said. “I expose them.”

Mining primary documents, she tried to transport herself as a reader back to that time, she said, to find the ways the poets’ works were received as they were published. “I try to drop the 21st-century filter,” she said, “and get a sense of the woman and the writer.”

In her research, Paliyenko discerned that women artists in post-revolutionary France were being subjected to a new “science-based” scrutiny, one that used biological theories (accepted at the time but preposterous today) to assign true genius to men. She chose five representative women poets and writers whose projects span the century to show how in different ways women refuted the idea that “genius has sex” in their critical writings and creative practice.

French women poets were up against considerable obstacles, she found, including the masculine gender of the word poet itself. As more women wrote poetry, the word “poète” was coined, itself a step in the process of marginalization. While their work may have been praised contemporaneously—and perhaps because it was praised—critics retrospectively began to postulate that les femmes poètes were literally inferior by nature.

“They were increasingly ridiculed, mocked, and then vilified because it gets tied to reproduction,” Paliyenko said.
In women’s poetic writing ... genuinely creative work not only generates new forms and aesthetic ideas but also raises questions that reshape the way we think.”

—Adrianna M. Paliyenko, Charles A. Dana Professor of French
THE BAND WAS FABULOUS!

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Assistant Professor of Music
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What’s in a picture? Or, rather, what is in a musical note?

For the music collected and transcribed by the students of MU493 (Sounds of Maine: Research Methods and Practice in Ethnomusicology), these notes have encompassed a migration history and legacy fraught with joy, hardship, tears, and camaraderie. These are the songs performed by Les Troubadours, a Franco-American women’s choir based in Lewiston, Maine, whose members students interviewed throughout the course of the spring semester, transcribing the songs that have been primarily maintained through oral tradition and compiling them into a songbook and website.

I was deeply moved with our encounters with these women—a former nun, a young mother who came to Maine from Québec in the 1950s not speaking English, another who sang Franco tunes deep into the night to alleviate her anxiety when her teenage son was out. These women all had a toughness that was counterbalanced with a vibrant joie de vivre that proved irresistible to myself and to the students. On our first field trip, the women met us with open arms, hugging each of us in turn and speaking a combination of French and English excitedly. Sitting around a long table at the Franco-American Collection at the University of Southern Maine, the women discussed their lives and soon invited us to sing the music that had been so deeply entrenched in their lives.

As the students got to know their interlocutors, it became evident that the act of singing Franco tunes together had played a critical part in bringing each woman joy, in several cases even lifting certain members out of depression. To witness such a notable correlation between music and well-being, especially among an elderly group of women from an ethnic community that has been historically marginalized, was inspiring. Indeed, more so than with traditional classes, this kind of “living class” allowed students to engage with the human condition on a very real and tangible level. Having direct interaction with these singers also enabled students to encounter little-known, local, and even family tunes often written out of history (such as lullabies and children’s songs) and to delve into the intersection between this repertoire and the multivalent migration histories and experiences of people of French descent in Maine.

In addition to conducting interviews, the MU493 students transcribed a number of songs they heard in their fieldwork, translated the songs’ texts into English, and, staying true to the mutable nature of oral tradition, arranged one of the songs (the lullaby “Ferme tes jolis yeux”) to their liking, performing it for the choir as part of the public presentation of their work. With the input of the choir members, the students then compiled this material into a final project that would be of use to the choir. Part of this project entailed a physical songbook, which presents a material object embodying the choir’s oral tradition while also providing a written musical score for those not familiar with the repertoire.
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David C. Weber writes from California, “What a lasting influence a Colby professor may have! In March 1919 Oxford Rhodes Scholar Carl J. Weber began teaching freshmen and then taught Colby students for 40 years. Professor Weber taught the humanities, in part through his biography of Thomas Hardy, Hardy of Wessex: His Life and Literary Career (Columbia University Press, 1940), reprinted in 1965 and again in 2016. It is news when proof of posthumous teaching appears today. That Weber is still ‘teaching’ is attested to by recent student sales of his Hardy biography widely bought and studied, proven 76 years later by royalty checks again arriving to his heirs. Weber’s leadership created the E.A. Robinson Treasure Room, honoring the Maine poet who was the winner of three Pulitzer Prizes and nominated four times for the Nobel Prize in Literature. That’s where Professor Weber studied, taught, and wrote. Now called Special Collections at Colby, this room fronts a rich educational Colby asset.”

1948
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Notwithstanding our diminishing ranks, I received a good amount of news. Burt Krumholz assured me that we will get together next fall in Florida. • Howell Clement and I continue our correspondence. He lamented that he does not receive much news and speculated that surviving classmates are more interested in bills and what doctor they’ll see next week. Howel wrote that he’s not as active as he would like and cannot walk great distances and requires naps. He said, “Not very exciting but at least you know I am still here.” • Ev Helfant Malkin and three daughters took a road trip from Santa Barbara to San Francisco in April. Recently she spent a great afternoon at Colby’s art museum. She marveled at Colby’s growth since she was an undergraduate. She stays very busy volunteering at a fourth-grade school in Cambridge and keeping in touch with her staff at Mass General Hospital. • This winter I had lunch with Frannie Hyde Stephan on Singer Island in Florida. I recently had a telephone call with Frannie’s dear friend, Carol Stoll Baker. • After 40 years in our house in Dedham, I moved to a residence called NewBridge on the Charles, also in Dedham. I have a large apartment with living room, den, and two bedrooms. It’s a modern building with all the amenities. Living here relieves me of tending to the house but I miss the ability to walk out of the kitchen into the garage and get in my car and go. Now I have to walk to an elevator and go down to the garage. If I come home with groceries I have to load them in a little cart and wheel them to the elevator and then to my apartment. I still plan to spend the winter (six months) at my home in Jupiter, Fla. There, I play golf at least once a week and spend an hour two afternoons a week with a trainer. I restrict myself to nine holes and I’m so short off the tee that I can almost hear the ball land. I would really appreciate a note from any classmate who would write about their current life as we all enter our 90s. It’s nice to know who is still around, hopefully enjoying old age. I still have a drink or a beer a day but do not have the capacity to replicate the amount I used to drink at Onies.

1949
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Greetings to all you ‘49ers out there! • Juss and Celle Farnham Sturtevant have moved to their new home at 10 Cedar Ridge Lane, Mansfield, MA 02048. • Al and Mary Bauman Gates have seven children who live all over the U.S. Of particular interest is her granddaughter, Kristen ’10, a Colby graduate who lives in Alaska. She’s hiked the AT, Pacific Crest Trail, the Continental Divide, and others. I remember watching a video of her trek across northern Alaska several years ago. She’s now writing a book about her adventures in northern Alaska, where she’s lived for four years teaching dogs to mush and working in Denali Park. Keep an eye out for it! Mary and Al live in independent living at Birch Hill Terrace, Manchester, N.H. They sold their summer place last fall, but still go to Longboat Key, Fla., for a month each winter. Mary keeps busy with bridge, table games, knitting, and walking, both inside and out. Mary volunteers at her retirement community and has a pen pal at a nearby school. What fun! She and Al have driven to Florida each winter, but this year they traveled by train.

1950
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No one has stepped forward to fill the role of correspondent so there is no news. If you’re interested in volunteering, reach out to Colby Magazine at classnews1950@colby.edu or 207-859-4356.

1951
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Dear Class of ’51—the digital age slowed my emails, but I recall hearing from Dan Hall and John Linscott. Dan had a 50-year reunion with a fellow teacher from his teaching days, in Africa, I believe. He enjoyed catching up with the teacher, who’s still at the former site. Dan has done some wonderful things over the years and deserves a lot of credit. Glad you’re still performing, Dan. • John Linscott is still in North Carolina, near Raleigh, and writing plays and musicals. John gets our classical performer award and we enjoy his success. He returns to Maine for the summer, so get in touch with him to be entertained. • I apologize for the digital loss, but if you’ll email me again, I’ll get your message in the next column. Jane and I are staying more in Villanova and doing less traveling. I turn 90 in July and expect to play more golf—nine holes usually, but it’s still fun. Our four boys are very active and we see them a lot. I had the chance to visit with President David Greene at a recent Phillies / Red Sox game. There were several Colbians there as a guest of Sandy Buck ’78, who is always a very gracious host. • All the best to the best class in Colby’s long history.

1952
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John Walewyn and Louise Ginsberg Hibshberg both wrote to wish me well as the new class correspondent. I accepted the role because I’m excited about Colby and the energy provided by President Greene. Having spent 40 years in secondary education, I’m well aware of the importance of his leadership. I encourage members of our class to stay connected to Colby. Following Sandy Pearson Anderson in this task will not be easy because she did it so well for so long. Therefore, I need you to let me know what is going on in your lives so it can be shared with your classmates. C’mom ’52! I know you
are out there and active, so let me hear from you. • Dave Morse wrote that he was at Colby’s reunion in June where he met Paul and Mimi Russell Aldrich, who were also in attendance and carried the ’52 banner during the Parade of Classes.

1953
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I know that classmates look forward to reading the notes and I try to write them up as well as I can. It doesn’t seem possible that 24 years have gone by since Nelson Beveridge handed all the correspondent information to me. Nelson calls now and then when he connects with a classmate, and this time it was with Wes Hayes, who ran the “sandwich concession” on campus. I remember the “call” in the dorm corridor: “Candy and gum, peanuts, peanut butter crackers, and cookies.” • In our last column, I gave George Pirié’s contact information, so David Rudd called him. He said they had a great conversation, recalling a “spur of the moment” car trip from campus to the Hamptons in New York and enjoying an extensive “life in general” chat. David and Harriet still live on the horse farm, although there are no horses now. • Mike Wechsler Edelson returned in May from a trip to Japan with a 12-day visit to shrines, Mt. Fuji, restful spas, and historical sites in Tokyo, Osaka, and Kyoto. She celebrated her 85th birthday with her family, taking in a Morgan Library tour, the Emily Dickinson exhibit, and a special luncheon in the dining room. She’s back at her lake house in the Adirondacks for her 48th summer. • In May I had a quick note from Carolyn English Caci. She and Tommi Thompson Staples are just in the planning stages but hope to take a train trip across Canada—stay tuned! • Priscilla Eaton Billington is back in Massachusetts from her Florida home via a family trip to San Diego to visit a grandson who has settled there. There were 15 in all. It was a wonderful family reunion with beach-going, hiking, and kayaking. This group included five Colby alumni. As I was writing our column, Priscilla wrote that Shirley Sarris called to say that Dick Cole ’54, whom she hadn’t seen in 45 years. Art was visiting his daughter, who lives in the DC area. He also re-established contact with Ken Castonguay, Paul Appelbaum, and Joyce Maguire Demers—all three since 1954. John was thinking of parachuting for his 88th birthday in May. I haven’t heard a word since so maybe he’s still in the “thinking stage.” We’ll see!

1954
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Lindon Christie had a quick operation (appendix removal) and has completed 50 years of accident-free flying. • Bill and Penny Thresher Edison, who have only a few minor health problems, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and the arrival of their first great-grandchild. Penny was honored for 25 years of service as a long-term-care ombudsperson, and Bill keeps busy working on a memoir of his years with the space program for his children and grandchildren. • Sue Johnson loves her independent living apartment at Sunnyside, a beautiful CCRC campus, in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. She took a trip on the Mississippi steamboat River Queen and took a similar trip on the Snake and Columbia rivers in Oregon and Washington in July. She recently visited Freeman Sleeper at a “home-like” facility in Roanoke that specializes in memory care. • I recently visited with Carol MacLver Murphy ’55 in Northampton, Mass., where we shared pleasant memories of our time with Mary Belden Williams. • Ned Shenton took a two-week, 14-state tour of the country via Greyhound bus visiting children and grandchildren. The January 2017 issue of Down East Magazine had an interview with Ned about the memoir he wrote of his father’s life and work. • Judy Jenkins Totman, after 20 years of extraordinary work for our class, has “retired.” It’s because of her tireless efforts that the Class of ’54 has been at the top of class giving year after year. Thank you, Judy!

1955
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I’m at my desk in Lincoln, Mass., on a summer day thinking about a trip to Maine this summer. I’m anxious to walk around the campus and in Waterville. • Soon, John Reisman will make his yearly visit to Linlkin Bay in Maine, staying with Kathy McConaughy Zambello ’56 and visiting class friends. • Jane Millett Dornish and Sid Farr represented our class at reunion this year. Sid is working on goals for the class and Jane’s job is to help. They each received a Golden Mules pin when they checked in at registration. Jane mentioned that she misses Ann Dillingham Ingraham, who passed away April 6. • Dick Cole skis at Oke-mo, Vt. He’ll be there next winter looking for you. He’s received medals, including a gold medal in the national championships in Steamboat, Colo. • Europe is for James Smith (known as Jimmy), After serving in the military in Germany, Jimmy went to England for sales training work. Then to the French Riviera and on to Paris. There he became a “top model” for 25 years. Now he has an antique business in Saint-Jean-de-Luz, France. He misses college days and wishes he was able to attend reunion. • Marilyn Faddis Butler, who wrote from Beverly Hills, Fla., still enjoys tennis and bridge and is going back to music and taking piano lessons again “after more years then I can count.”

1956
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David ‘Sonny’ Slater and his wife, Barbara Winokur, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Sept. 1. They have five sons and 11 grandchildren (three girls and eight boys). Sonny says that he loved Colby but has only one Colby grad, a grandson, in the family. Other colleges the family has attended include Tufts, Stanford, and Harvard. • Janet Stebbins Walsh and Bobby Brown were at Colby to attend the graduation of Brownie’s granddaughter, Tori. With previous graduate Glenn ’87, the Barnes/Brown legacy continues. Stebbie had lunch with Hope Palmer Bramhall and Jean Van Curan Pugh ’55. A beautiful Colby weekend all around. • Janet Nordgren Meryweather is back in Maine after five months in Florida and a trip to Ireland, her second. The first, a motor trip to visit favorite places of another couple with whom they were travelling, involved driving on the “wrong side of the road.” Luckily, both side-view mirrors remained intact. Janet did not kiss the Blarney Stone as it was a drizzly day and trudging up 83 feet to do so was not appealing. An eighth grandchild arrived this winter and daughter Kathy was married in April. • Brian Stompe’s big news is the introduction of the California Senate bill (SB 562), The Healthy California Act, single-payer health care, including dental and negotiated drug prices, for all Californians. He and others have worked on this for a year and it’s finally being launched with unanimous endorsement from the San Francisco and Marin County Boards of Supervisors, California Nurses Association, along with many physicians, interns, and other supportive organizations. They hope to lead the U.S. to lower the cost of quality universal health care. His annual vegetable garden is coming along well, and he helped his “little brother” plant his very own.

1957
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Our 60th reunion has come and gone, and despite our being unable to attend because of a granddaughter’s high school graduation, the reports drifting our way are that a good time was had by all. For those who haven’t been on campus for a while, the changes are nothing short of astounding! • Peter Merrill emailed that he and his wife, Carole, were in the middle of a move from their home in Portland, Maine, to Minneapolis. Carole has retired from her job as executive director of the Portland Society for Architecture and they now prefer to live in a big city, one where family lives nearby. • Candace Orcutt, faculty emeritus of the International Masterson Institute, gave two presentations at IMI conferences in 2016. In addition, she remains active as a training supervisor and faculty member at the New Jersey Institute for Training in Psychoanalysis. • Even though it’s after the fact, this gem from Tom Brackin is far too good not to share. Tom wrote as follows: “In packing for the 60th reunion, I’ve packed my 81 aspirin, BP meds, cane and walker, extra boxes of Depends, floss for remaining teeth, 37 vitamin bottles, medical bracelets, programmed phone for 911, motel location and room number, mother’s maiden name, our daughter’s cell number, and car plate number. If we can finally get through Waterville and reach the campus, we anticipate an absolutely wonderful weekend. Please let us know when it’s over and when we should head back to New Jersey.” We assume by now you have made it back safely to New Jersey and you are getting ready for your next excursion. The moral is to keep your sense of humor, everyone, for it’s your very best line of defense for anything that might come your way.

1958
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Phyllis Hardy Peterson lost her husband, Dean, to cancer last summer and is moving north from Florida to be nearer her daughter in Tillson, N.Y., and her son in Oakland, Maine. She’s sorry to have sold their cot-
tage on Long Pond in Belgrade after 50 years, but “Maine will always be a forever place” for her. On a happier note, she and daughter Kate were taken on a fabulous trip to Paris in April, including Normandy and Claude Monet’s summer home, “a real ‘pick-me-up’ for both of us and we have wonderful memories and photos.” She looks forward to revisiting the Colby campus and art museum. • Ellie Fortenbaugh de la Bandera’s older grandson will be 21 this summer, and her 16-year-old granddaughter is going to Peru for two weeks with other students and two Spanish teachers to teach English to Peruvian kids and see some of the country. “Amazing what kids do in high school these days!” • Dick and Gail Crosby Davis flew their Beechcraft Baron 55 from Palos Verdes, Calif., to their summer home in Beverly Farms, Mass. First stop Santa Fe, N.M., for Mexican food; then Texas for steaks; Tullahoma, Tenn., to visit the Beechcraft museum, and finally Elizabeth City, N.C., for seafood. Daughter Wende Davis ’82 and family will arrive from Basel, Switzerland, for a summer visit. • Happy news from Marian Woodsome and John Ludwig: “After 32 years of living separately following our divorce in 1984, we have miraculously and happily found ourselves together again, renewing the old spark we once had and enjoying our three families, 13 grandchildren, and three great-grandkids. Presently living together mostly in Boothbay, Maine, but in the midst of making decisions about downsizing to one home in that area. Many changes ahead. Our best to everyone!” • Von and Ruth Winterbottom Peacock live in Colima, Mexico, one hour from the Pacific Ocean and 30 minutes from the Volcán de Colima, which has been sending frequent fumaroles into the sky lately. “Cantinflas was a famous Mexican comedian who took on the stupidities of lately. “Cantinflas was a famous Mexican sending frequent fumaroles into the sky from the Volcán de Colima, which has been decisions about downsizing to one home in the country. “Amazing what kids do in high English to Peruvian kids and see some of the is going to Peru for two weeks with other of Natural History three mornings a week. Dan volunteers with the Paleobiology somewhere, but “living in central D.C. is ticipants, and from what he hears they’re making steady progress becoming a viable woman’s college. Karen (Beganny ’63) and Skeeter Megathlin stopped by to see the Connors on their way north in May and had a very nice visit. The Megathlins took pictures all over the Wake Forest campus, which is copied from Colby’s campus almost to the letter. It’s only yards from the Connors’ house. • Libbe Latham Hale is still practicing as a licensed clinical psychologist (semi-retired—about five patients a week) in Thousand Oaks, Calif. Her three children (one an M.D., one an artist, and the third a businessman) are doing well. • Bob Younies’ son, Nick, is working on a master’s in English at Johns Hopkins and will move on to get a Ph.D. at the same school. When he’s finished, Bob’s family will have accumulated six master’s and three doctorates. His daughter, Nora, is working for the American Podiatric Medical Association and is responsible for social media. Bob’s wife, Anne, leads a double life. She works for the federal government on prevention of bullying and suicide. She is also president of The E. Stanley Jones Foundation, which is raising money to have all of her grandfather’s books republished. She has republished six of his 30 books so far. Jones was a Methodist evangelist who spent many years in India as a missionary and founded a mental health hospital in Lucknow and an ashram retreat center in the foothills of the Himalayas. Bob is still in medical practice as the medical director of the Montgomery County, Maryland, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Collecting coins is his pastime hobby. They actively follow Washington’s political news, all of which provides heightened awareness of the finer points of our democracy and the durability of our Constitution. • Bob and Mary Twiss Kopechans spent the month of April on a 28-day transatlantic cruise from Ft. Lauderdale to western Europe and the Mediterranean. It was a long time to be away from home and travel can be challenging at our age. However, the added incentive for the trip was the fact that they saw their grandson Duncan in Paris and had an authentic French lunch. 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1959

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Thank you to all who sent news of their activities. Tom Connors is again in retirement after having gone back to Sweet Briar College last year as vice president and treasurer, and from what he hears they’re making steady progress becoming a viable woman’s college. Karen (Beganny ’63) and Skeeter Megathlin stopped by to see the Connors on their way north in May and had a very nice visit. The Megathlins took pictures all over the Wake Forest campus, which is copied from Colby’s campus almost to the letter. It’s only yards from the Connors’ house. • Libbe Latham Hale is still practicing as a licensed clinical psychologist (semi-retired—about five patients a week) in Thousand Oaks, Calif. Her three children (one an M.D., one an artist, and the third a businessman) are doing well. • Bob Younies’ son, Nick, is working on a master’s in English at Johns Hopkins and will move on to get a Ph.D. at the same school. When he’s finished, Bob’s family will have accumulated six master’s and three doctorates. His daughter, Nora, is working for the American Podiatric Medical Association and is responsible for social media. Bob’s wife, Anne, leads a double life. She works for the federal government on prevention of bullying and suicide. She is also president of The E. Stanley Jones Foundation, which is raising money to have all of her grandfather’s books republished. She has republished six of his 30 books so far. Jones was a Methodist evangelist who spent many years in India as a missionary and founded a mental health hospital in Lucknow and an ashram retreat center in the foothills of the Himalayas. Bob is still in medical practice as the medical director of the Montgomery County, Maryland, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Collecting coins is his pastime hobby. They actively follow Washington’s political news, all of which provides heightened awareness of the finer points of our democracy and the durability of our Constitution. • Bob and Mary Twiss Kopechans spent the month of April on a 28-day transatlantic cruise from Ft. Lauderdale to western Europe and the Mediterranean. It was a long time to be away from home and travel can be challenging at our age. However, the added incentive for the trip was the fact that they saw their grandson Duncan in Paris and had an authentic French lunch. He was there for a semester abroad during his junior year at Clemson. They also saw his older brother, Aiden, in Gibraltar. He’s been teaching English as a second language in Spain since his graduation from Clemson last year. Aiden and Mary had a terrific time frolicking with the Barbary apes at the top of Gibraltar. It’s good to be home and all is well in South Carolina. • Mary and Gard Rand enjoyed the month of March on Sanibel Island for the 30th-plus year. They look forward to the annual Zete gathering in September at Muscogus Bay, Round Pond, Maine. • I look forward to hearing from more classmates when next I write.

1960

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Patricia Sturges Aufdenberg will move in September to Panama City, Fla., where her sister, brother-in-law, and brother live. Her granddaughter, 15, will enter 10th grade at a private school in Cleveland where she has scholarships. Pat would love to hear from others who lived in Louise Coburn Hall our freshman year. • Dick Peterson’s upcoming adventures include a walking trip around Iceland in August, a visit to Costa Rica with family, including three grandchildren, in December, and a Viking river trip in Eastern Europe next spring. In the meantime, he plays tennis and golf, but no downhill skiing, at least for now. Dick is chair of the board of an insurance company and two other corporate boards, which keeps him off the streets. • All is fine with Skip ‘59 and Joan Crowell Tolette. They arrived at the River (St. Lawrence, Thousand Islands) to historic high waters. Their dock was totally underwater, so they docked at a neighbor’s dock. And they had been wishing for higher water! In winter, they’re in Vero Beach, Fla., where they see the Arnett’s, Marier’s, Tatlock’s, Chris Rand Whitman ’59, and Skeeter ’59 and Karen Beganny Megathlin ’63. • Bob Marier’s life is full with winters in Florida and summers in Kennebunk, Maine, with his wife, Valerie. Golf is still a big part of his life but has taken a back seat to songwriting and creating children’s musical e-books. His second album, More Music from Maine, came out in June. Bob finished his second in a series of children’s books with embedded songs about Grandpa Bob and a mouse called Murfy. Murfy Finds a Home and Murfy’s River Adventure are available on iBooks. Bob feels lucky to still be cooking along while so many friends have moved on. He still sees many close friends from the Colby Eight. • Bob and Liz Chamberlain Huss still live on Martha’s Vineyard and enjoy it. Liz tutors in the local school and Bob’s involved with the town’s library and finance committee and with the port council of the Steamship Authority. In February they went to the Caribbean, Colombia, Panama, and Costa Rica. In March they visited their daughter in Texas, friends in Arizona, and the Grand Canyon. In June they cruised the Danube from Budapest to Prague. Liz and Bob don’t leave the island during the summer since their kids and grandkids join them there. • Michael Silverberg continues to work full time. His company merged a year ago in order to create a succession plan, which will be in place if he ever retires, which isn’t likely in the near future. He sees or speaks to Hank Silverman ’61, Dick Fields ’61, Steve Curley, and Ron Weber. • Ralph Galante and his wife, Jane, spend winters in Colorado and come home to Merrymeeting Lake, N.H., for the summer. It’s a great gathering place for their three kids and grandkids to fraternize, enjoy water sports, and relax. They’d like to get back to Colby for a visit. Ralph says hello to all. • Jock and Pat Walker Knowles joined Hilary and Dick Lucier to celebrate Dick’s 80th birthday in Duxbury. Betsy Perry Burke ’61 drove to Maine with the Knowles to spend a few days of R&R at their house in Freeman. While there, they communicated with Ed Marchetti, Steve Curley, and Ned Platner ’63, The Knowles’ grandson Benn just graduated from Skidmore. Benn is the son of Bill ’87 and Callie Knowles Clapp ’89. Many of you wonderful classmates, family, and friends have contributed to Callie’s scholarship fund at Colby. Jock and Pat are grateful and honored to report the fund is up to $90,000. Jock prays we can all make it to 2020. • I continue to work as a bridge director several days a week. In my “spare” time I work on building and updating my husband’s website (sustainable-watersheds.com). I mainly travel to Las Vegas to see Juan ‘92 and his two daughters or to NYC to see Jon ‘95 and his daughter. My grandchildren are younger than some of your greats! When in NYC, I visit Joanne Price Rockett.
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Aloha, and greetings Class of 1961! Our news is sparse because of your columnist’s self-imposed early deadline preceding a long-anticipated Overseas Adventure Travel excursion to Machu Picchu and the Galápagos Islands during most of June. If you write (please do!) after I leave for Peru, your news will be in the next issue of Colby Magazine. • Anne Lehman Lysaght has been traveling with OAT this summer as well—to Iceland. She’s been to Holland with the sister company, Grand Circle Tours, to view tulips and often takes trips with her singing group. Peru and the Galápagos are on her bucket list. Colbyettes endure! • Mary Sawyer Bartlett: “Met with Janice Dukehshire Hallwell and Mary-Jane Ruthford Carroll for lunch at Marina Jack, Sarasota, site of many past enjoyable Colby luncheons recalling great days at Colby. It was very enjoyable meeting with special people in my life. Lots of laughs and love. How great to be in the Colby family.” • Sandra Nolet Quinlan sent a note reminding me she’d been with Dean to Machu Picchu two years ago to celebrate an anniversary and that the site is “even more amazing than pictures depict.” They connected several times with attending lectures, and entertaining family. They traveled east from their home in Maine in August. We’d love to see you and your family. • Nancy MacKenzie KeatingPat Farnham Russell
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Greetings, Class of ’62! Lots to relate following a wonderful reunion weekend, but first pre-reunion news. • Among those who couldn’t attend was Chris Wood, who claimed six graduations in the family, starting last December—one grad school, one college, three high school, and one middle school. • Patch Jack Mosher was recovering from her second hip replacement surgery and sent regrets. • Al Neigher has retired from actively practicing law and is now producing a television series. It’s an NYC police crime drama based on one of his client’s books, Crime Dogs, of the name of the series. Look for it in early winter on a pay channel or streaming channel. And good luck, Al! • Joanne Herbold Clary, one of several authors in our class, writes, “I’m still writing thrillers and cozy mysteries. You can find my books on Amazon.” • Ceylon Barclay solved “the world’s problems with old KDRs in Florida” while listening to Dick Polan play Dixieland music and lunching with Pete Duggan in Naples this winter. Ceylon’s still traveling and writing books. • And now to reunion news (from me, Nancy MacKenzie Keating) with apologies for not being able to include everyone. Jimmy Johnson, always our head class cheerleader, never seems to age, nor does Phyllis, his darling wife. He was seen on the dance floor virtually surrounded by “20-somethings.” • Nancy Rowe Adams, Roey Carlini, and Patty Downs Berger were witnesses and enthusiastic participants in the dancing. Jimmy continues an active practice in the area of the polygraph, after a distinguished career in the Air Force and as a special agent in AFOSI. • Boyd and Mary “Muff” Symonds Leavitt traveled east from their home in Idaho. She enjoyed a trip last fall to Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand and looked forward to a post-reunion stay in Southwest Harbor. • As always, Brenda Wrobleski Elwell shared travel news—Is- tanbul and Uzbekistan most recently. In two months from this writing, she’ll visit Germany, Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia, and later, Israel, her 90th country so far! • Cal Pingree’s wife, lovely Barbara, told me that her grandson was a first-year student at Colby. She’s very proud of him, particularly as she is not a college graduate, and she voiced gratitude to Colby for his opportunity. • It was good to see Pam Taylor, who’s now retired from social work and lives in Bangor. Pam has a family camp “on the Canada border” where she retreats frequently. I enjoyed talking with Pam and sharing thoughts about our similar careers. • Once again, Sandy Fullerton won the prize for traveling the farthest to reunion—from northern California. Sandy’s career was in teaching and administering ESL. • Tony Kramer surprised all of us by attending this, his FIRST reunion! He lives in Chicago after a career in mortgage banking. He related that his daughter, Stephanie, is a Colby graduate from the Class of 2010. • Jan Griffith has had a distinguished career as a law professor and law school administrator, at one time as dean of the school of law at Georgia State University in Atlanta. • John McHale organized a contingent of friends—Peter Leofanti, Doug Mulcahy, Cy Theobald, Jay Webster, and Bink Smith—to attend our 55th. • Roberta (Wheeler ’64) and Ralph Bradshaw came east for Ralph’s reception of the Distinguished Alumni Award from the College. Congratulations, Ralph! • Finally, all thanks go to Harry and Judy Hoagland Bristol for organization of a wonderful reunion event. You did it again, Judy!

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Greetings all! After years of dealing with the French insurance and judicial system, Anne Quirion Connaughton won her case! It now appears that the necessary work on her house will be accomplished... eventually. The next phase won’t begin until spring of 2018. “Life in France continues to amaze me. It’s a land with a fascinating history, continues to be a top tourist attraction, and is on high alert after a series of terrorist attacks.” • Bill ’62 and Barb Haines Chase kayaked in South Carolina with Road Scholar. “It was wonderful.” They’ll spend 10 days in Norway, the first week aboard an expedition ship (only 130 passengers), which travels the west coast from Tromsa to Bergen, visiting villages and fjords along the way. They’ll have to “dig out winter duds again, as the temps in Norway are between 35 and 54 daily and it rains a lot, too.” Barb had lunch recently with Sally Morse Preston and Mary Michelmore Ackerman-Hayes. • Walter and Connie Miller Manter are celebrating their 50th anniversary all year long with gatherings of family and friends. “The Manter Motel is open! Join us in East Boothbay—for any darn reason!” Dave and Anne “Booty” Bruno Hocking visited in June. Connie muses, “It’s amazing that many of us are now, or will be, “happy 76 tromboners!” I’m thrilled with all of the ongoing and potential Waterville-Colby connections. Yes, it is the way life should be!” • Nancy (Godley ’65) and John Wilson spent most of May traveling around the southern part of France after visiting Lisbon, Portugal, Malaga, and the Bale-aric Islands, with brief stops in Gibraltar, Tangier, and Corsica on a five-masted sailing vessel, ending in Cannes, France. From Cannes they took the TGV (high-speed train) to Marseille, where they spent 10 days visiting friends they knew when they were Fulbright teachers in 1983-84. They ended their trip with visits to Avignon, the Cévennes mountains, and the Rhone Valley. • Ken and Pauline “Pi” Ryder Kezer have had another busy year. In February, at the Alden House in Duxbury, Mass., Pi exhibited valentines from 1900 to 1920 that belonged to her mother. She was ever surprised when Karen Forslund Falb walked in! A quick and nice mini reunion. Pi drew the winning ticket for the door prize and the winner was Karen! Sounds a little fishy, Pi. Ken and Pi had a wonderful cruise in March from Miami to Barcelona. Crossing the Atlantic and several days in a row at sea was a new experience for them. “Truly relaxing and after the first day, the remainder seemed to melt away.” They highly recommend it! • All’s well with Ruth Pratley Madell who’s still working 15 hours a week at the Kansas Humanities Council. She had lunch with Betsy Dee Norwat last winter. Ruth also enjoys taking classes at the Os- her Institute. She rented a villa on Kiawah Island in South Carolina and brought her daughter and twins, her son, his wife, and their infant daughter. Because the family is spread out from Kansas to San Francisco and Chicago, they don’t get together often. She’s hoping to spend time in Maine in August. We’d love to see you, Ruthie! As the climate crisis gets closer to a real and present danger, Steve Ettreim has been very active trying to warn our citizens about the dangers and modifying our lifestyles accordingly. He and Carole attend lots of rallies, including the People’s Climate March in DC, local marches, and other climate-protection events. Probably all this is fueled by the existence and climate-vulnerability of his three grandchildren, who live nearby in Palo Alto, and by his background in earth science when Don Koons was head of the Geology Department at Colby. Although aging andgraying continues rap- idly, they’re still enjoying life in Palo Alto.
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The late Bob Mangion was honored by the Kittery (Maine) Art Association with the Mangion Poetry Celebration. The event featured poetry readings and music in remembrance of Bob and his writing: “The moon drags its magnet over the bay...pulls my birthing thought.” ● Gloria Shepherd traveled by luxury train across northern Spain, with a week in Madrid with friends. She later took a tour of western National Parks, an excursion to the Amalfi Coast in Italy, and a week in Madrid with friends. He traveled by luxury train across northern Spain, with a week in Madrid with friends. He also sent best wishes to all. ● Jonathan Allen works as a consultant in photovoltaic solar power. He also volunteers as an organizer and judge for the Science Fair and the Sarnoff (RCA) Museum, where he restores historic electronics, documents artifacts, and sets up exhibits. He’s active in supporting science and the movement to fight climate change. Reflecting on the passage of time, Steve Schoeman suggests that “we must be forward thinking...give the past its due, but think of all those grand horizons before us...what an exciting world in which to live today when we can send back great photographs from Saturn and Pluto and when every day some new discovery to cure an age-old disease is made...then there are the very considerable advances in human rights! A splendid time to be alive!” ● Larry Dyhrberg’s daughter graduated from high school, and he and his wife “will depart on a vaunted tour of Europe...visiting friends in France, Belgium, Germany, Poland, and Denmark (including the two villages from which my grandparents emigrated).” When Larry takes his daughter to college at Johnson State in Vermont, he might see Al Smith.

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Yes, we are still having fun! It is 52 years ago today that we stood happy faced and looking for answers, meetings, deadlines, and “pressure.” (I’m probably not supposed to say that, but it’s true and Harold got the challenge.) Thank you! Now retired, he and Ruth are free to travel. They spent two weeks in a rented house on the coast of Maine. “Uncrowded beaches, some very good restaurants, welcoming and friendly people.” They hoppedscotted to St. Lucia on a wilderness trail and then to a week in Croatia visiting friends and checking out the Dalmatian Coast Islands.

60s NEWSMAKERS

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Steven Nuss, co-chair of Colby’s Music Department, spoke about a student-produced, Broadway-type musical. ● Peg Chandler Davey and Martha Schatt Abbott-Shim met in Colorado and hiked for three days on cruxy snow in Rocky Mountain National Park. On a wilderness trail they met a Colby undergraduate on spring break who nearly fell over when they told her they’d graduated from Colby 53 years ago. Their trip continued to Keystone and Breckenridge, where they skied together for the first time since Colby. Another downsize is Jack Gow, who moved to a new home in Scarborough, Maine. Jack sends best wishes to all. ● Jonathan Allen works as a consultant in photovoltaic solar power. He also volunteers as an organizer and judge for the Science Fair and the Sarnoff (RCA) Museum, where he restores historic electronics, documents artifacts, and sets up exhibits. He’s active in supporting science and the movement to fight climate change. Reflecting on the passage of time, Steve Schoeman suggests that “we must be forward thinking...give the past its due, but think of all those grand horizons before us...what an exciting world in which to live today when we can send back great photographs from Saturn and Pluto and when every day some new discovery to cure an age-old disease is made...then there are the very considerable advances in human rights! A splendid time to be alive!” ● Larry Dyhrberg’s daughter graduated from high school, and he and his wife “will depart on a vaunted tour of Europe...visiting friends in France, Belgium, Germany, Poland, and Denmark (including the two villages from which my grandparents emigrated).” When Larry takes his daughter to college at Johnson State in Vermont, he might see Al Smith.

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Greetings ’66 classmates! Report #2.
Responses from “you all” are down about 50 percent. The glow from our 50th Reunion has worn off a bit. Should I fill in this response gap with news about my 11, soon-to-be-12, grandchildren? There’s a thought, but I will hold it in abeyance until I see the number of responses next time. OK, what’s happening? • Joanne Rydel Ackman recently went west, visiting her son in Denver and going to Utah with friends to see Zion, Bryce, and the Grand Staircase Escalante. • Peter Anderson hiked the high Himalayas for two weeks and arrived at the Mt. Everest Base Camp, elevation 18,000 feet. More importantly, he pulled out of his backpack (and photographed) ceremonial flags given by 35 Rotary clubs from five different countries representing donations from those clubs to Rotary’s campaign to eradicate polio from the earth. Wow! • Tom Boghosian joined the “reunion club” and traveled to Lisbon, Douro River, Porto, Phoenix, and Oris Island. • Michael Clivner and wife Sherleen are working on their second volume of Our North American Journey (see Amazon.com for copies), which takes them through Natchez and Vicksburg and into Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee. • Fran Finizio, who can never get enough of the Colby educational experience, will attend this July’s Colby Alumni College. • Lynn Seidenstuecker Gall, with five kids scattered across three states, finished her 30th winter in La Quinta, Calif., where she ran into Marcia Norling Oliver. Lynn looked forward to returning to Maine for the summer, where kids and grandkids cheerfully gather. Classmates are also welcome. • Terry Saunders Lane, inspired by our reunion, has begun regular dinner gatherings with Virginia Greletti Connolly, Joanne Rydel Ackman, and Kate Hollinshead Dixon, where life, family, and political updates fill the evening. • Linda Hall Lord keeps busy as a member of the League of Women Voters state board. Visits with Sue Turner, Janet Morse Morneau, Susan Leach Winch, and Elinor Palmer Kelley ’67 are great. We should watch for the next issue of Variety. Linda has made her first stage appearance since she was 17 in a local production of Steppin’ Out. • Ted Houghton reports on a Colby memory—riding the Maine Central RR freight train overnight to Rumford and back then falling asleep in accounting class. Does this qualify Ted as Colby’s first hobo? • Bill and Mary Gourley Martin’s best Colby memory—“falling in love.” Rumor has it that course was an elective. • Gary McKinstry is simply cruising the seas from Rome to Barcelona then from Montreal to New York.

Ed Mowry likes to keep life simple: 52 days of skiing at Mammoth and, when time permits, practicing emergency veterinary medicine. • Karen Rieneste-Pacheco enjoys her two-year-old granddaughter. • Brian Shacket ran the Honolulu Marathon and achieved his personal goal of finishing before lunch...without losing his lunch. • Finally, I’m in my sixth year of having a surprise visit to my Berkshires home from 8-10 Tau Dels, all mysteriously arriving on the same day and thankfully departing a few days later. This year’s entourage is rumored to be Ed Burrell, Stu Wantman, John Eiseman, Bob Adams, Erik Thorson, a couple of youngins—Al Crosby ’68 and Bernie Davidson ’68—and last but not least, Tau Delt’s Mr. Colby, Harold Kowal ’65.

1967

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As I drove up Mayflower Hill Drive for our 50th reunion, lines from a Utah Phillips’s song sounded in my mind, “Is the old town still the same? Does anybody know my name? The years go by like numbers on an endless highway sign.” The old town has changed and it’s not the same, but they did remember our names. Not only did they remember us, they welcomed and celebrated us. Our alma mater welcomed us with warmth and graciousness and treated us as honored guests. In all, about 140 classmates, spouses, and guests attended reunion, a staggering percentage of our classmates. About 50 classmates dined and danced at the Samoset Inn on Rockland Thursday evening. On Friday we were dinner guests of President Greene in an elaborate tent on the grounds of his residence. After cocktails, accompanied by an exquisite chamber music quartet, President Greene provided a view of the future for Colby. The next day, after the Parade of Classes, Irv Faunce received a Colby Brick for his years of service to Colby and Lou Richardson Rhyne received Colby’s highest award for distinguished service over the years. Our class dinner Saturday included a brief introduction by Kurt Swensen and then, of course, the presentation of Colby Rocks by Class President Irv Faunce (now president for life). During dessert, Bob Field presented his work in progress, a video of individual reflections on how Colby has shaped the lives of various classmates. In between the official events, there was much time to rekindle acquaintances and friendships. A classmate’s spouse commented that the 50th reunion was more rewarding than the 25th. Why? “People are more relaxed and comfortable now. The conversations are warmer. They just seem to be enjoying each other’s company.” • Francie Colmes Davis said, “Thanks to a tireless and incredibly hard-working reunion committee and steadfast assistance from Colby’s Carolyn Kimberlin, we had a fantastic 50th reunion. The weekend was ultimately so successful because of the huge number of us. On a somber note, we listened as Irv read the 44 names of our classmates who are no longer with us, but most definitely among us in spirit.” • Tom Saliba sent these thoughts from a friend of his that truly reflects all of us: “Today is the oldest you’ve ever been yet the youngest you’ll ever be, so enjoy this day while it lasts.” • Sandy Miller wrote, “Having just returned home from our 50th Reunion, I’m reveling in the glory that is our class. We do truly ‘rock.’ I’m sorry for those of you who couldn’t attend—it was that great. Mark your calendars for our 55th!” • The reunion on campus wasn’t the only such gathering. The brothers of Zeta Psi gathered for their sixth annual reunion in West Gardiner for a Sunday brunch generously hosted at the home of Mary and Steve Ford ’68. In addition to the seven Zetes in our class, we reconnected with Eric ’66 and Karen Sward Werner ’68, Ken Young ’68, and Susie and Jeff Lathrop ’68. Further south, outside of Boston, seven DUs gathered. David Aronson, Jim Bright, Joe Candido, Bob Gracia, Harry Graff, Eric Rosen, and Jim Wilson met May 17 for dinner and May 18 for brunch. Great food, great memories, and great enduring friendships for 50 years. They’re planning for the 100th. • Nick Hadgis, after retiring from academia in June 2015, enjoys more time with his three grandchildren and lots forward to the arrival of a fourth in August. His career gave him the opportunity to travel to Turkey, China, India, Russia, Ukraine, Australia, and Dubai, but it’s great to be with family and friends in Bryn Mawr, Pa. The welcome mat is always out. • Jim Begin, who attended reunion, has summer plans that include establishing tennis programs for youth and adults in Eastport, Maine, and growing the programs in central Maine. For the past 25 years, Jim has worked tirelessly to establish tennis programs in Maine. He and Pam plan a trip to Spain and Portugal in late summer. • Charlie and Sally Ray Bennett arrived home Monday after reunion and immediately started packing to head off again, this time to attend Virginia Lutheran Synod Assembly. Sally never lets grass grow under her feet.

1968

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Ken Young and his wife spent three weeks in Germany (Berlin and Rostock) and in Innsbruck, Austria, visiting their daughter, Sarah, and their exchange student son and his family. He noted the exciting contrast between the plains of northern Germany and the rugged mountain peaks around Innsbruck. Sarah works with immigrant/ refugee women in Rostock and their son, Pascal, studies climate issues via glacial changes at the Austrian Mountain Institute in Innsbruck. Back at home, they returned to summer tasks plus gardens and sailing. This may be the year he switches to a riding mower or pays someone else to mow the lawn. Aside from that, they’re attempting the maturing gracefully and hoping that the country survives Trump intact. • Ken Lane spent 38 years in medical practice (anesthesiologist) in six different cities from coast to coast and finally hung it up three years ago in Santa Fe after the surgery center where he was working closed (not his doing!). He and his wife, Marcia, moved to Santa Fe almost nine years ago. They love it there and have no intentions of looking any further. Since leaving Colby, he was very fortunate to have lived and practiced in several great places—San Francisco, Boston, San Diego, Bozeman, Grand Junction, and Santa Fe—and enjoyed all of them. He’s still skiing, hiking, biking, etc. as much and as hard as ever and is very proud and fortunate to have all original body parts in good condition. Even the brain is in reasonable working order, and he hasn’t gained a pound since Colby days. What more could one ask for as we all hit the big 7-0 (a number that is hard to fathom)? They travel quite a bit—mostly domestic, but some foreign—and it’s a great feeling to call an immediate “road trip” without having to clear it months in advance. Their dog, Snickers, is a character and tries to jump in the car the night before whenever she hears the road trip call. Ken stays in close touch with Bob Alsern, Charlie Levin ’67, Artie White ’70, Alan Crosby, and Bernie Davidson, and just returned from the Bay Area, where they reconvened with Dick Foster (who now prefers “Richard”) and his wife in Berkeley. They had a great time at our 45th reunion and at the “pre-reunion Tau Delta Phi reunion.” They look forward to doing it again for our 50th. If Lynne Murrell ’70 happens to see this, Ken would love to hear from you. • Michael Caulfield and his wife, Helen, welcomed a second grandchild in April, this time a boy, Logan.
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Happy summer everyone! Joy Neib Ericson announced the arrival of her ninth grandchild in December. She loves watching them grow and participates in their lives as much as possible. ❇️ Unable to attend past reunions, Bob Anthony hopes to make our 50th. In January Bob’s daughter Mimi married Jamie Cushing in NYC. ❇️ Ines Ruelius Altemose is in good health and very active. Her grandson graduated from Seton Hall University this spring and she feels “it’s so exciting to see a vast expanse in front of him in terms of life experiences.” Her granddaughter teaches sixth-grade geography, using travel books and memories Ines has collected to create lesson plans. Like many of us, Ines and her husband of 36 years turn 70 this year. They held a “140-year party” in June and with whom they became friends after they were joined by local musicians and some Barbershop Harmony Society. His other wish plans to visit friends as well as Colby to see his granddaughter, Relt. ❇️ Doug Joseph hopes to organize another barbershop quartet performance for our 50th. He would like to hear from “after Eights” if they want to brush up on some old classics or are members of the Barbershop Harmony Society. His other favorite pastime, fly-fishing, brought him to Alaska five times and often to places like Montana and Wyoming. Doug reported that John Kearns had a local “Colby barbecue” with Steve Fisher and Ed beard joining Doug and John. ❇️ Warren Heller, also looking forward to our 50th, still practices law full-time in Milford, Mass., and is looking to retire within the next 12 months. After living in Milford for more than 69 years, he moved to West Boylston, Mass., to be with his wife, Debbie, full time. Warren recalled Felix Cavalieri and the Rascals serenading us one winter carnival and says the tune “Good Lovin’” comes to mind when assessing his life these days. The Turtles also played at Colby, and “Happy Together” is also applicable. He reconnected with Steve Fisher over the winter and hopes to see him prior to the 50th. Warren wrote, “To our classmates who have not been to a Colby reunion (I was one until three years ago), I highly recommend you attend if you can—you won’t regret it!” ❇️ Pam and I had the opportunity this spring to connect with Gary Austin and his wife, Judy, here in Maine, and with Sandy Hoe and his wife, Dennie, in Maryland. Such long-term friendships are very rewarding.

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Barry Hurwitz attended his 50th high school reunion last September and, for the third time, was ename. He’s been on his reunion committee since high school graduation. In June 2016 he attended the wedding of Clark Smith’s daughter Maria held at the Nevada Museum of Art in Reno. Later in November he saw Clark again in Marblehead, as well as Peter Foss who retired as a minister. Last January he bought his 18th guitar, so he’s amassed quite a collection. Barry plays every day and still practices law. In that latter context, he’s working with Alan Canor on a medical malpractice case. Small world. ❇️ Christine Celata has finally reached the stage in her retirement where she’s taken on too much, but she enjoys all the activities. She gets more and more involved with something she didn’t think she could do—drawing and watercolor painting, especially portraits and painting animals. She also tutors high school math, knits for charity, takes tai chi and strength training, and teaches a Sunday school class on science and religion for third- to sixth-graders that she and her husband invented for the Unitarians. And more … but no more physics at this stage. ❇️ Larry ’69 and Susan Doten Greenberg headed back to Maine in June (to visit family) on a trip that was prompted, in part, by their desire to check out changes at Colby and in Waterville. She’s sure the changes are being done well and can perhaps revitalize Waterville to the energized small city we remember from our days. ❇️ Mike Self reported from North Carolina. His daughter, Allyson, is an RN in Asheville and will soon be a nurse practitioner. His son, David, is a family lawyer dealing mostly with divorces, so the way the world is now there won’t be any shortage of work. Three of four grandsons will start kindergarten this fall. He says, “Where does time go? Soon they’ll be in high school. They must have the ‘Self’ athleticism as they’re already playing t-ball and soccer—but no hockey yet.” ❇️ Best to everyone, and keep the news coming.

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What a year it’s been for me! By the time you get this I will be a married woman—after all these years. So many of you have commented on our Facebook posts, and it’s official now. Thank you for all the good wishes. I’m a lucky girl to have found this most amazing man. We had a small ceremony in my garden in June. Faith Tibiero Dougherty stood beside me as she has for so many years. Lin Stone Gallagher was also in attendance. ❇️ From New England, Leslie Anderson wrote a newsy, uplifting note, but it arrived after my deadline for the last magazine. After a joyous summer (last year) and early fall stay in Sedgwick, she and Dan moved back to Portland. Leslie enjoyed many long sunny days in which to paint outdoors. But the drought was not what her husband needed for his flower farm. She had dinner with Debbie Messer Zlatin and Susan Farwell Philson. Leslie and her husband are enjoying new joints, traveling again to France. The recent addition of a new kitten has brought them lots of comedy and laughter. She’s happy to see Mary Jukes Howard and Pat Trow Parent on a regular basis. ❇️ Bill Hladky writes with wonder about his son’s success and achievements as a software engineer for Amazon in Seattle. It’s an interesting time watching Amazon spearhead the change in retail shopping as well as changing the appearance of Seattle itself. Bill stays fit and sane doing trail maintenance, pruning, and painting in the park nearby in NY. ❇️ After a courtship of 30 years, Linda Wallace married George! Every trip they take from now on will be their honeymoon. First up will be a land/cruise trip to Alaska in August. Linda co-occidentally ran into another Colby grad: Susan Buttner LaVelle ’72, who had never been to a reunion. But after she looked at the yearbooks Linda has and at our DVD, she planned to attend her 45th. ❇️ Dave Williams and John Bowey are defying our age by playing hockey together again in Europe. They and their wives toured for two weeks in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Austria, and Hungary. The Can/Am Selects won four out of five games! ❇️ Gary ’73 and Amy Brewer Flitt enjoy winters in Port Charlotte, Fla., and spend summers on Sibley Pond in Pittsfield, Maine. This spring they took a three-week trip to Normandy, the Loire Valley, and Burgundy. They were without words to describe the D-Days, the beaches, and the Normandy American Cemetery. “Everyone should try to experience this.” ❇️ Beth Marker is officially retired from the medical examiner’s office in NYC. She’d been filling in after her retirement and was able to collect both her pension and a paycheck. This enabled her to fund a trip to New Zealand and Australia last spring. She’s planning a permanent move to Portland, Ore. She’s been planning this
forever (she still does the Columbia River Cross Channel Swim—32 years!) but is having trouble selling her apartment in NYC. Because it’s on the market, 75 percent of her stuff is in storage. Her life is in suspended animation, but she loves to read and is addicted to MSNBC.

Nancy Gottlund Gherther will write more next summer when their little Colby group reunites again. Curious about Colby’s president, John Slagle wrote to find out more about David Greene’s philosophies.

Marking our 50th high school reunion (yikes!), Bill Simons and I are attending that event in Swampscott, Mass., in July.

Alan Tuttman wrote sadly that Lou Gordon passed away suddenly this spring. By all means, write to me anytime with news you’d like to share.

1972

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In the true spirit of the Class of 1972, the relatively small group that attended our 45th reunion had a rockin’ good time. We missed those unable to attend and hope you’ll come for our 50th and make it the best and most memorable reunion yet.

Pam Fallon Jagla of Portland, Ore., Susan Buttner Lavelle from Irvine, Calif., and Andrine “Smitty” Smith of San Francisco traveled the farthest. Dana Flits from Minnesota was runner up. Many came from Maine, including Marilyn McDougall Meyerhans, who runs an apple farm in Fairfield; John Bunker, a recognized expert in apples and apple history and runs Super Chilly Farm in Palermo; John Atkinson, from Topsham, who gave excellent boat tours on Great Pond Sunday; Peter Krakoff, who divides his time between Sugarloaf and his sailboat, dazzling all in his seersucker suit Saturday night; Chris Pinkham, our gracious class president, and Deb Trescott Pinkham (soon to be retired from teaching high school English), came from Freeport; Tom and Ellen Woods Sidar from Portland and their camp on Great Pond; Howie Levy and Heather Dallas, who could go on the road as husband-and-wife comedy duo, from Scarborough and their camp on Great Pond; and Clark Ruff, who’s moving to Maine from Connecticut. Waterville-based attendees included John Koons, who received a Brick Award for his efforts establishing the Quarry Road Recreation Center, Doug O’Heir and Jamie Aronow, and Mark ‘73 and Tina Murphy Serdjennian. Others from New England included Rich Fournier from Cummington, Mass., who gave a heartwarming blessing at the class dinner; Linda Chmielinski Gould and husband Frank, an honorary member of the Class of ’72, from Kingston, Mass.; Swift Tarbell, from Berlin, Conn., as energetic and vibrant as ever; and, of course, Art and Jeannine Emerson Young from Hanover, N.H., who received Brick Awards for their many years of service and support for Colby.

Cathie Joslyn traveled from Clarion, Pa., and I came from Great Falls, Va., to meet Deborah Christensen Stewart in Westerly, R.I., for a girls’ trip to reunion. A few highlights from reunion—and thanks to all who helped pull it together. It was great fun to visit the new addition to the art museum, walk the campus admiring the changes, eat from Colby food trucks (yes!), visit the bookstore and pick up Colby gear, and stop by the athletic center for a last visit before construction begins and to pick up some vintage sports attire. The lounge in Runnals Building provided a comfortable space to meet and check out the blowups of ’72 yearbook photos—thanks to Tina Murphy Serdjennian for those. Saturday started with the Parade of Classes with Pam Fallon Jagla carrying the banner,followed by an opportunity to hear from President Greene about his ambitious and forward-thinking plans for Colby—including global work/study research for all students, the Waterville downtown revitalization, and an expanded environmental studies department. Meg Stewart Mahoney’s video made for our 35th reunion was on a continuous loop throughout Saturday’s reception, reminding us how fast time passes. The dinner in the art museum—with remarks by Sharon Corwin, the museum director—provided a fun and elegant setting. On Sunday morning, the sun came out for the brunch that Joan and Bill Alfond graciously and generously hosted at their camp on Great Pond. There were boat tours, a beautiful spread of food, and the perfect setting to strengthen friendships made and refreshed during reunion. That’s so special about our reunions is that our class has rekindled friendships made as students at Colby; created new friendships with classmates not well known while at Colby; brought in “honorary” classmates through spouses, partners, and plus-ones; and created a special bond for a growing group of friends that came together because of Colby but extends beyond campus. We left with great commitment and enthusiasm for our 50th reunion, so please put June 2022 (yikes!) on your calendar.

Donna Power Stowe is standing in as class correspondent for Nancy Round Haley, whose husband, Steve, sadly passed this spring from pancreatic cancer. Please join me in offering her our condolences. Hopefully, Nancy will return as correspondent for the next issue of Colby Magazine.

1973

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Our class will have one more retiree next year as Bruce Smith plans to retire after 42 years in education. His grandchildren are celebrating milestones with one graduating high school this year and one graduating college next year. Should his oldest marry his high school sweetheart, there may be a great-grandchild in Bruce’s future. He sends his best from Texas. Another retiree is Bruce Cummings, who retired from 40 years as a health care executive. He and wife Ellen spend two weeks bicycling and hiking in Bavaria and look forward to relaxing at their lakeside cabin in Otisfield, Maine, this summer. Retirement will be filled with trips domestic and abroad as well as spoiling their three grandchildren.

Jonathan Gunn sent a link to the Wings Over Haiti Foundation that he began after the 2010 devastating earthquake in that country. Since then he and his partners have supported the building of a school and continue to raise money to support the needs of the children. This article about his efforts is worth a read: sagharborexpress.com/pilot-returns-haiti-school-building-mission/.

Gary Flits wrote from Portland, Ore., about Normandy, France, where he and Amy (Brewer ’72) spent the first week of a three-week trip that included the Loire Valley and Burgundy. They looked forward to returning to their Sibley Pond (yes, Maine) home for the summer.

Norm Olsen recently returned from a trip to Turkey. He and Pat (Flanagan) (who has been vaca-tion) will spend time this summer at their beautiful home in Cherryfield, Maine. Norm will be recruiting a team of classmates to begin reunion planning. Our 45th reunion is June 7-10, 2018, so save the date.

Alex Wilson attended another Chopper Confab in York, Maine, with ’73 fraternity brothers as well as members of other classes. Their weekend included golf, card games, viewing the Kentucky Derby, and most of all catching up with Forever Friends. Their cottage close to Long Sands Beach reminded them of their communal living arrangements in the Lambda Chi house. Present for the weekend were Lloyd Benson, Brian Cone, John Krasnavage, Bob Landsvik, Chris Lawson, Duncan Leith, Joe Mattos (who sent photos), Phil Ricci, Mike LaPenna ’74, Jeff Lentz ’75, and Ron Lupton ’71. They began plans for the 2018 Confab, where they’ll celebrate 50 years of friendship.

Jonathan Miller is a self-employed attorney and has enjoyed traveling with his wife and their son, Jonah. Last December they travelled to Buenos Aires, Ushuaia, and then to Antarctica on the Sea Spirit.

In May Jonathan and his wife traveled to the Solomon Islands for a dive/photo expedition on a live-aboard boat. Jonathan has a physics degree and grad certificate post Colby and is deeply appreciative of all the professors from Colby.

I recently gathered with Forever Friends Lisa Kehler Bubar and Jackie Nienaber Appeldorn at Chez Bubar in Durham, N.H. Chef James Bubar ’72 treated us to the usual gourmet dinner along with delicious wine from his cellar. We enjoyed visiting with James’s brother John Bubar ’68, his wife, Kathy, and son Seth. As is our custom, we played a great deal of bridge, which pairs well with red wine, and also had a long group chat with Debbie Mael Mandino, who was unable to join us. During the weekend, Lisa showed me how to post to the Class of ’73 Facebook page (quite a feat considering I don’t have a Facebook account) and I look forward to keeping us all connected through photos and updates there.

I look forward to planning for our reunion and hope that many of you can join the fun that’s involved with putting it together.

1974

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Brian and Marilyn Lebowitz Rothberg are in Valley Forge, Pa. Marilyn runs a library program at a Philadelphia inner-city school, volunteers at their granddaughter’s school library, and babysits for their grandchildren regularly—all part of her retirement from 25 years as an elementary school librarian. Brian “continues to toil at a local plumbing and heating supply wholesaler, eying retirement in the next two years.” He volunteers with their son’s former Boy Scout troop and spends many happy hours riding his bicycle. They enjoyed a “fabulous trip to Iceland in September, driving around much of the country—it’s incredibly beautiful. Highly recommended!”

In April Robin Sweeney Peabody had a catch-up visit with Colby roommate Linda Krohn-Lund, who was in Vail visiting daughter Lindsey Vonn. Robin also “met another daughter, Laura, whom I had not seen since she was a toddler. Luckily, Linda was here between the multiple crazy spring snow storms we have had in Denver this year.”

Lindy Krohn-Lund works for Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation as a licensed alcohol and drug counselor, “a float, working at their Chaska and Maple Grove sites (and perhaps their new St. Paul campus). While many of my classmates are retiring, I’m going BACK to work.”

Don Richardson inadvertently offered the following automated response to my request for class news: “I
have retired as acting director of library services at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. If you need assistance (etc.)” Good luck, Don—and don’t forget to update your email with the alumni office. ● Not to taunt you, but I do get wonderful photos from some of our classmates, such as one from Cindy Vietor-Kahle and her husband, Kent, with their two grandchildren. They recently had a “super trip to a wedding in a vineyard in Mendoza, Argentina.” ● Another photo was from Jim Heald, taken in his Sarasota, Fla., back yard and features a substantial flock of egrets. Jim and his wife moved from the DC area last October and now live on a small lake where they’re treated to beautiful sunsets and flocks of as many as 80 great and snowy egrets, along with alligators, pelicans, and sandhill cranes. Jim played golf with Ray Mazurek, and spent a post-Labor Day weekend with Ray and his wife, as well as Ed Temple, a Colby classmate who shared a single semester with us and eventually graduated from Brandeis. ● Engaging in a little “shameless promotion,” Karen Heck reports, “Tree Spirits’ absinthe verte was named Editor’s Choice by Down East Magazine in its Best of Maine awards, and appeared on Chronicle, a Boston TV show, resulting in lots of visits from retired Massachusetts residents with time on their hands. Gotta love it, and hope that we are retired residents of Maine one of these years.” Tree Spirits is a winery and distillery in Oakland, Maine, owned by Karen and Bruce Olson ’76. ● And speaking of shameless, Clif Brittain thought he could get some column space by confessing to having had an enormous crush on me. This was in response to my promise NOT to keep all of your darkest secrets safe, if only you’ll share them with me. (Feel free to add yours—and do I come through or what?!) In that spirit I am sharing this dark secret about myself: Bill ’77 and Nancy Spangler Tiernan have left Colorado and retired to Oakland, Maine. This places us near enough to Carol Wynne, Anne Graves McAuliff, and Steve Collins, among others, to ensure balm in our declining years.

1975

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Last October Carol Majdalany Williams’s daughter was married in Canaan, N.H., which turned out to be a great place to rendezvous with David White, Steve and Katie Ruoff Palmer, Rod Jones, Lynnie Bruce, and her brother, Ron Majdalany ’73. ● Mark and Barbara Miller Deutsche downsized in 2016 and are busy with new home projects. Barbara continues to work as the children’s director at the Sarasota Baptist Church, which they joined upon moving to Sarasota in 1989. She swims regularly and loves living near the beautiful Gulf Coast beaches. ● Barbara Breckenfeld only attended Colby three semesters but remains interested in the school and her former classmates. At 60 she changed careers, becoming trained and licensed as a large animal massage therapist. Barbara teaches workshops in bodywork for horses all over the Puget Sound area in Washington State. ● Mike Fletcher attended the annual Colby Football Fundraising Golf Tournament and caught up with Alex Wilson ’73. ● As we near 65, Kevin Cooman wonders how many of us are retired or retiring soon. Count Kevin in the “work-until-I-drop” category as he always wanted to be a lawyer. ● Dan Alexander plans to be in Kuala Lumpur this fall semester teaching mathematics at Taylor’s University. ● Mark Farrington has been named program director for the new M.A. in Teaching Writing Program at Johns Hopkins University after spending more than 10 years as senior lecturer and then assistant director. His short story The Lower Forty was recently published in the Valparaiso Fiction Review. ● Starting a second career at 50 as a freelance website designer, specializing in small businesses, Barb Carroll Peterson loves her work and only accepts 1-2 website design requests at a time, which allows her to be as creative as her client wishes. She keeps in contact with Debbie Marson in Boston, and last April attended Beverly O’Brien Carne’s daughter’s wedding in North Carolina. ● John Orefice interrupted his retirement for a short return to teaching at his old school in Pelham, N.Y. He couldn’t wait to re-retire in June and take a midsummer-weeks bike trip in Vermont with John Coppinger. ● Joe Alex retired as major from the Maine Air National Guard. He and his wife, Joanne (DeFilipp ’76), are in their 34th year as founders and directors at Stillwater Montessori School in Old Town, Maine. Two of their three children attended Colby—Jessica ’01 and Joel ’08. ● Maria and Charlie LeRoyer spent last April hiking and sightseeing in SW France near Carcassonne. ● Becky and Buck Drew found themselves in the south of France for a few months, cycling through beautiful villages. ● Leaving corporate life, Rick Drake returned to New England where he and his wife, MJ, completed the renovation of a 200-plus-year-old house in Rockport, Mass. Rick still does independent consulting and plays a lot of hockey, golf, and tennis. Rick has reconnected with Byrd Allen, Mark Sullivan ’76, and Jonathan Smith ’77, and also attended his first Colby football game in many decades last fall at Tufts. ● After five semesters at Colby, Victoria Bettos Blackwood transferred to U.C. Berkeley, continued her English studies, and graduated in June 1975. After a variety of jobs, including travel agent, certified mixologist, working on cruise ships worldwide, and sailing to more 50 countries, Victoria moved to family land in Castine, Maine, where she’s worked in several positions at Maine Maritime Academy since 1999. Free time is spent gardening, hiking, meditating, swimming in the Bagaduce River, and taking annual trips to the West Coast. In June Victoria attended her first ever Colby graduation to hear commencement speaker Joe Biden. ● David Turnbull retired in May and planned a full summer between their cottage in Nova Scotia and their home in Manchester-by-the-Sea, Mass. Suzie (Benson) is busy with her business—Personal Legacy Advisors—and playing with her four grandchildren. “Life is good and we are blessed. Now that Dave will be home full time, we hope more friends will take the opportunity and stop by to visit.”

1976

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Greetings! Let’s get right to news. Michael Boyson was in Pittsburgh this April attending the world premiere of The Summer King, a Maine-conceived and produced opera about Negro League baseball star Josh Gibson. At the cast party, he met Charles Jarden ’78, director of America Opera Projects. They noted, “you never know where you’ll run into Colby people.” The Summer King will be performed next May in Detroit. ● Which leads me to music lover Julie Stewart, who’s lived in nearby Ann Arbor for almost five years. Julie offers the grand tour to classmates passing through. Now retired, she traveled this spring throughout California, the Eastern shore, and by car ferry across Lake Michigan—as she says, the three shores! She still sings and has found an exercise class she really enjoys, taught by a kid of 65. ● Lin Wallach Schroeder writes that life is good in Connecticut. Lin teaches high school science at an adult ed program in Middletown. She’s looking forward to becoming a grandmamere soon. Lin spends her free time at the Y and reading (two book clubs). She adds that her faith
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Pilot Jonathan Glynn ’73 was featured in the Sag Harbor Express about Wings Over Haiti, a foundation he co-created that’s raised more than $100,000 to build a school in Croix-des-Bouquets, Haiti. Ken Viens ’73 received an honorary degree from Thomas College in Waterville in May. Viens has served as a trustee of the college since 1987. The Tree in the courtyard, a children’s book by Jeff Gottesfeld ’77, was named a New York Times Best Illustrated Book of 2016. Straw Man, the latest novel by Gerry Boyle ’78, was picked as the top crime fiction book for 2017 at the Maine Literary Awards, an annual competition sponsored by the Maine Writers & Publishers Alliance. Straw Man is Boyle’s 13th book. Angela Mickalide ’79 was elected to the Society for Public Health Education’s board of trustees. Mickalide, a health and safety research and program consultant, will serve a three-year term as their president-elect, president, and immediate past president.

has gotten her through tough times. David Christie’s daughter Anna recently graduated from the same high school as David’s father. David marked five years with Sun Media Group in Lewiston, Maine, and 20 years of commuting an hour each way. Nancy Hall Murray loves living in Maine. She and her husband, Bob, have lived near Portland since 1990 but will soon move 40 minutes south to a York County condo—more rural, but much closer to her daughter (in a group home with special needs) and to Bob’s daughter and grandkids. She was sorry to miss the recent reunion but looks forward to the 45th and 50th. She enjoys getting together with Melinda Walker Zelenkov, who’s now in Massachusetts. Each summer O.J. (Jim) Morgan takes fourth and fifth graders to their school to different places around the world. This summer’s destination was South Africa, including time in a Zulu village. Sherry DeLuca Delany writes from Connecticut that her twin boys graduated ninth grade at Greenwich Country Day School and are heading to Brunswick School this fall. Joe was hiking in Wyoming over the summer; his brother Koo was fly-fishing in Montana. Sherry’s husband, Cort, is a trusts and estates attorney, while Sherry cooks, cleans, raises chickens, walks the dog, finds peace in her garden, and cares for her parents. Last April Wendy Swallow flew from Reno to Boston. While connecting in Denver, she bumped into her Colby roommate Kathy Donohue Yeo, who was boarding the same flight. They sat together and talked nonstop all the way to Boston.

area churches and conference meetings. She and her niece Rev. Rebecca Lockwood co-wrote a chapter in A Child Laughs—Prayers of Justice and Hope, edited by Maria Mankin and Maren Tirabassi. Diane’s son, Josh, will marry his beloved Holly this September. Elizabeth Johnson Suena writes from Japan, where recovery from last year’s earthquakes continues. Her photography studio was back in operation about six weeks after the quakes, but scars are everywhere. They haven’t begun clean up on the upper floors. Meanwhile, her younger son returned from Tokyo to eventually take over the studio. Her older son lives in Denmark with his lovely wife and keeps Lizzie supplied with high-quality licorice. Her husband had a 60+2 jazz concert to belatedly celebrate his 60th birthday, with musician friends backing up his vocals. That’s all for now. Next time we’ll start with an update from Bain Pollard. You can join him by sending news anytime to the address above. Don’t forget your donation to the Colby Fund. Contact a classmate who’s been on your mind! And circle your long-term calendar for our next reunion, June 4-6, 2021.

Greetings! I was fortunate to attend Colby’s 20th reunion with Anne Marie Hobson Pesarik. Ann and Doug Kaplan, and Sue (Conant ’75) and Jim Cook and to hear the stirring and inspirational speech by former Vice President Joe Biden. It was a glorious day, and everything from the proceedings to the beautiful surroundings reminded me of how lucky we are to be connected to Colby. The Class of ’78 represented! Classmates who attended included Doug Giron, Jeff Wheeler, Larry Hill, and trustees John Devine and Sandy Buck [both of whom got to share the stage with Biden!]. Apologies to anyone who was there that I didn’t see—it was a packed weekend! Tony Lopez, Lt. USN Ret. LDO, sent a great photo taken during a reunion with 63 of his sailors during Memorial Day. Looking closely at the photo, I wish I knew what all his uniform ribbons signified—let’s just say he’s been well-decorated for the service he gave in many roles, including anti-terrorism, security, law enforcement, and NCIS. Thank you, Tony! Greg Jordan was happy to read my reminiscence about our time in Bar Harbor in 1978. He enjoyed seeing Jim ’79 and Kristin White Shaw last month in California for Jim’s birthday and says it was great to have their two sons spend time together. Greg and his wife, Betsy, plan a trip to Europe this summer with their sons, Gregory and Colby. Arcadia recently published books by Cynthia Burns Martin in the Images of America series and the Campus History series. Her current project is a non-fiction manuscript about a wealthy German businessman who resided in Maine during the First World War. She’s been a professor at New England College, in Henniker, N.H., since 1985. Paul Harvey says he’s still very happy doing dentistry in Portsmouth, N.H. His four children are all pursuing medical-related careers; Paul III working for biotech firm Lonza; Andrew in his third year of dental school at University of New England; Susan in her first year at Tufts Dental School; and Elizabeth in her third year at University of Kentucky Medical School. Thea Pateropolous has spent the last decade in San Francisco working on a master’s and doctorate in clinical psychology, and is about to complete her final year by completing a one-year internship at the VA in Augusta, Maine. She’s very excited to return home and provide much-needed psychological services to Maine’s veterans.

Steve Jacobs and Nick Levinton got together for a week in February at Nick’s home near Geneva, Switzerland, where Nick works for the International Labor Organization, a branch of the UN that works for social justice and human and labor rights. They spent a day Nordic skiing in the Jura Mountains, then traveled to the Swiss Alps for alpine skiing. Steve is about to mark 32 years practicing pediatrics in Lewiston. Steve represented our class in Colby’s Blue Light 5K in June, where he won in his age division! In more somber news, Jeff Wheeler wrote a tribute to Jim Tribble, who passed away in March. He is survived by his former wife, Linda Stahl Tribble, three children, and one grandchild. Jeff writes, “We will remember his caring approach with everyone he came into contact with at Colby and later during his great career as both a geophysicist and investment advisor ... Jim had such a passion for others, sports, and being outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. We will miss him on campus at the alumni hockey games and here around Boston always seeking to help others in his business and in his close friendships. He strove to be the best in everything he did.”
1979  
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Summer has arrived in the Rockies and with it comes graduations. George Powers is pretty stoked as his first son, Derek, graduated from West Point and heads to Ft. Rucker in Alabama to complete his training in army aviation. After the graduation George and family headed to London for some fun and celebration. George has changed jobs again, rejoining old colleagues at Digital Guardian. Liz (Yanagihara ’80) and Barry Horwitz celebrated their daughter All’s graduation from Northeastern University with a master’s in architecture. All’s enjoying summer before starting a job with a small Boston firm where she interned while at Northeastern. Liz and Barry are happy she’ll remain in the Boston area.

Leslie Taylor and husband Nick Plakias have downsized from their big farmhouse in Greenfield to a smaller, more energy-efficient house next to a wildlife sanctuary in nearby Shelburne, Mass. Their daughter, Zoe, finished her Ph.D. and is an assistant professor in the Food and Agriculture School at Ohio State University. Leslie works at a local charter high school (14 years). She hopes to travel to Colorado to visit her Colby roommate Kay LaVoie now.

Barb Neal’s office is a duck, and two spoiled dogs. She still lives stone’s throw of Apple’s new “Spaceship” campus. She’s in her 10th year as a college counselor (16th in secondary education) and made the change this year from an all-girls high school to an all-boys high school. Her three children were all married within the last four years and live nearby. Her grandson attends the independent school where her husband works and where Sandy Maisel’s grandsons also attend. Small Colby world!

This spring Jon Light raised money for ALS via the Tim Sheehy Softball Classic run by Project Main Street, a charity. It was an exciting, well-run two days with participation by many ex-MLB players and ESPN baseball commentators. In February Victor and I enjoyed dinner with Marc ’82 and Kate Moore Jeton when they were nearby for their son’s final swim meet of his Wesleyan career. We offered to supply tickets for both the meet AND graduation and hope Kate has recovered by now. We’ve also enjoyed meals with Dana Tulis ’80, Clay Hutchison ’82, and Skip Neville. As I type, Victor and I are counting down to yet another Colby wedding! Our son, Victor Jr. ’11, will marry Petie Bath, a place they’d recommend to anyone.

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Thanks to everyone for keeping the news coming. Jonathan Greenspan still lives in Westfield, N.J., with his wife, Stacey, and their 16-year-old twins, Lauren and Jared. He continues to run the software company he founded 22 years ago, Online Residential, which provides a data platform to residential brokerage firms in NYC. Jonathan keeps in shape by playing hockey twice a week. Barbara Neal got my attention by saying, “My warranty wore out last year and in early January I had my hip replaced, which means I am officially old.” Barb then refuted any notions of being slowed down by detailing her many activities that keep her busy in Ithaca, N.Y. She’s springing back rather well and looks forward to hiking again. Barb leads a program called Seed to Supper, which focuses on teaching folks how to grow their own vegetables. They’ve built a community garden, are planning a farm-scale potato planting to help feed students at a low-income school, built free veggie stands, and more. Barb and Sarah Davis ’79 continue to build their own farm—farming keeps them busy and the ibuprofen is always close at hand. Their youngest daughter is off to college this fall, which means an empty nest—if you ignore the pony, three goats, sheep, a duck, and two spoiled dogs. An empty nest is also a theme for Barry ’81 and Johanna Rich Tesman, whose daughter Emma is in graduate school in nursing at Villanova and is engaged to be married. Younger daughter Lucy will attend Lehigh University this fall to study computer science. Barry teaches at Dickinson College and is writing the third edition of his math textbook. Johanna works with autistic patients. She also sees Ellen Mercer, often, including recently at a party for her third daughter’s graduation from Gettysburg College.

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Greetings classmates! Here are a few updates. In mid-May Dani Nemec Micasan ran her 13th half marathon (Marine Corps Historic Half) in four years. She’s completed 48 other road races (5K-20K) during the same period. Dani encourages everyone to get out and exercise, stating that the health benefits far outweigh the equipment costs. She sees Tory Sniff Schulte twice a week as they train in the same running group.

After working 30 years for the federal government, including 20 years with the U.S. House Appropriations Committee, Dale Oak retired in May. He and his wife hope to spend more time in Maine while Dale plans to keep busy doing independent consulting.

Saranna Robinson Thornton headed to Mendoza, Argentina, at the end of May with three of her four children. They were there for five weeks while Saranna taught classes in wine economics and economic development. Saranna planned another three weeks to hopefully drive south to Patagonia. Bill Lichtblau has topped four million vertical feet of helicopter skiing and completed his 27th season teaching skiing in Vail, Colo. This spring he enjoyed a whirlwind trip to Iceland and Paris, where he proposed to his girlfriend atop the Eiffel Tower. She said yes! Mary Coe Connolly is still in Santa Clara, Calif., with a (long) stone’s throw of Apple’s new “Spaceship” campus. She’s in her 10th year as a college counselor (16th in secondary education) and made the change this year from an all-girls high school to an all-boys high school. Her three children were all married within the last four years and live nearby. Her grandson attends the independent school where her husband works and where Sandy Maisel’s grandsons also attend.

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Well, I’m tickled to have received all these first-time messages from classmates who had not written me before. You brightened my month! For openers, I got a quickie from Rick Manley who wrote that he and wife Deb Fanton were headed to Colby for their son Todd’s graduation. Congratulations, you three! Deb followed up with pictures (EVIDENCE!) of the event. With Rick having been editor of the Colby Echo, they made a point of touring the offices and meeting the current student editor. Deb decreed
the minimal funding that the Echo now receives and that Colby no longer offers a journalism seminar. I will copy here her great suggestion to classmates and alumni:

“We would like to encourage alumni to help push to place the Echo under the Goldfarb Center and re-establish a journalism course taught by a professor who can serve as advisor. After all, an elite school like Colby, which gives out the prestigious Lovejoy Award, should hold its student-run paper in higher regard!” BAM!  • So great to get a ping from Curt ’82 and Deena Schwartz Ball, unhappily too late for my last column. Deena writes that they are grandparents to Oren, born to their eldest daughter and son-in-law living in the same Pennsylvania town. Their second daughter, Lydia ’13, will marry her Colby classmate Daniel Covert ’13 in September. They plan a Portland-area wedding, so Deena has been visiting Maine often, no doubt! She saw Cathy Leonard ’13 in September. They plan a Portland-area town. Their second daughter, Lydia ’13, will go to Oren, born to their eldest daughter and Deena writes that they are grandparents to Oren, born to their eldest daughter and son-in-law living in the same Pennsylvania town. Their second daughter, Lydia ’13, will marry her Colby classmate Daniel Covert ’13 in September. They plan a Portland-area wedding, so Deena has been visiting Maine often, no doubt! She saw Cathy Leonard ’13 in September. They plan a Portland-area town. Their second daughter, Lydia ’13, will.

• John Tawa’s son Tim was named MVP after quarterbacking West Linn (Ore.) High School to its first large-class state football title. Tim is the three-time Gatorade Player of the Year in the state and will graduate as Oregon’s career record leader in TD passes, passing yards, and completions. He’ll attend Stanford University in the fall.  • Sharon Kehoe Miller enjoys life in Cody, Wyo. She and her family take advantage of the local mountain bike trails, backpacking trips to the Bighorn Mountains, nearby ski area, and trips into Yellowstone. They make it a goal to get out of the country at least once a year, with recent trips to Honduras and Nicaragua. They invite anyone in the area to come visit.  • Todd Halloran, as a Colby trustee emeritus, keeps in touch with Colby regularly. He just completed his 22nd year at Freeman Spogli & Co., an LA- and NY-based private equity firm focused on investing in growth-oriented consumer and specialty distribution companies. Todd’s twins boys completed their sophomore years at Colgate and Dartmouth, and his daughter will attend Williams in the fall, where she’ll play ice hockey and lacrosse.

• Samuel Staley is building the social entrepreneurship program at Florida State University. He helped develop a unique approach that is fundamentally immersive, applied, and experiential, reminding him of Colby. Sam is also concentrating on his writing. He received awards in historical fiction, mainstream literature, young adult, and other genres from the Florida Writers Association, Florida Authors and Publishers Association, and the Eric Hoffer Book Awards. He would love to keep up with classmates on Facebook and LinkedIn.

• Andrew Christy owns a successful bagel shop in north Dallas. He just celebrated his 26th wedding anniversary. His daughter (a junior at Mizzou) is in Melbourne, Australia, for a year abroad and his son is a freshman at Oregon State University.  • The information in our last column about Catherine Walsh was incorrect. The real news is that she enjoys getting together with Jeffery Nottsonon, Lisa Kuzia Krueger, Dan ’82 and Christy Giedlich Crocker, and Mary White Garrity. Catherine recently marked four years of communications work for the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, a progressive order of Catholic nuns trying to stop global warming, end human trafficking, and empower women and children living in poverty worldwide.  • As for me, my son just completed his first year at LSU/New Orleans in a master’s program for clinical rehabilitation and counseling. My daughter finished her sophomore year at University of Maine, Orono, by spending three weeks in Mexico teaching ESL to kindergarten children. And my newest adventure is that I received my husband’s certificate and my youngest (one-year-old) collage received his certification to be an Assisted Animal Therapy (AAT) dog. We visit people with physical and emotional issues at hospitals, hospices, schools, and assisted living locations as a pet therapy team. We’re working on him coming with me to work to improve government morale and assist those in need.

1984

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I was very pleased to hear from so many of you this session. Congratulations to Valerie Miller Brancato, whose son, Theo, earned his lieutenant junior grade promotion.  

Kathryn Soderberg has been instrumental in volunteering in her community. Soderberg Insurance Company is supporting the homeless and received the SAN Award for Outstanding Community Service, recognizing the company for years of volunteer work.  

• John Tawa’s son Tim was named MVP after quarterbacking West Linn (Ore.) High School to its first large-class state football title. Tim is the three-time Gatorade Player of the Year in the state and will graduate as Oregon’s career record leader in TD passes, passing yards, and completions. He’ll attend Stanford University in the fall.  

• Sharon Kehoe Miller enjoys life in Cody, Wyo. She and her family take advantage of the local mountain bike trails, backpacking trips to the Bighorn Mountains, nearby ski area, and trips into Yellowstone. They make it a goal to get out of the country at least once a year, with recent trips to Honduras and Nicaragua. They invite anyone in the area to come visit.  

• Todd Halloran, as a Colby trustee emeritus, keeps in touch with Colby regularly. He just completed his 22nd year at Freeman Spogli & Co., an LA- and NY-based private equity firm focused on investing in growth-oriented consumer and specialty distribution companies. Todd’s twins boys completed their sophomore years at Colgate and Dartmouth, and his daughter will attend Williams in the fall, where she’ll play ice hockey and lacrosse.

• Samuel Staley is building the social entrepreneurship program at Florida State University. He helped develop a unique approach that is fundamentally immersive, applied, and experiential, reminding him of Colby. Sam is also concentrating on his writing. He received awards in historical fiction, mainstream literature, young adult, and other genres from the Florida Writers Association, Florida Authors and Publishers Association, and the Eric Hoffer Book Awards. He would love to keep up with classmates on Facebook and LinkedIn.

• Andrew Christy owns a successful bagel shop in north Dallas. He just celebrated his 26th wedding anniversary. His daughter (a junior at Mizzou) is in Melbourne, Australia, for a year abroad and his son is a freshman at Oregon State University.  

• The information in our last column about Catherine Walsh was incorrect. The real news is that she enjoys getting together with Jeffery Nottsonon, Lisa Kuzia Krueger, Dan ’82 and Christy Giedlich Crocker, and Mary White Garrity. Catherine recently marked four years of communications work for the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, a progressive order of Catholic nuns trying to stop global warming, end human trafficking, and empower women and children living in poverty worldwide.  

• As for me, my son just completed his first year at LSU/New Orleans in a master’s program for clinical rehabilitation and counseling. My daughter finished her sophomore year at University of Maine, Orono, by spending three weeks in Mexico teaching ESL to kindergarten children. And my newest adventure is that I received my husband’s certificate and my youngest (one-year-old) collage received his certification to be an Assisted Animal Therapy (AAT) dog. We visit people with physical and emotional issues at hospitals, hospices, schools, and assisted living locations as a pet therapy team. We’re working on him coming with me to work to improve government morale and assist those in need.

1985

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Not a lot of responses this time, but what we lacked in quantity was made up in quality.  

• Congratulations to Ben Lowry, who will be inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame July 15 at Hadlock Field (home of the hall and of the Seagulls) with a luncheon the next day with speeches and platitudes.

Ben says that former Colby coaches Dick Whitmore and Gene Delorenzo were instrumental in supporting his candidacy to the hall. Ben retired from playing at 53 but stays in the game by umpiring high school games in Maine.  

• Stephen Langlois and his wife, Sally, look forward to spending more time in Maine over the next few years as their daughter, Sophie, heads to Colby as a member of the Class of 2021. Steve notes, “We’re embracing this next chapter, which we refer to as ‘dating with money’ (rather than ‘empty nesting’, which sounds so lonely), with several wonderful experiences, including trips to Big Sur, Santa Barbara, and India—in addition to Waterville!”

• Donna Boyler Aiudi has a private practice in dermatology in Glastonbury, Conn., serves as an associate professor in dermatology at the University of Connecticut, and is part of a family practice residency program. Her daughter, Katie, got married last August and is an M.D./Ph.D. candidate at UConn; son Michael is a junior at URI; and son Chris is a junior in high school. Donna and her family enjoy hiking, golfing, and boating.

• Mike Muir has a new job at GEAR UP Maine, which helps school districts create educational programming to reach more students and better prepare them to attend college. He enjoys his ongoing work helping schools better serve disenfranchised learners, students of poverty, and rural/isolated youth. Mike also continues to do educational consulting on the side (StuentLearning.Guru) focusing on motivating underachievers, learning through technology, leadership for school change, and educator micro-credentials. Congratulations to Mike’s wife, Tamara Ranger, Maine’s 2017 Teacher of the Year!  

• At the time of this writing, I’m preparing to move overseas to China. Beginning this fall, I’ll be working as a college counselor at the Shanghai American School. It’s an amazing opportunity, which Megan and I look forward to very much.

1986

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Many thanks to those who sent me some news! I didn’t get nearly as much news, though, as last time, so we’ll have to see what can be done about that.  

• Just after I sent in my last column, I heard from Karen Jo Giammusso Shapiro. She and her husband, Steven, celebrated their 30th anniversary last year and moved back to New England (Concord, Mass.). Karen Jo has a private practice in leadership development (executive coaching and training), and Steven—after 21 years as a professor at Guilford College in Greensboro, N.C.—works at Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass. Their daughter, Elina, is a psychology major at University of Maine Farmington and their son, David, is a student at Concord-Carlisle High School.  

• I recently heard from Tom McCallum. Tom lives and works in North Carolina, where he’s VP of investor relations at Red Hat, a global software company, which was “wicked small” when he joined nine years ago. Now, it’s much bigger. Tom recently caught up with former Colby rugby buddy Andy Peer. Andy is director of sales and trading at Rosenblatt Securities. When he isn’t working, Tom spends time with his wife of 25 years (congrats!) and two boys, 12 and 14. If any Class of ’86ers are looking for a little southern hospitality, Tom would be happy to oblige.

• Lori Berger is a full-time professional equestrian and adjunct professor of equine studies at Vermont Technical College, where she also coaches an intercollegiate dressage team. Lori runs her own barn as well, and recently switched disciplines with her horse Lexi, moving from traditional English dressage to western dressage. Last October Lori and Lexi made it to the Western Dressage Association of America World Championships in Guthrie, Okla., where they earned three world championship titles. It’s been the high point of her equestrian career and it was an amazing experience! Lori and Lexi are currently ranked 15th in the WDAA Top 100. Congratulations!  

Lisa Kuzia Krueger
80s NEWSMAKERS

Ben Lowry ’85 was inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. Lowry was a three-time all-state selection at Falmouth High School and compiled a .426 career batting average at Colby. Lowry recently retired after playing in men’s leagues in Greater Portland and led his league in batting his final season. Christine Petersen ’85 was appointed CEO at Time Out Digital, a global media and entertainment company. Peterson has experience in media, e-commerce, and travel with TripAdvisor, where she led global growth strategies. Reading Eagle’s Business Weekly interviewed Suzie Welch Carpenter ’88, founder of the Cook With Love program, about being a food coach, food writer, and snack food entrepreneur. Carpenter’s new book is On the Bright Side: A Mother’s Story of Love and Healing through Her Daughter’s Autism.

Rydn Lilliott recently started a new job as a research librarian in the Harvard Law School library. This was a career change for her: part necessary “re-tooling” due to industry changes and part mid-life re-assessment and desire for an “encore career.” Over Colby’s Commencement Weekend in May, I caught up with my favorite trustee, M. Jane Powers, during the honorary degree dinner. After the dinner, my husband and I wandered over to the big party tent in front of Dana, where I spent an awkward moment staring at a woman who seemed familiar. Then, I realized that she was staring back. Finally, we figured that we did indeed know each other. It was Rebecca Sears Cleary (who started her Colby career as a member of our class, but ended up graduating with the Class of 1987). She’s married to Charles Cleary, and they were in the big party tent celebrating their son’s graduation from Colby, Class of 2017. I also received a short email from Jen Imhoff Foley, who refused to give me any information, except to clarify that she works for the other Maine island that starts with “b,” the one that rhymes with hate. As for myself, my husband and I recently completed an expansion of our house on Great Pond—always ready to move into full time when our son graduates from Waterville High School next year (our daughter is at Vassar College). I keep quite well and enjoying the wonders of older age!

1987 Scott Lainer classnews1987@colby.edu
We had our 30th reunion. That’s not a typo. To those who weren’t there, wow, I looked amazing. Twenty-two, maybe even younger. To those who were there, say nothing! And away we go. Chris Fay says, “I want to send a brief recognition for Jim Windhorst. Not a lot of people at Colby knew Jim, but those of us who did remember his energy and his friendship. Jim was the one who did crazy things that often create memorable college experiences. He was a devoted husband, father of three kids, and died way too soon.” Geoff Johnson says, “I’d like to simply say that although I did not know Jeff Bednarz super well, he was part of a group of beer aficionados. Busch I think, that would congregate on third floor Foss just outside his room on a regular basis. Jeff had a Grateful Dead persona, a mellow and personable demeanor that made you feel at ease, and a confidence in his slightly off-the-Colby-track lifestyle. A musician with a subdued but warm conversational style, which I truly enjoyed. I appreciated his friendship even though we traveled in different circles. On a stunningly coincidental note, my daughter, Cate ’17, lived last year on third floor Foss about 12 feet from that spot by Jeff’s room where we enjoyed so many high-quality beverages. Could not pass by that spot without reminiscing about him. As an added bonus, Cait and I are both in ‘7’ class years and ‘reunioning’ together every five years! How cool is that? Our son, Sam, just graduated high school.”

Steve Sanborn says, “I completed my doctoral degree in math and science education from UMass-Lowell this spring. After a nine-year stroll through the program, I’m thrilled to have finished a rewarding personal and professional journey. (Your feet must be tired, Steve!) The high school graduation of our oldest daughter, Mariana, coincided with our reunion weekend. Looking back on my Colby years as a JYA student at the University of Edinburgh, I never imagined that one of my children would one day attend the University of Edinburgh as a four-year undergraduate. (No way! I speak Scottish!) Mari is enrolled in their sustainable development degree program starting September. She’s the only person I know following through with her pledge to leave the U.S.A. if Trump were elected president. Now she will have a completely different political landscape to observe as the Brexit unfolds and the Scots start beating the independence drum again. My wife, Jenn, enjoyed her JYA year at St. Andrews, and our 15-year-old daughter, Elena, is eager to scout out that university as she starts thinking about colleges. Norwegian Air arrived just in time! I’m now five years into my position as PreK-12 science program coordinator for Andover Public Schools and may finally be starting to figure out this role in the ever-changing context of public education. (Takes about nine years, Steve.)” Jeff Russell reports “a successful visit with Family Princess, Alison D. Russell ’18, during her semester in the UK. Ali worked and studied in London. She also managed to tour 17 major European cities to keep things interesting. (I hear Lichtenstein takes 15 minutes to tour.) We were accompanied on our tour of Scotland by Ali’s grandmother, Pat Farnham Russell ’62, who did not complain about my driving skills once.” (She was too busy covering her eyes.) Y Writes Tanya Thomas Pinder, “My son just graduated from medical school and we had a big bash here in Virginia.” Y Finally, Rich Bachus, author of the exciting new novel Into No Man’s Land, says “lots of friends and acquaintances have been asking me how to get hold of the book. It is a military family saga that helps commemorate the sacrifice of World War I veterans and their families.” Y I encourage you to learn more at richardbachus.com. Mainly because I get a 20-percent kickback. See you at the 35th!

1988 Nancy Donahue Cyker classnews1988@colby.edu
MJ Carty Brown started her 50th birthday day celebration with a trip to Chicago. She got lots of trip guidance via Facebook book from Paige Alexander Sato, Sarah Pope, Tom Jester, Karen Hertz Merriam, Guy Holbrook ’86, and Dave Scannell, who shared great insights, guaranteeing an amazing trip highlighting MJ’s background as an American Studies major. Last summer MJ, husband Brian, and daughter Margaret, 16, returned to Scotland and had a fantastic time visiting friends, including her Scottish roommate, Sharon, a lifelong friend after their random room assignment when MJ was a JYA student and Sharon an incoming first-year. Edinburgh was remarkably different and yet the same, a quirk of thriving ancient cities, MJ observes. It was great to have fellow Edinburgh University/Colby JYAs like Sarah Pope, Jennifer Allen, Josh Goldberg, and, of course, Karen Hertz Merriam, traveling on her shoulder (another FB plus). A highlight of MJ’s year was a mini-reunion at the Portsmouth Inn, suggested and organized by Mark Wylie. Karen Hertz Merriam, Amy Lumbard Holbrook, Mark, and MJ spent a lovely weekend eating, drinking, laughing, reminiscing, and laughing some more. Dan Conway and Dave Scannell joined for Sunday breakfast. MJ also reunited with Chris and Jaynie Grossman Martin at the Brighton Music Hall and had a blast singing along to The Proclaimers, top of their lungs, spilling flimsy cups of beer like they were 21 again. Y Meg Galloway Goldthwaite spent the past two years as the CMO for Conservation International, a nonprofit based in the DC area. She was fortunate to travel to our planet’s most remote, most biodiverse, and most beautiful corners. Meg created one of the first underwater virtual reality films in Raja Ampat, Indonesia. Meg was in Suriname on her 50th birthday, making another virtual reality film about the Amazon. Meg has enjoyed helping Colby students and grads through internships and networking as they pursue careers in environmental science. Meg was happily ensconced at Conservation International when she was approached about a job at NPR. Meg had spent senior Jan Plan in a newsroom in DC and graduated with the intention of becoming a reporter. She knew after time on the news desk that she didn’t have the chops, but never lost her passion for journalism. Leaving one dream job to head to another was a tough decision. Luckily Bevin Dockray Gove and Jill Heslam were visiting the weekend her decision was due. Meg says it was awesome to have her buddies around to talk about options, and she ultimately decided to join NPR as its CMO. Meg’s oldest, Marina, is a junior at St. Lawrence, son Liam is a
freshman at Bucknell, leaving Annabelle, 15, her last to shepherd through the college process. Meg stays connected to Jeff Ballaine, Ann Fillback Riley, Chris Hurley, Elena Stamoulis, Susu MacLachlan, and the list goes on. ● Jonathan Selkowitz reports from the Teton Valley that he enjoyed dinner with Rob Koff last winter when Rob was visiting during the storm of the decade. Some might say a storm follows Rob wherever he travels (correspondent’s observation). Jonathan reveled in the backcountry spring skiing as well as great turns on Teton Pass. ● Carol Anne Beach left Concord Academy after 16 years to join Colby’s College Advancement Office, thrilled to be working for Colby at this remarkable time in its history. Cabbie looks forward to seeing lots and lots of us at our 30th reunion next year, June 7-10. (Contact Allison Murray Valley with offers of help!) ● Dean Schwartz was honored by an invitation from the Indian government’s Ministry of Commerce and Industry to present at the Second Annual Designers Fair in Chennai, India. The convention is part of the country’s comprehensive “Make in India” program. Dean made great connections and came away inspired for successful partnerships with Indian footwear manufacturers. ● Greg Cunningham demurred my request for info having received mentions in our two previous columns. Now he’s three for three. He promises me the exclusive when he provides a tell-all for adoption... • 1989 Anita Terry classnews1989@colby.edu The past months have seen my Facebook feed and email box fill with pictures of classmates celebrating our milestone birthday. If you haven’t been in touch in a while, let me know what you did to mark your big day. I threw myself a big party at a local bar, and later in February Meg Christie, Doug St. Lawrence, and I surprised Tracy Gionfriddo for her bash in Connecticut. A good time was had by all, and I have the pictures to prove it. ● Just a tad late for the last column, Paul Argazzi wrote from Berlin, Conn., where he practices law with his father. Paul and his wife have two kids, and it will surprise no one to hear that Paul is still involved with politics and attended the president’s inauguration in January with his son. ● Robert and Hilary Barnes Hoopes went to Colby’s commencement and Robert was excited to hear Vice President Biden speak, 30 years after he worked for Biden in the summer of 1987. ● For her 50th, Jennifer Joseph got a new kayak and a snazzy pink crown. ● Nancy Spellman is planning a cycling trip to Italy this fall to celebrate 50. She’ll need the vacation as, like me, she has two kids in high school. ● As does Dawna Zajac Perez, but Dawna also has two in college—one headed to UMass Lowell and one to Mass School of Art. Dawna is a dean at Northern Essex Community College. ● Not only did Sue Banta Gallagher celebrate her own 50th in style in Hawaii, she managed to surprise husband Bob by flying in Kirk Koenigsbauer and his wife for a weekend in Atlanta. Sue and Bob also celebrated their 25th anniversary this year and have Colby to thank for that! ● Dan and Carolyn Bob-Tuttle, with the help of a surrogate as well as lawyer Carol Lockwood ’90, welcomed Hallie Carole Bob Tuttle into the world in October 2016. Hallie’s favorite stuffed toy is a moose named Augusta given by Sheila Dillon Hanlon, Kristen Kurtz Kornfeld, and Jed and Debbie Bello Webster. Thanks for the awesome pictures, Carolyn, and congratulations! ● My Dana neighbor Chris Haight Barnett wrote from upstate NY, where she lives with her husband and two girls. Chris just started a job at the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and loves it. Maybe my favorite 50th birthday pic was of Melissa Early Rutherford, Lilly Dimling, Louise Tranchin, Aimee Momemee Simons, Lisa Troeger Kalar, and M’Evie Mead at the surprise birthday party Melissa’s husband organized for her in St. Louis. (Andy Simons was also at the party, but not in the picture.) I don’t know how it’s possible that you all look exactly the same as you did in 1989, but I am not happy about it. ● My least favorite 50th birthday pic is Mark Cosdon’s, because he is once again in Italy drinking a lovely glass of wine and he once again did not invite me along. Mark’s fall sabbatical from Allegheny College is, surprise, in Italy. He’s now a full professor, and his older daughter will start at Denison U this year. ● Keep that news coming! • 1990 Kristin Hock Davie classnews1990@colby.edu After 17 years of IT consulting, Debbie Adams Murray is returning to her Colby roots as a psychology major and starting a nonprofit called Arch! (Adoption Reunion Center for Healing). Her vision is to open centers across the country where adult adoptees, birth families, and adoptive families can get emotional support for the journey of adoption and reunion. Debbie searched her entire adult life and finally met her birth parents on her 40th birthday. She plans to start in 2018 with weekend retreats and workshops, partnering with other grassroots organizations around the world to form a global foundation. ● Mike Grant sent notes in three categories: Small world: His niece is coaching lacrosse to Elizabeth Leroy Clothier’s daughter in Ridgewood, N.J. Long time: He recently had dinner with Marc Duchette and his wife in Falmouth, Maine. Marc lives in Kentucky, and it was the first time they’d seen each other in 15 years. Milestone: Mike and his wife, Heidi Meehan Grant ’91, will celebrate their 25th anniversary in August exploring a portion of the Pacific Coast Highway with their three kids. ● Jim Reduto lives in Westchester with his wife and two teenage girls. He’s a partner in his law firm in Scarsdale, N.Y.—going on 18 years and practicing for 24 years. He keeps in touch with Mark Smith, who lives outside Princeton, N.J., with his wife and son. Jim recently had dinner with Stephen Nahley, who is in his seventh year as in-house counsel at Barclays Bank in New York heading up Americas Corporate Real Estate group. His family recently moved into a newly renovated apartment after a long construction process and three years of jumping from rental to rental. Stephen’s daughter, Charlotte, finished her sophomore year in high school, which means they’ll start that whole college process next year. “Can’t wait!” ● Paul Neidich, father of two teenage boys, is “still working in the action-packed field of insurance claims, wondering who all those people are in the class page photos, and devolving into a cranky old man.” ● Reed Bernhard is a private citizen living in the Seattle area flying corporate jets for IAC/Expedia Global and loving it. ● Eileen Kinney Lindgreen loves the Austin, Texas, lifestyle of tacos and live music everywhere. She’s working on getting her psychotherapy private practice up and running this year. ● Having lead a workshop on using Bots to generate leads and finishing the Spartan Sprint, Tom McClintock and his family looked forward to a trip to California and a camping trip to Mt. Rushmore. • 1991 David Shumway classnews1991@colby.edu Tim Christensen boarded a freighter in Philly to Sydney, Australia, and drew as he went. He’ll wind up on the Gold Coast in Cooroy, where he’ll present at a wood-fired pottery conference. He’ll be gone two months, returning in mid-July, and is thrilled to be on this adventure. ● Heather (Glynn ’92) and Peter Ginolfi excitedly report that their oldest son, Tommy, will be a first-year student at Colby this fall. ● Ben Ames, Fred Stewart, Rachel Weinstein McCall, Chris McGowan McKee, Niles Parker, Tara Taupier, and Brad Willard had a great time visiting Pat Reed in San Luis Obispo. Some of them ran a 5K (Chris won second place for his age group), Niles and Brad dominated foosball, and they finished with a sunset soccer game and s’mores party on Pismo Beach. Best semi-Colby story recounted: when Ben, Pat, and Niles were fishing in Alaska the summer after graduation, Ben navigated his way into the harbor of one town using the map of a harbor from a different town. ● Jeff LaCourse’s son finished his high school freshman year and played football, hockey, and baseball, so Jeff spent most of his time driving to and watching games. Jeff coaches his son’s summer baseball team and helps coach a girl’s travel hockey team. He hopes to visit Mike McRae and his son in Niagara Falls in between both boys’ summer games. ● Pamela Young got married last August, lives with her husband in Mobile, Ala., and started her own management consulting company, HopeSideSolutions, which works on start-ups, diversity, and helping organizations develop international programs. ● Erika Maliman has a new historical novel out in October, The Murderer’s Maid: A Lizzie Borden Novel. For research, she stayed overnight with Alexandria Peary ’92 in the maid’s attic bedroom at the Borden murder house in Fall River, Mass., spending the evening vigilant and fearfully, ultimately sleeping well with the lamp burning. No ghosts, but plenty of interesting history. ● Shannon Johnson Ames became executive director of the Low Impact Hydropower Institute (lowimpacthydro.org) last October and looks forward to combining advocacy work and hydropower experience into leading a mission-driven nonprofit. Fun fact: The Union Gas hydropower facility on Messalskanske Stream in Waterville is LHI certified. ● Last July Sandy Colhoun and her family moved to Maine and Sandy joined the advancement team at Colby, where he serves as the senior philanthropic advisor. He writes, “It’s been a fabulous year and wonderful to reconnect with friends across the Colby community. Our generation is hitting its stride and taking on leadership roles on the board and beyond, but it’s really amazing to see classmates whose kids are applying. I’m a few years behind that set with two of my own: Eloise, 8, and Stuart, 5. I’m happy to connect with classmates, so call anytime.” ● James and Caroline
O’Malley Maynard caught up with Kevin and Patty Masters Correa at a Red Sox/Cubs game at Fenway, then met Gary and Cathy Breen King and Ashley Cornell Pratt for a post-game dinner in Boston. Julie Daniele Solomita, Andrea Solomita Bourque, and Corrine Hauser Tardio will hopefully attend next time. Caroline and her husband enjoy living in Westernly, R.I., with their two sons, William and Stephen, and their golden retriever puppy, Rylee, who’s already outfitted with Colby gear. Caroline volunteers at her sons’ school and other local organizations and recently joined the board of Westernly Hospital Foundation, where she’s active in philanthropy and fundraising. Audrey Wittemann Wennink became director of transportation at the Metropolitan Planning Council in Chicago, overseeing planning and policy development related to transportation for the seven-county greater Chicago region. She loves the change to the nonprofit sector after 12 years as a transportation-planning consultant for Cambridge Systematics. She celebrated her 15th wedding anniversary and 20-year anniversary living in Chicago by chartering a Chicago Transit Authority train for an evening party. She loves living in the Lakeview neighborhood where her daughter, 13, walks to school and Audrey can ride her bike to work. Thanks for all the news, folks—keep it coming!

1992
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Our reunion in June was nothing short of amazing. Eighty-nine classmates gathered to celebrate Colby and each other—and made our 25th quite a memorable weekend. Clearly, we’re not getting any younger, but we still know how to have fun. Mark your calendars for June 2022!  
Mark Boles: “My fiancé, Cary Charlebois ’97, and I live in Scituate, Mass., just steps away from Egypt Beach. In August we’re getting married in upstate New York near her parents’ home, and we’re expecting a baby in October. I was able to bring my daughters to reunion and have them feel what’s so special about Mayflower Hill. At our class dinner, Sarah Hamilton Barringer told a lovely story about what it means to go to a place like Colby and the responsibility to the community of which you become a part. Dan Connolly masterfully recited a ‘story’ by way of Charles Hanson Towne’s poem Around the Corner. He reminded us of the investment that we’ve all made and continue to make in our friendships.” Jason ’91 and Lizzie Frado Mazzola have 17-year-old twins, Jason and Jessica. Lizzie is busy coaching high school field hockey and lacrosse in Natick, Mass. They live along the route of the Boston Marathon and cheered on Kristin Nixon Donahue, Jill Collett Donohue, and Melissa Schmidt Stephens last March. Zach Shapiro: “I’m beginning my 11th year as rabbi of Temple Akiba in Culver City, Calif. My husband, Ron Galperin, was re-elected city controller of Los Angeles UNOPPOSED! We are doing what no couple should do: Mixing politics and religion under one roof!” Arthur Steinert is the new BMOC in his town, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Mass., serving his first year as a selectman. Marga-ret Russell Ewall, associate professor of Spanish at Wake Forest University, recently traveled to Salamanca, Spain, with a group of students. “I hope to return to Colby for my niece’s May 2018 graduation. Alison Davis Russell ’18 will join many other family Colby alums when she graduates 30 years after her mother, Beth Henry Russell ’88, and 90 years after her great-grandmother, Margaret Davis Farnham ’28.” If you find yourself in Brooklyn, N.Y., be sure to visit Wylie Dufresne’s Du’s Dons & Coffee. He’s serving up New England-style cake donuts and crullers in both “classic and imaginative” flavors. At press time, flavors included Pomegranate Tahini, Grapefruit Chamomile, and Creamsicle. Happy summer, everyone.

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Chris and Sarah Burditt McDougall have been in Bend, Ore., for nearly 11 years, where they enjoy being part of the community. Sarah is training for a trail half marathon and writes, “I’m a firm believer in slow and steady and love that we have marathon and writes, “I’m a firm believer in slow and steady and love that we have responsibility to the community of which you become a part. Dan Connolly masterfully recited a ‘story’ by way of Charles Hanson Towne’s poem Around the Corner. He reminded us of the investment that we’ve all made and continue to make in our friendships.” Jason ’91 and Lizzie Frado Mazzola have 17-year-old twins, Jason and Jessica. Lizzie is busy coaching high school field hockey and lacrosse in Natick, Mass. They live along the route of the Boston Marathon and cheered on Kristin Nixon Donahue, Jill Collett Donohue, and Melissa Schmidt Stephens last March. Zach Shapiro: “I’m beginning my 11th year as rabbi of Temple Akiba in Culver City, Calif. My husband, Ron Galperin, was re-elected city controller of Los Angeles UNOPPOSED! We are doing what no couple should do: Mixing politics and religion under one roof!” Arthur Steinert is the new BMOC in his town, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Mass., serving his first year as a selectman. Margareth Russell Ewall, associate professor of Spanish at Wake Forest University, recently traveled to Salamanca, Spain, with a group of students. “I hope to return to Colby for my niece’s May 2018 graduation. Alison Davis Russell ’18 will join many other family Colby alums when she graduates 30 years after her mother, Beth Henry Russell ’88, and 90 years after her great-grandmother, Margaret Davis Farnham ’28.” If you find yourself in Brooklyn, N.Y., be sure to visit Wylie Dufresne’s Du’s Dons & Coffee. He’s serving up New England-style cake donuts and crullers in both “classic and imaginative” flavors. At press time, flavors included Pomegranate Tahini, Grapefruit Chamomile, and Creamsicle. Happy summer, everyone.

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I caught up with Irina McCreeery Maguire over the Fourth of July at the beach in New York, where our husbands grew up. She works as director of alumnae affairs at The Chapin School in NYC and lives on the Upper East Side with her husband and daughter. They’re all doing well. Chuck and Laura Miller Thompson moved back to the States with their three boys after three years in Hong Kong. Laura enjoyed meeting President David Greene and hearing about his plans for Colby. Jonathan Kaplan says he’s given lots of career advice over the years but had not had the chance to offer a job to a Colby student. Recently, Jacob Marx ’13 joined the Open Society Foundations (where Jonathan’s a communications officer). He’ll work to make the defense budget more transparent and U.S. military aid more accountable. Jonathan spent a few hours with TJ Winick in March. He was in Washington to persuade Congress to protect Medicaid and the Social Security Disability Insurance program. In front of a large audience that included Sen. Ed Markey, TJ spoke eloquently about the security those programs provide to families.

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In March Dan Connolly ’92 invited Mitch Rogers ’93, Steve Hatch ’93, Greg Suffredi-ni ’93, Sean Devine ’94, James Colligan, Chris Fossella, Matt Mannering, and Mike Manning to sit courtside at the Xfinity Center in Washington, D.C., to support current Villanova athletic director Mark Jackson as the Villanova men’s basketball team defeated Georgetown University. “Mark outfitted the whole crew with Villanova Wildcats gear—the rest of the weekend details are being kept strictly confidential,” reports Matt. Emily Fantasia Hayes and her family moved back to the U.S. after a two-year stint in the UK; they’re enjoying being on American soil. They recently saw Beth Timm Preston, Debbie Butler Collett, and Ann Sprole Cheston.

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Look ’96: All this “I won this,” “I did that,” “I wrote a book,” and “I saved an African village from evil and starvation” is starting to make us sound, you know, a little too awesome. Maybe you could tone it
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Karen Lipman Boston ’93, an attorney with Lipman & Katz in Augusta, Maine, received the highest Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Rating™ of AV, meaning she possesses “very high professional ethics and preeminent legal ability.” Boston specializes in personal injury and family law. • The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation appointed Chris West ’93 as director of the newly created Rocky Mountain Regional Office, where he’ll develop and advance conservation initiatives, manage projects, and secure funding for the organization’s grant-making portfolio. • Jon Huerta ’95 joined Guggenheim Securities as a senior managing director in the industrials investment banking group. Huerta will focus on the aerospace, defense, and government services sectors. • Katherine Campbell ’96 was inducted into the Charlevoix Alumni Hall of Fame. A graduate of Charlevoix (Michigan) High School, Campbell is an assistant professor and the medical director at Yale Maternal Fetal Medicine Practice. The award “honors alumni who have used their education to make the world a better place.”

down a little next time? • Caroline Ketcham had an unfeasibly huge year. She was promoted to full professor of exercise science at Elon University, where she serves as department chair. She co-edited a book (with Dr. Eric E. Hall) titled Concussions in Athletics: Assessment, Management and Emerging Issues (Nova Publishers, 2017). She’s co-director of Elon BrainCARE, which formally became a research institute this year, and she was given Elon’s Ward Family Excellence in Mentoring Award—a university-wide honor. She also reconnected with Amy Jackson Bennett, who’s committed to getting healthy and helping others get healthy. • Dan and Kristen Drake Patterson live in D.C., where Kristen serves as program director at the People-Health-Planet program at the Population Reference Bureau. She travels to Africa for work, and when she’s not fixing problems there, she serves on the board at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, Va., which keeps her involved in social justice and service in her community. On a personal note, Kristen’s long-term goal is to become a master gardener, a hobby currently impeded by the athletic schedules of her 6- and 10-year-old sons. • Sarah Gelman Carney was elected to the board of the NY Council for the Humanities, Ed Bourque lives in Accra, Ghana, working on a UNICEF water and sanitation assignment, and Kevin Rice is now chair of Colby’s Chemistry Department and serves as a faculty marshal, which means that at this year’s commencement he assisted in the conferral of honorary degrees to “Diamond” Joe Biden and Amy Walter ’91. Three awesome notes in one sentence! • Andrew Rice is executive director of Teen Recovery Solutions, Oklahoma’s only accredited recovery high school for teens suffering from addiction. This fall he enrolled in a master’s program in professional counseling at St. Gregory’s University in Shawnee, Okla. • Last summer Keith Albert and his family visited Alaska, which included an ATV tour, white-water rafting, a visit to the Seavey Family Iditarod dog-sled facility, a boat tour of the Kenai Fjords National Park, hiking/camping in Denali, and an awesome glacier hike on Matanuska Glacier. He says Alaska is a lot like Lewiston, only bigger. • Kathy Alexander Romeo’s biggest job is trying to turn four girls, 15, 14, 12, and 8, into decent human beings. Her other job is part-time work in early intervention with kids 0-3 with developmental delays. She still lives in Bolton, Mass., with two cats, a dog, and 10 chickens. She spent a weekend with Sheila Grant Orphanides, Gretchen Rice King, and Heather Hunt Swales. She also ran the Ragnar race with a fun crew: Caroline Bird McGowan, Tatam Calder Sinclair, Kim Allen Ladig, Doris Morrison Galvin, and Kim Turner. • Jen Pope welcomed a daughter, Amelia Pope Michie, in January. Last fall Amie Sicchitano Taylor threw Jen a baby shower that included Colby legends Patty Benson, Chad Crandall, Doris Morrison Galvin, Abby Smith Derrick, and Alex Keen Strong. Then there’s Ethan Platt: He attended the wedding of Christopher (Cl) Johnson Memorial Day weekend in Santa Cruz along with Chris Greenfield, Andy Meeks and Sarah Eustis, Brian Dusza (a ’96er in spirit), John “Bud” Johnson ’59, and Jeff Fort ’91. He then traveled to Hanford, Calif., to see Commander Brian Emme ’97 of VFA-14, the “Topuckets.” Brian’s transitioning out of the cockpit of the F/A-18 Hornet and into a job as “air boss”—the guy in charge of flight ops on a carrier. Ethan also visited Air Force Commander Adrian Calder, who’s also out of the fighter jet cockpit and living in DC. Ethan has four kids—three girls and a boy born last winter. The brood lives in Burlington, Vt., and spends summers at his in-laws on the Maine coast, where last year he caught up with Alane O’Connor, who does amazing work on substance abuse in Maine. And oh yeah: Ethan also runs an online gardening company called American Meadow and asked that I never bother him for class notes again. (Not a chance!) So there you have it—another mic-drop- ing installment chronicling our collective greatness. Keep the notes coming, please. I never tire of your achievements.

1997

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Hello to all in the Class of ’97! It was so wonderful to see so many of you at our 20th reunion in early June. For those who couldn’t make it, we missed you and hope to see you at the 25th. Mark your calendars for the first weekend of June 2022! There are lots of great photos of the 20th on our Facebook page—“Colby College Class of ’97.” If you haven’t yet joined that page, please do. That group will be used quite a bit in planning the 25th. Also, email class president Jess Miller Pachler (jessiapachler.us) if you’d like to be on that committee. • We had a great class turnout at reunion. Nearly 90 members of the Class of ’97 showed up, from places as far-flung as Washington, California, Idaho, Montana, Texas, Florida, and England. Not too bad! In fact, we’re in second place for attendance at a 20th reunion (and still hold the record for 15th reunion attendance). We hope to shatter the 25th attendance record in five years! • Anthony Moulton completed his 10th Boston Marathon in April and has raised more than $125,000 for Children’s Hospital. In July he moved from Portsmouth, N.H., to Washington, D.C. At reunion Anthony came in first for our age group in the Saturday morning 5K. Especially impressive since I heard it was a rather late Friday night for many in the class. • Yawa Duse-Antony recently started at Keolis Commuter Services in Somerville, Mass., doing project management related to the MBTA. She also still runs her Sister Ali business online and will soon diversify to spirit wear/toys. Check her out at sisterali.com. • Speaking of crafty, Kim Berget Salmon reported that in addition to her day job as project/ risk manager at State Street (and mom to 7-year-old twins), she also runs a side business selling cookies on Etsy. • Wendy Blaisdell Faiman now serves as executive director of Lawrence Townsend Education Foundation, which fosters educational excellence, creativity, and achievement in the Lawrence Townsend, N.J., public school district by providing grants for projects and programs, generating corporate and financial support, and encouraging contributions of volunteer time. Karen had hoped to get to reunion with Christina Downing Chuludzinski, but they weren’t able to attend. (We saw your great photo on Facebook, Karen, toasting the Class of ’97!) • Wendy Morse Levine can’t believe it’s been 20 years since we graduated. She lives in Marin County, Calif., with her husband, Marc, and two kids, 10 and 8. She recently had drinks with local alums Liz Fagan Gottlieb, Sue Hesselbach Pierce, and Morgan Filler. She also saw Mary Rosenfeld D’Eramo and Molly Bracken Dunno when they visited San Francisco for two different work trips this spring. • Jon Levin was also unable to attend reunion, but sent his good wishes. He lives in Needham, Mass., with his wife and two sons, for whom he serves as coach in their youth sports. He also recently opened his own law practice in Westwood. • Cindy Bisson Wolff was appointed executive director of Tempo Group Inc., a nonprofit treatment agency in Long Island, N.Y. • Samantha Everett works for a public library system near Seattle and just bought her first home in West Seattle. She stays active with her local mountaineers club. • After 10 years, it’s time to give another member the opportunity to write this column. I’ve had a lot of fun with this volunteer responsibility, and I’m excited to report that my replacement is none other than Tom DeCoff! Many thanks to Tom for stepping up to help our class stay connected. Please continue to send your news to classnews1997@colby.edu.

1998

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Stephanie Androle started working at the Center for Reproductive Medicine at Weill Cornell Medicine in April. She continues to work as a genetic counselor,
seeing patients pursuing genetic testing via IVF. She also got engaged in February. Stephanie and her fiancé live in Brook-lyn, but he is from Colombia and they’re getting married in Cartagena in 2018. Peter Clark writes to congratulate Kristi Straus as she’s had a hell of a year at the University of Washington. She was a winner of the UW Distinguished Teaching Award and also won a Husky Green Award for her work in sustainability. She’s been speaking with different groups on and off campus about sustainability as well. Peter still teaches science and chairs the science department at Seattle Academy. Jon Foster and his wife, Lisa Brady Foster, are entering local competitions to hone their skills in hopes of making into American Ninja Warrior! I hope that all is well, and I’ll talk to you soon.

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Ryan Aldrich recently became head of Sugar Bowl Academy, in Norden, Calif. His family already lives in Truckee so they’re excited they don’t have to move. They had a historic winter in Tahoe this year, receiving 800 inches of snow for the season. Ryan and his family planned to be skiing on the Fourth of July. Ryan often met Amy and Matt Smith ’00 for some powder skiing as they also live in Truckee. Sonya Redicker Locke and her husband welcomed their first child, William, April 25. They’re enjoying parenthood! John Evans and his wife, Caroline, are proud residents of Shaker Heights, Ohio, even though he gets a lot of great emails about the Maine gubernatorial race. Their son, Henry, is five and a half and, thankfully, the spitting image of his race. Their son, Henry, is five and a half and, thankfully, the spitting image of his race. Their son, Henry, is five and a half and, thankfully, the spitting image of his race.

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Class of 2000! I hope everyone is doing well. Here’s the latest… Scott and Melissa Bradbury Friedman had a Colby-filled spring. In March Scott hosted an environmental careers panel discussion for Colby alums and current students at his consulting firm, Industrial Economics, Inc., in Cambridge, Mass. In April they traveled to Mayflower Hill, where Melissa spoke with pre-med students and faculty regarding applying to medical school and Scott hosted a lunch for students interested in environmental consulting careers. It was great being back on campus! Nick Larusso is coming up on his one-year anniversary at Pearson Education as VP of business development. Nick’s wife, Kamin (Bhargava), continues to teach Suzuki violin and is the assistant director of the Suzuki program at the MacPhail Center for Music. They celebrated their 12th anniversary in May and are in the thick of U10 playing girls soccer for Natasha, 9, and getting Dominick, 3, ready to start in Minnesota youth hockey come fall. David ’98 and Lehanne Mansfield Fenton are nearing 10 years back in Maine. They’ve lived in Scarborough and moved to Falmouth two years ago. It’s been great being close to Colby. David’s cousin, Katie Fenton ’19, completed her sophomore year and they visited her quite a few times the last two years. Taking their girls, Livi and Kenzie, to campus has been lots of fun. Reba Frederics lives in Westminster, Mass., with her boyfriend, Jason, and daughter, Naomi. 8. Reba works at Cengage Learning as an intellectual property project manager, working mostly from home but traveling to her company’s office in Boston a few times a month. Her family has many pets, including a golden retriever named Amber, a hamster named Marshmallow, two gerbils, a newt, and many poison dart frogs. Reba meets up frequently with Vanessa Wade Wehmeier for dinners and drinks and is going camping this summer with her Colby roommate Whitney Lawton Linnenbringer and her family. Sarah Church Murphy is getting married in July to Than Stuntz. She has two kids of her own and is very excited to welcome two new “bonus daughters” into her life. Sarah, than, and the fam all live together in a large, rambling, antique house in Boxborough, Mass.

2001

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Amanda Cochrane and her family decided last year to make a big move from Massachusetts to northern Vermont. After spending the summer traveling the U.S. visiting national parks, they settled in St. Johnsbury, where she works remotely for Groundwork USA, a nonprofit devoted to transforming the natural and built environment of marginalized communities—a national enterprise with local roots, working at the intersection of the environment, equity, and civic engagement. So far her husband, along with Jonah, 8, Luke, 5, and Ellie, 3, are enjoying skiing, mountain biking, and hiking in the Northeast Kingdom. Brian Newman and his wife, Cait, welcomed Bradley Hill Newman Jan. 26. Justin Amrault recently started his own investment platform, Glasswing Capital Management, devoted to bringing individuals with passive income-tax obligations to the tax-equity market for solar projects throughout the U.S. Noam Dorros and his wife, Ashley, welcomed their daughter, Henley Baer Dorros, June 19. Ted Wallach stepped down as CEO of TimeRepublik, a social fintech startup, and joined the board.

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The Water Institute of the Gulf named Justin Ehrenwerth ’01 president and CEO. Formerly executive director of the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council, formed following the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill, Ehrenwerth has experience finding solutions to challenges in Louisiana and the Gulf Coast. Michelle Farrell ’01 was named Undergraduate Teacher of the Year by Alpha Sigma Nu, the National Jesuit Honor Society. Farrell is assistant professor of Spanish and Portuguese at Fairfield University and has received several other teaching awards. Mike Wiley ’03 and his partner Andrew Taylor won a James Beard Award in the Best Chef: Northeast category. The restaurateurs co-own three popular establishments in Portland, Maine. For the fifth consecutive season, Mindy Williams ’03 was named the Great Northeast Athletic Conference Women’s Swimming & Diving Coach of the Year. Williams, head swimming coach at Simmons College, was also named New England Intercollegiate Swimming & Diving Association Coach of the Year for the second time in four years.

Ben Mackay married Morgan Barry Feb. 19 at Dunton Hot Springs in Colorado. It was a snowy wedding with all 50-plus guests dressed in bear costumes (white bears for the ladies, black bears for the men). They will continue to live in Jackson Hole, Wyo.

In this role he was a keynote speaker in Taiwan in June. He now has a practice of private clients whom he supports with getting past obstacles and manifesting their futures. On Feb. 28 Peter Oppenheim and his wife, Katie, welcomed their first child, William Frawley Oppenheim. On June 6 Peter was nominated by the President of the United States to serve as the assistant secretary of education for legislation and congressional affairs. Sarah Belanger Hay bought an old house in Wakefield, Mass., late last summer and they’re settling into their place and life in the suburbs. Sarah also started a new job late last year as senior manager of internal communications at American Tower Corporation’s U.S.-based division. She enjoys a 15-minute commute and learning about the telecom industry after more than 11 years in banking. Martha Beebe Sprague was married this spring in Dennis Port, Mass. Sarah reported that she had great Colby ’01 representation that included Stephanie McMurrich Roberts, Jessica Alex Keenan, Bethany Knorr Chung, Calla Fankhanel Morgan, Rebecca Downing Tynan, and Sarah Breul. The Class of ’00 was represented by Patrick Keenan.

2002

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Time certainly seems to be flying as we celebrate 15 years since champagne on the steps. It seems everyone is doing amazing things in amazing places. Andrew Jas-
persohn lives in NYC with his wife, Lindsay Antolino ’04, and their dog, Cooper. He tends bar at Gramercy Tavern and helped open Untitled, a Union Square Hospitality Group restaurant in the Whitney Museum of American Art. ● Kristin Elder Greene is cofounder and head of marketing for Untold Brewing, a microbrewery opening in Scituate, Mass., this fall. The brewery will serve beer out of its onsite taproom and will also distribute. ● Sister Madeleine (Sarah) Miller enjoys teaching theology and doing campus ministry at Bishop Heelan Catholic High School in Sioux City, Iowa. ● Tom Curran lives in the environs of Ann Arbor, Mich., with his spouse, Reiley Curran, and their sons, Paul, 3, and Lewis, 1. He works at the VA hospital in Ann Arbor as an anesthesiologist. They return to Maine each summer for a week at the beach with his extended family. ● Amanda Cuffie lives in West Newton, Mass., with her wife, Christy Doyle, their son, Saben, 6, and two distinguished dogs, Coby, 13, and Chasan, 10. She’s worked at Wheelock College as associate director of athletics for the last four years. They spend their free time in Vermont. ● Ed Jastrem became a partner at Heritage Financial Services, a wealth management firm in Westwood, Mass., where he’s worked for 10 years. ● Tammie Sebelius returned to the U.S. after years living abroad. She remains with EF ’02. Ushers included ’03, Vajra Alsop ’03, and Mike Endreny a few months prior. There was a great getting engaged in County Clare, Ireland, at El Presidio Chapel, a state historic park still lives in the wilds of Slovenia with two kids.

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Phil and Laura Barrow Geiger welcomed Cameron “Cam” Ross Geiger Feb. 3. He joins big brother Evan, 3, and big sister Alexa, 5. ● Ben and Kristian Jiggetts Kenney welcomed their first child, Lincoln Jiggetts Kenney, Dec. 10, 2016. Fellow 2004ers Desiree Davis Trahan, Shannon Hopkins Ryback, and Alexis Caselle Bancroft have been awesome mom role models with sound advice on having a newborn. Kristian teaches high school English at Deerfield High School, and they live in the northern suburbs of Chicago. ● Jesse Morrissey works as the art director of 42 Design Fab, a museum exhibit design and fabrication company in Indian Orchard, Mass. ● Amy Yoldorf Madison got married in 2015 and works as a rheumatologist in Bend, Ore. ● Ian Kimmich works as a medical journal editor in Portland, Ore., where he’s also a bicycle beer-tour guide, amateur yogi, and adoring father of Isla Jude (born 2016). He’s close to launching a Kickstarter campaign for the strategy board game he’s been designing, intermittently, for the past two years: Quartermaster. Get in touch with him to learn more. ● Will Sander has traveled a lot lately for personal and business. He traveled with his wife, Sam, to Patagonia and to Italy in the last five months. And with his job supporting the Defense Threat Reduction Agency in D.C., he’s gone to Australia and the former Soviet Union for One Health collaborations.

2005

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Carolyn Hunt and Brendan Carroll welcomed their second baby, Emily Carroll, who joins sister Chloe, 3, who’s learning French while living in Brussels, Belgium. ● Sheldon Stevenson and his wife, Suzanne, along with kids Finn and Charlie, moved to Cumberland Foreside, Maine. Sheldon finished his residency at Maine Medical Center in emergency medicine and took a job with Central Maine Medical Center. ● Chelsea Pawlak and her longtime partner, Adam Hadlock, are getting married this August in Vermont. ● Jim and Jackie Dao-Dinneen moved to Massachusetts from D.C. in January and were excited to move into their new house in Duxbury in late June, just in time for summer and a drive on the beach. In late February Jackie accepted a new role as senior director of development at The Partnership Inc., a nonprofit in Boston celebrating its 30-year anniversary this year. And on April 5, James Ryan Dinneen was welcomed into the world in Boston, weighing in at eight pounds, four ounces. He loves his Colby blanket, bib, and socks! Jackie says, “Phew! It’s been a whirlwind 2017, but so happy to be building our life back in New England.” ● Andrew Volk, his wife, Briana, their 3-year-old daughter, Oona, welcomed Rockwell Clyde Volk to the world April 26. Mom and baby boy are doing great. Andrew’s bar, Portland Hunt + Alpine Club, has been open three and a half years and they’ve opened a second business in Portland—a restaurant and bar with a neighborhood shop attached called Little Giant. ● Ken and Meghan Barringer Pitter were thrilled to welcome their daughter Addison into the family this January. She joins big brother Logan, who turned 4 in May. ● Matt Ruby moved to Wodonga, Australia, where he’s now a lecturer (Aussie for assistant professor) in psychology at La Trobe University. ● After much thought, and as life continues to get busier with kids, I have decided that it is time for me to step down from my role as class correspondent, which I’ve held since we graduated, and pass on the torch to someone new. Please let me know if you are interested in taking over—you can send me a note at katie.e.callow@gmail.com and I’d be happy to share the details. Thank you, and have a great summer!

2006

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There was a baby boom for the four roommates of Alford Apartment 217 this year. Iva Jean was born to Caitlin Cleaver and Kristoffer Koerber in February; Charles (Charlie) Jack to Daniel and Kristen Pinkham Patti in March (Charlie joins big brother Henry); Louisa Christine to Sarah Kaplan and Zachary Evans in April; and Lilian (Lilli) Sage to Rory ’07 and Margaret Jackson Murphy in May. ● Dan Giuliani is co-founder/CEO of Volt Athletics, a sports tech company in Seattle, and an adjunct professor of sport performance at the University of Washington. ● Francis Chapuredima teaches economics and lives in Qatar with his wife, Ro- binah, and their daughter, 3. ● Alex and Caitlin Pease Sloan welcomed their first child, Henry, March 31. ● Hillary Easter and her husband, Andrew Vermilyea, welcomed a daughter, Aliza Corrine, Dec. 23. Hillary and her family live in Vermont, where she works as the lab manager and an instructor for the chemistry program at Castleton University. ● Stephen Planas
married Katherine Van Wyk in Washington, D.C., last March. Colby filled out the wedding party, as Bennett Barnwell, Drew Moreland ’07, and Daniel Epstein ’08 were groomsmen, and best man Nate Stone toasted the newlyweds with a Sam Smith Slingo. Other Mules tearing it up on the dance floor to “Every Time We Touch” were Cait Miller, Melissa McNulty, Rachel Carr Jordan, Trevor ’07 and Kristine Fucillo Hanly, Drew Rausch, and Taylor Snook. • Devon Ducharme is finishing her 11th year as a teacher at St. George’s School in Newport, R.I. She teaches physics and is the associate director of global programs at the school. Devon was gearing up for a 10-day science research trip to Costa Rica with 16 students in June and planning for her wedding this September. • Bennett Barnwell and his wife, Heather, welcomed their first child, Thoren, April 15. Heather and Bennett live in Eugene, Ore., while Bennett builds a residence hall for the University of Oregon. • John and Kim Devine McDevitt live in Princeton, N.J., with their daughter Nora, 20 months. They live on the Hun School campus where John is director of counseling. Kim works as an education specialist at Vega and has a private nutrition counseling practice (kimmcdevitt.com). She started doing family nutrition counseling with a local pediatric office and loves that experience. Kim and John expect a second child this November and look forward to the added chaos. • Barbara Hough is wrapping up her fifth year as music teacher at Silver Hill Horace Mann Charter School in Haverhill, Mass. She was awarded a grant from the Haverhill Cultural Council for her “Uke Can Make a Difference” program in which she taught 30 ukuleles and obtained resources so that her classes could learn to play another instrument. She looks forward to starting the new program in the fall. • Jess Minty and her husband, Steve Lane, expect a baby, their first, in October. In the meantime, they’re renovating an old farmhouse in Concord, Mass., so they’ll have a comfy home for the new arrival. • Anders ’07 and Jess Seymour Woods live in Boulder, Colo. They had a great year skiing and hiking and were excited about summer. Jess teaches middle school Spanish and finished her fifth year at a charter school. Anders is completing a programming boot camp in Denver, hoping to move into the world of software engineering. They played yet another season on an all-Colby broomball team in the winter and see many alumni around the area. • Thanks to everyone who wrote in just to say “hi” and welcome me as the new class correspondent!

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Karli Gasteazoro McGill and her family are moving back to Minneapolis. She’ll work as an oncology nurse practitioner at the University of Minnesota. She looks forward to the cabin, lakes, family time, and being reunited with Dan and Katie Maland Schupack, who are three-year residents at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. They can’t wait for their kids (Parker Jane McGill and Ari Benjamin Schupack) to be fast friends and future Mules. • Alison McArdle recently moved back to Boston from Durham, N.C., and started a new job at Fidelity Labs after a decade with Fidelity Charitable. She’s very ready to enjoy a New England summer and fall with many of her Colby pals. • Ross Kaplan got married in St. Louis to Julie Kalishman, who graduated from Duke. Adam Roslyn, Jon Bandi, and Trevor Hanly served as ushers, and Ross says they did a horrible job at actually showing people where to sit. Krissy Fucillo Hanly ’06 was also in attendance and made sure to get the party started with some dancing. The bride prevented Ross from doing his patented wedding worm. • Bernadette Bibber graduated from Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine in May and started her family medicine residency at Morristown Medical Center in New Jersey in July. She couldn’t wait to see her patients. • After teaching math at the University of California, Irvine, and then at Furman University, Ryan Hoiben moved to San Francisco to try industry. He’s working as a software engineer for Cruise Automation, which makes self-driving cars for General Motors. Ryan reports that “It’s a blast, a constant learning experience, and a wonderful opportunity to help make the world a safer and more accessible place by working on cutting-edge technology.” • As for me, Annie Mears, I had a great time at reunion sharing the Averill five-man with Lucy Hitz, Lindsay Snyder Salamon, and Kristin Luber Bennett. It was also great to see Stephanie Finn, Laura Keeler Pierce, Karli Gasteazoro McGill, Katie Maland Schupack, Natalie Ginsburg, Jennifer Hinson, Courtney Goodie Barker, Alison McArdle, Kendall Kirby Miller, Alisa Perry, Elisa Chinliara, Jill Greenstein Metcalf, Carolyn Alder Jessup, Tammy Lewin, Laura Williamson, Blake Foster, and, of course, Mark Biggar (who needs to get his facts straight on what happened at the Maland/Schupack nuptials).

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Hope this find you all well. I was at Colby in June and cannot believe that our 10th reunion is less than a year away! Hopefully, you’re all making plans to attend. • Sasha Bartels Pantel had a baby boy, Jacob, April 4. She also returned to Mayflower Hill to watch her sister, Sophie Bartels ’17, graduate and enjoyed seeing how the campus has changed. • Sharon Fuller Agler founded a free website called Community Kangaroo, with a family-friendly event calendar, camp lists, and maps of playgrounds, farms, pools, splash pads, and more for families in the Boston area. She was thrilled they expanded to cover 40 towns in Boston’s Metrowest and Southwest. • Yvonne Baker finished her neurology residency at Duke University School of Medicine in June, and in July married Ben Simpson (UNC Chapel Hill ’06) at her parents’ house in Bethesda, Pa. Nathalie Chiavaroli Blair, Emily Parker Beekmann, Sasha Kenyon, Sharon Noel Griffin, Julie Wilson, Tiffany Ng, Alexandra Freyer ’09, and Lissa Martin ’09 were in attendance. • Kathleen Nicholson and her wife, Emily, completed their two-year adventure in Costa Rica and are moving back to the states. Kathleen has accepted a job at Greens Farms Academy in Connecticut where she’ll be the eighth-grade science teacher and a grade dean. In February Lacey Brown ’09 and her fiancé, Stewart, visited Kathleen and Emily in Costa Rica and had a fantastic time hiking through the rainforest and reminiscing about Colby days. • Julie Wilson has launched an online narrator database, Ahab, to help the Penguin Random House audiobook producers find new actors to cast more than 1,000 books per year. Join at Ahab.us. • Sarah Parrish earned her Ph.D. in the history of art and architecture at Boston University and accepted a position as a tenure-track assistant professor of art history at Plymouth State University in New Hampshire. • After living and working for several years for a UK-based consultancy in Burundi, and serving as country director in South Sudan, Africa, Melyn McKay Derville received her master’s in cultural anthropology. She’s currently pursuing her Ph.D. in cultural anthropology at Oxford University and is in the second year of her doctoral program conducting fieldwork in Myanmar. She recently married Tomas Derville of Toulouse, France. • Jessica Osborne recently took a job as a nondestructive testing technologist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee. The lab is on the cutting edge of research and technology and was the center of the Manhattan Project. They even added a new element to the periodic table last November. Jessica will see new alloys and new materials as they’re developed and test them for scientists and engineers. • Martin and Emily Wilson Connelly and their two children are enjoying the warm weather together in their tiny garden. Juniper, 3, invites all of us to become members of her worm club, and Isaiah, 1, would like to show us all of the birds, airplanes, and cars in the neighborhood. Emily started a new position as assistant editor at AudioFile magazine last winter and is excited to begin an online library and information science program in the fall. • In August John Bergeron will begin working on an M.F.A. in acting at Wayne State University in Detroit. John recently reconnected with Claire Collins, Bobby Underwood-Halpem, and David Cheng ’06 at Alice’s Tea Cup in Manhattan. They relived the tales and triumphs of late ’00s Colby as we approach our 10th reunion. • Skylar Sutton and Ronnie Wise got engaged in April and are pretty excited about it. In June Ronnie earned his M.B.A. from UCLA Anderson School of Management while Skylar cheered loudly. He now works in finance at Universal Studios Hollywood and Skylar claims his office is directly behind Hogwarts. Skylar submitted her update while on the plane home from Michelle Easton’s bachelorette party in Portland, Maine, where Michelle, Emily Goodnow, Amy Reynolds ’09, Maggie Hayes Helm ’09, and joyous others danced too late at Bull Feeney’s and ran into most of the Colby men’s crew team circa 2006 because, as Skylar notes, “Portland is a magical time machine.” • Thanks for all the updates, friends!

2009

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Drew Hill graduated in May from his Ph.D. program, environmental health sciences, at UC Berkeley. • After seven years living in China, Chelsea Eakin moved back to the U.S. and enjoys reconnecting with other alumni. • Alex Richards completed his M.B.A. at NYU Stern, along with his first-year roommate, Jamie Wallace. He’s moving to the UK in late summer to start a job in management consulting. • Sommer
Engels and Joe Meyer got engaged in April and moved to the D.C. area, where Sommer will start as an attorney at the Department of Justice and Joe will complete his internal medicine residency at Johns Hopkins Hospi-

tal. Bryan Brown finished his doctorate and moved to Geneva, N.Y., to work with

farmers. Sam Hoff began a new job as an attorney in Boston representing health care providers in transactional and regu-

latory matters. He’s engaged to Elisabeth Russell (Bates ’10) and they’re planning a Mule-Bobcat wedding for June 2018.

Todd and Diana Sternberg Waldman welcomed their daughter, Grace Amy

worried about to go into the woods for a week of adventure along the Canadian border.

Ross Nehter and Leigh Bullen are still in Portland, Maine, eating the MOST

lobster rolls. They’re so excited to welcome Josh Sadownik ’09 and Caitlin Coit ’08 to Maine when they move from Boston later this summer. Mary Soule finished her first of two years at The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, where she’s getting her master’s, focusing on security studies.

She’s spending the summer in Rome, Italy, where she interns with the State Department at the U.S. Embassy to the Holy See in the public affairs section. Her first week on the job included coordinating President Trump’s trip to the Vatican. Piper Hay-

wood runs a graphic design practice in London called SB-PH with her partner, Sam Baldwin. Earlier this year she also started working for publishing imprint Occasional Papers as their managing editor. After about six years of little-to-no singing, she’s very happy to be part of a choir called Musarc. In April Musarc performed a range of contemporary and more traditional repertoire at Palais de Tokyo in Paris. Later this year she looks forward to reuniting with some Colby faces at Hannah Parnes’ wedding in NYC. Kari Rivers took her spring break from teaching kindergarten (in French) at St. Louis Language Immersion School to visit Kathleen Fallon in Michigan. They had a lot of fun staying up late reminiscing about Colby. Her next trip will be to France for three weeks this summer.

Reilly Taylor, Mike Baldwin, Rohan Dutt, James Westhafer, Scott Videnheimer, and Doug Sibor met by beautiful Popham Beach in Phippsburg, Maine, to celebrate Reilly’s birthday. They enjoyed a weekend of beaches, barbecues, and burritos infused with fiery jalapeños.

Emily Warrington and Shannon Merrell, the soon-to-be moms of a very lucky little one, celebrated the road to parenthood with a fantastic baby shower thrown by Tara Davidson and Hilana Bemhermeier Scott. Colby Mule Erica Schechter ’09 shared in the fun, while West Coast castaways Caity Murphy, Jessic Bond, Lauren Harris, and Emily Pavelle attended in spirit. Caity Murphy graduated from Regis University in May with a second bachelor’s in nursing science, passed her national boards in June, and is now officially a registered nurse. She’s very excited to have recently accepted a job at University Hospital in Denver on their Medicine Specialties Unit.

2011

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In May Laura Berzins graduated with a J.D./M.B.A. from Cornell University. She’s moving to Palo Alto, Calif., this fall to work at a law firm. Alex Essman was excited to move to Boston in July for her job with Fidelity Investments and to catch up with CWGH and CWS friends, but she’ll be missing out to the Old Port with Allyson Cheever, Meryl Poulin, and Kelli Welch ’15. This fall Carly Griffith will begin a Ph.D. program in geography at the University of Wisconsin-Madison under William Cronon. Carly holds an M.A. in public humanities from Brown, and for the past two years she’s worked with the Center for Cultural Landscapes at the University of Virginia. Cici Cancellieri graduated from the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University in May. Austin Sutherland is moving to Hollywood to marry Holly Mawn ’13 July 8 in Portland, Maine, where he’ll be accompanied by Colby Eight groomsman Raleigh Werner, Logan Hunter, and Kevin Baier. In August Austin and Holly are moving to Boston where Austin will pursue his M.B.A. at Harvard Business School. In addition to working as a part-time coach at CrossFit Wicked in Middleton, Mass., Tory Gray started a new job as marketing manager for ButcherBox in Cambridge. This September she’s getting married at her parent’s home in Maine. Lauren McGrath and Dana Breakstone ’10 will stand by her side at the altar. Katie Brezinski recently moved to Jacksonville, Fla., where she passed the Florida bar exam. She works as an associate attorney with the Boyd & Jenerette law firm in downtown St. Louis. She attended in spirit.

2012

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Reunion was full of fun and reminiscing about our time on the Hill! I enjoyed catching up with so many of you and hearing your stories. We are doing some amazing things. I took full advantage of our conversations and have included some highlights here for everyone. I’m still enjoying life in Boston and feel very lucky to see so many of you as often as I do. I’m in my fifth year working at Concierge Services for Students, and in the fall I’ll begin pursuing a master’s degree in educational leadership and policy studies at Boston University.

LANE McVey is having an exciting year having just graduated from Dartmouth’s Tuck School of Business, Lane graduated in June and moved to Chicago. Mason Roberts is in his second year at Duke University School of Law. Than Moore lives in Burlington, Vt., and works in the emergency department at the University of Vermont Medical Center. He spends his winters volunteering as a ski patroller at Stowe Mountain Resort and enjoys taking full advantage of Vermont winters.

Nicole Howes is a second grade teacher at Troy Central School in Troy, Maine. Nicole took her students, the Curious Questioners, to Mayflower Hill where they learned from Professor of Computer Science Bruce Maxwell in the robotics lab. They also enjoyed ice cream sundaes at Bob’s. Tyler Cash graduated from Cornell Law School and moved back to Boston to begin his life as a lawyer at a prominent Boston firm.

Sylvia Doyle splits her time between Missoula, Mont., where she enrolled in graduate school with a focus on place-based learning, and Jackson Hole, Wyo. She loves being out west and meeting new species of trees. Sarah Trankle lives in San Francisco, where she
works for Netflix. Julie Denison recently moved to Denver for a job in marketing at a hemp seed yogurt company. Now let’s get ready for our 10-year reunion!

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Thanks to all who submitted updates! Congratulations to Charlie Frank, who graduated from the Emory University School of Medicine and started surgical residency there in July. Noah Teachey received an M.A. in music and music education from Columbia University’s Teachers College and will begin teaching at the Urban Assembly School for Applied Math and Science in the Bronx this fall. Charlie Leeds will also begin this fall. Teachey was previously awarded a 2013 Truman Scholarship and a prestigious Gates Cambridge Scholarship in 2015. Cole Yaverbaum ’14 won Success Academy Charter Schools’ ETHOS Excellence Award, which recognizes school staff who best demonstrate the community’s values. Yaverbaum works in special education teacher support services at Success Academy Crown Heights.

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Erik Douds is riding his bicycle across America via the Transamerica Trail. He’s doing it to launch a travel blog called DiabetesAbroad.com, which will be a guide to adventure and exploration for the diabetic community. His adventure ends on Vancouver Island Aug. 18. Shannon Kooser moved to Hanover, N.H., for a job at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College. She’s been enjoying exploring the Upper Valley and has been training for her first 50-mile ultramarathon. Jeffrey Lamson is teaching history at the Taft School in Watertown, Conn., where he also lives and works in the dorm. Jeff also coaches football and wrestling. In the spring he finished his master’s in education from the University of Pennsylvania. He continues to spend his summers at Camp Winona in Maine. Jasmine Phillips recently received her M.Ed. in higher education from the University of Pennsylvania. Jasmine also developed and funded the Phillips Memorial Scholarship Program for high school students attending her alma mater. Since returning from a stint in Singapore, Charlie Leeds has worked at a pair of startups in New York City. He doesn’t think he can ever wear a suit and tie to work again. Charlie has also assumed the co-chair role of the Class of 2014 Gift Committee with Tierney Dodge and has had a blast doing it. Mackenzie Nichols works as an IT consultant in Toronto, where she’s been for the past three years. He attended the Colby rugby gala last March, where he reconnected with several Colby alums. Mackenzie has plans to meet up with Phil Cody, Dan Forsman, and Amarinda Keys in New Hampshire for Phil’s birthday. Phil has been hiking the Appalachian Trail since March. William Hochman is currently working on MTC’s Broadway production of The Little Foxes. Break a leg, Will! I returned from Australia in May having completed the Indian Pacific Wheel Race, a single-stage, solo, unsupported, road cycling race from Perth to Sydney. The race was 3,300 miles long and started at the Indian Ocean and ended at the Pacific Ocean, traversing the entirety of the Australian continent. I’m now back in Newport Beach, Calif., with a new job and preparing for my self-imposed “hell month,” a four-week span in the fall wherein I will compete in a Half Ironman, take the GMAT, run a full marathon, and take the Foreign Service Officer’s entrance exam, in that order. I’ll spend the whole summer preparing for it.

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Katrina Belle works as a construction lead for Habitat for Humanity in Jackson, Wyo., where she enjoys hiking, skiing, and living out of her van. Carolyn Bennett, Andy Cleverenger, Seth Glibane, Savannah Judge, Jeff Meltzer, and Melissa Preziosi had an awesome time exploring Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks together last May. Lucas Fortier finished his second year at Boston University School of Law and works as a summer associate at WilmerHale in their Boston office’s litigation department. He starts his final year of law school in September. Tiona Haynes moved to Chicago after graduating instead of returning home to New York City. She finished her second year teaching in Chicago at her Teach for America placement school. With the help of TFA, she graduated in June with her M.S. in special education from Dominican University. Tiona’s staying another year at her high school, teaching 12th grade English and creating the school’s first African-American literature course. Outside the classroom, she’s been head coach of the girls’ varsity basketball team for two years. Danny Leaman updates our class, “Ranger Dan here checking in from the smoke jumper Forest Service service work station in Missoula, Mont. I’m enrolled in a 36-hour forest fire protection officer training. After completion of this corporate training course, I’ll have the authority to unleash my wrath upon recreationists who fail to follow simple codes of federal regulations in the Bridger-Teton National Forest. Atypical violation, such as possession of fireworks within designated federal lands, will result in a $200 citation.
and a stern wag of the finger from your local danger ranger." ● Julia Middleton started a Ph.D. in chemical oceanography at the MIT-WHOI Joint Program for Oceanography.
● Molly Nash continues to work at the Journeys School in Jackson, Wyo., where she'll co-teach kindergarten and first grade in the fall. ● Ari Porter has completed the first year of her master's in ecology at Colorado State University. She'll spend the summer collecting data in the sub-alpine of the Rocky Mountains and is very excited to get outside for work. In her off time, she'll be gardening and adventuring with Ryan Cole. Ryan finished the first year of his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering at the University of Colorado in Boulder. This summer he's working hard on research, mountain biking, and hiking. ● Jessica Rosenberg is starting a physics Ph.D. in the fall at CUNY Graduate Center. ● Audrey Sandberg finished her second year of vet school at UC Davis while working as a nurse in the UC Davis Large Animal Clinic. She looked forward to being in Maine this summer working at a mixed animal veterinary practice and spending time with family and friends.

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Cathryn Ryan is at Villanova Law School, where she was elected president of the Environmental and Energy Law Society. She’s interning in the U.S. Attorney’s Office in New York this summer. ● Gabri Cortez lives in New York and works for Transmitter Media as a production assistant for a podcast. ● Michael Loginoff will move to England in September to pursue his master’s at the University of Oxford. ● Holly Bogo is an assistant director of admission at Connecticut College, living in Mystic. ● Jacob Wall just moved to Salmon, Idaho, to do environmental science research with the Aldo Leopold Research Institute. ● Desiree Smith works at IBM as a client executive for U.S. Bank in Chicago. ● Emily Carney works for Eataly and lives with Sara Kaplan, Katie Chou, and Shauna Yuan in Brooklyn. ● Casey Ballin lives in Somerville and works for b.good, overseeing all operations and distributions on Hannah Farm. ● Austin Murphy is in Boston working for Canaccord Genuity’s sustainability sector team in their investment banking department. ● After working for the U.S. Olympic Committee last summer, Kim Donaldson is now an assistant director of admission at Colby and will be trying out for the USA Bobsled Team in July.
● After a two-month cross-country road trip, Hannah Twombly and Connor O’Neil ’15 spent the winter working and skiing in Tahoe, Calif. This summer they’re working in North Haven, Maine, living in a tiny home. ● Dan Nesvet works at Cornerstone Government Affairs in Washington, D.C. ● Julie Wolpow lives in New York and is in her third rotation of the Ogilvy Associates training program on the brand planning team for IBM. ● Olivia Gould works as an actor in Boston. This summer she’s acting apprentice at the Williamstown Theatre Festival. ● Paul Dougherty spent the last year birding and working for an avian monitoring study. He’ll attend graduate school this fall at the University of Wyoming. ● After spending the past year in Boston working as an energy and climate fellow for the City of Boston’s Environmental Department, Jeff Vaz is now in Playa Gigante, Nicaragua, working remotely for Save the Whales Coalition. ● June Li is currently in China, volunteering for a shorebird research project, and will start this fall at Stanford for her Ph.D. in geobiology. ● Iavor Dekov is at Colby as a junior web developer. ● After spending the year in Boston, Maya Ramakrishnan will head to law school at the University of Washington. She received a public interest scholarship from the Gates Foundation. ● Ben Crocker spent the last year working as an AmeriCorps VISTA in Bucksport, Maine. He’ll pursue his master’s in school counseling next year at Husson University. ● Sarah Carrigan is teaching history and coaching track and XC at Yarmouth High School. Most importantly, she spends a fair amount of time trying to recruit future Mules! ● Seth Butler will start medical school at UNECOM in Biddeford, Maine, this fall. He spent the past year working at a hospital in Laconia, N.H., and volunteering with the local fire department. ● Edwin Ward volunteered last year for the Virginia Outdoors Foundation and will attend George Washington University’s Law School this fall. ● Andrew Finn recently finished his master’s at Oxford University and will pursue his Ph.D. in medieval English literature at Princeton University this fall. ● Alexa Junker is finishing her master’s at Oxford University in London, where she frequently sees Kate Gafner, who’s at University College London. ● Griffen Allen completed a master’s of bioethics at Harvard Medical School and will start medical school at the Medical College of Georgia in the fall.
OBITUARIES

Corinne Jones Zimmerman ’44, April 19, 2017, in Burlington, Vt., at 95. A homemaker, she raised five children before working at the University of Vermont at the medical library, where she played a key role establishing the medical school audio-visual library. She belonged to the Green Mountain Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and also to Eastern Star. Those five children survive her, as do 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Floyd L. Harding ’45, April 23, 2017, in Ocala, Fla., at 93. He left Colby in 1943 to serve with the U.S. Army in World War II and was taken as a prisoner of war. He graduated from Boston University Law School in 1949 and began a private law practice in Presque Isle, Maine, in 1952. He was a three-term Maine state senator and served as majority leader 1965-67, championing causes of Aroostook County. He belonged to civic organizations, was active with his church, and helped revitalize vocational education in Presque Isle. Survivors include eight children, including Alan Harding ’75, 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews, including Lawrence Adams ’69, Nancy Adams ’75, and Scott Adams ’76.

George E. Heppner ’45, Feb. 10, 2017, in Hartford, Conn., at 93. He left Colby his sophomore year to enlist with the U.S. Army then graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1951. A civil engineer, he worked for the City of Hartford for more than 35 years, including time as city engineer. He belonged to professional organizations and his church and he volunteered for Meals on Wheels. A photographer and traveler, he presented slide shows at local organizations. Predeceased by his brother, Francis J. Heppner ’46, he is survived by four children and eight grandchildren.

Norma Frost Sawyer ’45, March 13, 2017, in West Chester, Ohio, at 95. She was a homemaker and mother all her life, living in Waterville with her husband until they moved to Florida in 1960. She found pleasure in reading, playing bridge, and traveling. Two children, five granddaughters, 10 great-grandchildren, and a brother survive her.

Dorothy Allen Goettman ’46, March 5, 2017, in Winter Park, Fla., at 92. Home and family were her focus while she moved to 13 states from New England to the South for her husband’s engineering career. Later in life, she played duplicate bridge and attended church in Clearwater, Fla. Four children, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren survive her.

Ruth Jaffe Gordon ’47, July 7, 2017, at 92. She was a homemaker who was involved with the local P.T.A. and other civic organizations. Her two children and five grandchildren survive her.

Flora Pearse Smith ’48, July 21, 2015, in Belfast, Maine, at 88. She taught high school social studies in Ellsworth, Maine, until 1952, when she turned her attention full time to her home and family. She and her husband, Dana Smith, raised four children, including Bette Smith Sturtevant ’81.

Fred H. Hammond Jr. ’49, Feb. 1, 2017, in Maryland at 91. He served in the U.S. Army before attending Colby and spent two years studying at Harvard after Colby. He was a research scientist doing chemical research for Kendall Company in Cambridge, Mass. He established the Fred and Grace Rutherford Hammond Fund at Colby with his wife, Grace Rutherford Hammond ’50, who predeceased him. They raised two children.

Shirley Bond McGill ’49, March 14, 2017, in Dover, Mass., at 89. She taught at Tenacre Country Day School for 35 years, was a part-time librarian, and was active in her community’s school committee and historical society. She drew pleasure from reading, gardening, and knitting. Five children, nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren survive her.


Carolyn McLean Coburn ’50, April 28, 2017, in Portland, Maine, at 88. Carolyn established a career in insurance, beginning with Maine Bonding and Casualty Company and retiring 42 years later as assistant regional manager with Maryland Casualty Company. She loved the Red Sox and Celtics, rarely missing a game. Survivors include her husband of 61 years, Albert Coburn, three sons, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Jean Cowie Floyd ’51, June 3, 2017, in Saratoga, Calif., at 87. A mother and housewife for the first part of her life, she later worked for 18 years for Westfall Engineers in Saratoga. She was active with her church and remained active with Tri Deltas sorority, which she joined at Colby and continued through a chapter in California. She enjoyed entertaining, cooking, and sewing and had a deep love for animals. Her son and three grandchildren survive her.

Ernest V. Fortin ’51, March 8, 2017, in Sarasota, Fla., at 88. He spent his career at New England Telephone / NYNEX / Bell Atlantic, working for 41 years mostly as division manager of operator services. He was regional vice president of the charitable organization Telephone Pioneers of America, was a dedicated member of golf clubs in Massachusetts and Florida, and, in retirement, was president of the Meadows Community Association where he lived. A dedicated Colby volunteer, he served nine years as a class agent, sat on the Alumni Council for 10 years, established a scholarship fund for students from his hometown of Madison, Maine, and helped his class set a participation record of 94 percent in 2001. For his dedication to the College, he was awarded a Colby Brick in 1997. Survivors include his wife, Patti, three children, two grandsons, and a brother.

Arthur F. McMahon ’51, June 7, 2017, in Warwick, R.I., at 90. A World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy, he lived his life in Rhode Island and was the owner of the former City Plating Company in Providence. Survivors include two children, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Anthony F. Hall ’52, Feb. 11, 2017, in Pacific Grove, Calif., at 88. After playing piano with groups in Waterville and New York City following graduation from Colby, he earned an M.L.S. from Columbia University and worked for more than 25 years at the UCLA University Research Library and eventually became head of library systems development.

Thornton “Ted” E. Lallier ’53, April 20, 2016, at 84. He practiced law in Amesbury, Mass., after earning his J.D. from New England College. He served Colby as his class president and on reunion planning committees, and he sat on the Alumni Council. He and his wife, Erna, raised two sons.

Phebe Dow Runyon ’53, June 18, 2017, in Brandon, Vt., at 83. Committed to family and community, she was active with her church and the Ladies Aid Society, taught English to Cambodian refugees, and tended her home and children. She also worked as a rural route carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. Reading, canning vegetables, and doing the New York Times Sunday crossword puzzle brought her joy. Predeceased by her sister, Frances Dow Wells ’45, survivors include four children, 10 grandchildren, a great-grandson, and two brothers.

Priscilla Crossfield Close ’54, May 27, 2017, in Fairfield, Conn., at 86. A housewife and a mother, she made time for her interests in musical theater, choir, and cooking. She also enjoyed traveling, especially the world tour she took with members
of the National Geographic Society. Her national of 61 years, Lawrence, three children, five grandchildren, and a great-grandson survive her.

Nicholas M. Sarris '54, May 30, 2017, in Boston, Mass., at 85. He earned a law degree from Boston University in 1957 and opened a law firm in Boston and a second one in Dover, Mass. He was engaged with state and city politics, serving, for example, as deputy secretary of state, assistant attorney general, town selectman, and trustee of Tabor Academy, his alma mater. He also volunteered for Colby, serving as class agent for his 50th reunion and as president of the Colby Club of Boston, for which he received a Colby Brick Award in 1968. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Shirley, four children, including Andrea V. Sarris '86, and five grandchildren.

Nancy Fortune Westervelt '54, March 1, 2017, in Winslow, Maine, at 84. After moving around with her husband, they settled in Waterville in 1961, where she raised her seven children, worked part time as a writer and editor at Colby, and sang at the Opera House, in her church choir, and with the Colby community choir. She was a Eucharistic minister for two decades, served on the board of the condo association where she lived the last 10 years of her life, and loved cooking, gardening, and taking care of her cats. Predeceased by her husband, Peter Westervelt, a Colby classics professor for 25 years, she is survived by her six children, including Peter Westervelt '85 and Hilda Westervelt '92, five grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

Ann Dillingham Ingraham '55, April 6, 2017, in Hallowell, Maine, at 83. A homemaker and a mother, she had a love of literature that she employed working at a library in Augusta, Maine, and as an editor at the Piscataquis Observer. She was a steady volunteer at Colby for the annual fund and on reunion planning committees. Three children, including Peter Ingraham '84, four grandchildren, two siblings, and sister-in-law Pat Ingraham Murray '54 survive her.

Russell M. Squire Jr. '55, July 1, 2017, in Exeter, N.H., at 83. He was a salesman in the corrugated packaging industry for a period and then was self-employed. He loved cats and was involved with feral cat rescue. Predeceased by his parents, Russell '25 and Muriel Thomas Squire '27, he is survived by his wife, Catherine, two children and a stepson, two granddaughters, and a sister, Barbara Squire Coleman '53.

John W. Shute '57, Feb. 23, 2012, in St. Augustine, Fla., at 76. He served with the Army Reserves then worked for General Electric. He and his wife, Diane, raised two children.

Edward F. O'Brien Jr. '58, March 11, 2017, in Agawam, Mass., at 81. He served in the Air Force in the 1950s and then with the Air National Guard for 18 years. He worked as a probation officer in Springfield, Mass., enjoyed reading, and loved to play cards. Survivors include his wife, Luvia, two children, and six grandchildren.

Jane Spokesfield Hamilton '59, March 18, 2017, in Alton Bay, N.H., at 79. She worked as an administrative assistant in medical offices and volunteered in her community with the American Legion and as a driver for Care Givers. Her three daughters, five grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter survive her.

Linda Mackey Foehl '60, July 9, 2017, in Dover, Mass., at 78. She was a nursery school director and a kindergarten teacher, earning a master’s in early childhood education from Wheelock University in 1990. A talented actor and singer, she appeared in local productions and was recently honored for her service to the community. She played bass guitar in the bluegrass/folk band she cofounded 40 years ago, The Centre Streeters, and gathered her family around the piano for sing-a-longs. Predeceased by her husband, William C. Foehl '59, she is survived by four children, six grandchildren, and three sisters.

Thomas J. Evans Jr. '61, July 9, 2017, in California at 78. He served in the Marine Corps immediately after Colby, reaching the rank of captain. He went on to build a 40-year career in sales and founded his own company, Omni Packaging, which he ran with his wife. He loved nature and exploring California, playing and teaching cribbage, cooking, and jazz. His wife of 54 years, Marilyn Blom Evans '61, three children, three grandchildren, and three siblings survive him.

Patience Oliver Fisher '61, Jan. 5, 2017, in Lincoln, Neb., at 78. A trailblazing mathematics educator, she earned an M.A. in mathematics teaching in 1971 and a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction in 1992, both from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL). She was the first computer teacher at Lincoln High School and later taught at UNL. Her work helping students overcome a fear of math won her many awards, including a 1995 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Math Teaching and a Lifetime Achievement Award from UNL’s Curriculum and Instruction Department. In 1989 she was commissioned an admiral in the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska. She was Maine’s first open-heart surgery patient in 1949 but canoed and hiked with vigor. Survivors include her husband, James, three sons, 10 grandchildren, and a sister.

Anne “Sandy” Lovell Swenson '61, March 23, 2017, in Melrose, Mass., at 77. She worked at NYNEX / New England Telephone for 27 years, retiring as a manager. Her retirement years were spent playing golf in Florida and in Melrose. Survivors include two stepchildren, several step-grandchildren, and extended family, including cousins Patricia Blake Thomas '51 and Mary Thomas Vassar '51.

Richard A. Lessard Sr. '62, May 8, 2017, in Sarasota, Fla., at 76. He worked as an electrical engineer before switching careers—earning an M.B.A. and becoming a certified public accountant with a private practice. He volunteered extensively in his community, including with the United Way, which named him their May 1992 Volunteer of the Month. Survivors include his wife, Maggie, three children, three stepchildren, 14 grandchildren, and two brothers.

Robert W. Woodward Jr. '64, July 14, 2017, in Plymouth, Mass., at 76. He served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War and received a Bronze Star Medal for his service. He became a professional tour guide specializing in historical Boston and New England. International travel and jazz were also interests. Two brothers survive him.

Thomas “Tim” A. Hill '65, July 20, 2017, in Freeport, Maine, at 74. He served four years with the U.S. Navy after earning a master’s in teaching at the University of Pittsburgh in 1968. He taught history and social studies in Maine and was named Yarmouth Teacher of the Year in 1987. After teaching he worked for L.L.Bean as a sales rep and trainer, putting to use his skills as a fisherman and outdoor enthusiast. He taught Sunday school, acted in local productions, and possessed a fine sense of humor. His wife of 32 years, Adora Clark Hill '65, two sons, four grandchildren, and two siblings survive him.

Kenneth J. Murray '65, June 14, 2017, in Las Cruces, N.M., at 73. He earned a J.D. from Boston University Law School in 1968, passed the Massachusetts bar exam, and joined the U.S. Air Force and JAG Corps. He served as a judge advocate and a military judge, receiving the Joint Service Commendation Medal in 1973. He was a civil service judge advocate for the remainder of his career. In retirement, he traveled the western U.S. in his fifth wheel, played water volleyball, and gardened. His wife, Hazel Murray, two children, and two siblings survive him.

Allen A. Donaghy '63, May 1, 2016, in St. Johnsbury, Vt., at 75. He earned a master’s from the University of Illinois, served in the U.S. Air Force, then entered his family’s real estate business in St. Johnsbury, where he was twice named Vermont Realtor of the Year. He was a former president of the Vermont Realtor Association and belonged to other civic organizations. He enjoyed world travel, hunting, and skiing. Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Lucia, two children, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.
Merrilyn Aldrich Egbert '66, July 2, 2017, in Richmond, Va., at 72. A devoted mother, she also taught nursery school. Survivors include her husband of 53 years, Robert Egbert '66, two children, a grandson, and a brother.


Robert W. Koons '68, Jan. 4, 2015, in Maryland at 68. A dedicated conservationist and lover of the outdoors, he spent 25 years in the Southwest, serving as director of the Robert T. Wilson Foundation and later as executive director of the Grand Canyon Association. He helped establish the Flagstaff (Ariz.) Community Foundation and the Second Chance Center for Animals and, during the last 10 years, was executive director of the Humane Society Wildlife Land Trust. Predeceased by his father, E. Donaldson Koons, chair of Colby's Geology Department for 41 years, he is survived by his wife, Jan Koons, two sons, a grandson, and three siblings, including John D. Koons '72 and Linnea Koons Mathews '79.

James A. Steen '68, Oct. 7, 2015, in Missouri at 69. He earned his dentistry degree in 1972 from the University of Washington, followed by a career in private practice. Two children, a sister, and his former wife survive him.

Michael C. Stankus '69, April 12, 2017, Vero Beach, Fla., at 70. He served in the Merchant Marines 1968-72 then worked at Sikorski Aircraft as a safety engineer and later at URS as a munitions specialist and safety engineer. He volunteered for more than 20 years with Special Olympics, taught fly tying for the Wounded Warriors of Virginia program, and was active with his church choir. His wife, Wendy, two children, two stepchildren, 15 grandchildren, and a brother survive him.

Robert A. Colby '70, May 23, 2017, in Boston, Mass., at 68. He established a career in mortgage insurance and banking, and in his personal life enjoyed cooking, entertaining, and skiing. His two children and four grandchildren survive him.

Louis D. Gordon '71, April 19, 2017, in Yonkers, N.Y., at 67. A former TV, sports, and video producer, he also worked as a congressional press secretary and public relations consultant. He was most recently executive director of BALCONY, Business and Labor Coalition of New York, which he founded in 2006 from a start-up coalition. He was also president of the board of Dance Spotlight, a non-profit dedicated to preserving the Martha Graham dance technique.

William Michael Meserve '72, Feb. 23, 2017, in Arlington, Va., at 67. His graduate studies in Asian history, political science, and law were interrupted by a job offer with the State Department's Foreign Service, beginning a 30-year career focused on Japan and China. His positions included political advisor, U.S. Army Pacific, minister-counselor for political affairs, consul general in Japan, and deputy chief of the economic-political section in Hong Kong. He was a gifted linguist who won many Department of State awards. He traveled extensively in retirement, including to his home state of Maine, loved to cook, and shared stories and advice readily. Survivors include his wife, Jan Meserve '72, two daughters, and a brother.

Edward Tom Dore III '73, April 7, 2017, in Connecticut. A philosopher, interpreter, and skydiver, he served two tours in Vietnam before graduating from Colby. He went on to earn a master's and to work for the state of Connecticut, developing the sign language interpreting program at Northwestern Connecticut Community College. He took thousands of jumps as a skydiver and inspired others at the Ellington Drop Zone outside of Hartford. Three children and a granddaughter survive him.

Leon A. Bradbury Jr. '76, March 8, 2017, in Avon, Conn., at 63. After Colby, he did doctoral studies in philosophy at Brown University and further graduate work in computer science. He worked in television production in Los Angeles, traveled widely, and toured extensively by bicycle, including a U.S. coast-to-coast crossing and a 5,000-mile tour of Europe. Predeceased by his father, Leon Bradbury '33, he is survived by his sister, Lynn A. Bradbury '72, and two nieces, including Jennifer Bradbury Isaacson '18.

Charles J. Bennett III '77, April 23, 2017, in Kennebunkport, Maine, at 63. He completed his undergraduate education at the University of Maine at Machias, worked at The Jackson Laboratory, then moved to Bangor and was a custom picture framer. He enjoyed writing, singing, and dancing, loved to travel, and had a passion for sports. His two children, eight siblings, and companion, Cindy Hammond, survive him.

James I. Tribble '78, March 15, 2017, in Scituate, Mass., at 60. He earned an M.S. in geology/geophysics from Boston University then worked four years as a geophysicist for Chevron in the West. For the following 32 years, he worked in finance in New England, most recently as senior vice president for wealth management at Morgan Stanley. He had a passion for the outdoors—hunting and fishing—and for athletics, running the Boston Marathon and playing in an ice hockey league. Survivors include his mother, three siblings, three children and their mother, Linda Stahl Tribble '78, one grandchild, and his fiancé.

Susan J. Wilson '79, March 31, 2017, in Waterville, Maine, at 60. She earned an associate's degree from the University of Maine at Augusta and completed coursework in medical technology at Kennebec College. She sang in church and community choirs and enjoyed sailing and kayaking. Predeceased by her father, W. Malcolm Wilson '38, she is survived by her mother, Barbara Wilson, a brother, and extended family.

W. Davis Taylor '82, April 27, 2017, in Wellesley, Mass., at 56. He followed his father's footsteps to the Boston Globe then left to pursue his passion for the outdoors. He learned arborist skills and established Hound Dog Tree in 1989, where he worked until his death. He loved the seashore, skiing, and playing blues harmonica, which he did for open-mic nights and with area bands. Survivors include his wife, Dawn, their daughter, his mother, and two brothers.

Stephen P. D'Andrea '84, April 25, 2017, in Richmond, Va., at 55. He earned an M.B.A. from Columbia University and worked as a marketing executive at Reynolds Metals. He was a talented songwriter, guitar player, and self-taught pianist. He also loved magic, skiing, and dogs. His wife, Gayle, his father, and four siblings survive him.

Kelly Malloy Farrell '87, March 6, 2017, at 52. She was a veterinarian, earning her D.V.M. degree in 1992 from Cornell and practicing in Maine, Virginia, and Florida. She married Matt Farrell in 1997.

Peter G. Alford, July 10, 2017, in West Palm Beach, Fla., at 65. A mentor, philanthropist, and Colby friend, he was a senior executive of Dexter Shoe Company and president of Pan/Am Shoe. The Kippur Corporation, which he founded, and the Peter Alford Foundation supported education and health care initiatives domestically and in the Caribbean. He served on numerous boards and advisory committees for educational and community organizations and supported the Colby Museum of Art and the Center for Small Town Jewish Life. He loved to travel and was in Africa when he contracted malaria, which caused his death. Predeceased by his parents, Harold P'72, GP'92 and Dorothy “Bibby” Alford P'38, P'72, GP'92, he is survived by four children, three grandchildren, three siblings—Trustee Bill Alford '72, Colby Museum Board of Governor Ted Alford P'92, GP'21, and Susan Alford—and extended family, including cousins Paula and Peter '56 Lunder.
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My research focuses on representations of violence on the British and Irish stage. I try to figure out what makes gruesome writers from Shakespeare to McDonagh so effective, and I think there are many interconnected reasons (aesthetic, psychological, sociological) why we love gore so much. Despite this, I don’t watch a lot of horror/thrillers at the movies or on television. The big exception was the TV series *Hannibal*, because of Bryan Fuller’s uniquely theatrical aesthetic. His *Pushing Daisies* was delightful; I haven’t yet watched *American Gods*, but I hope to soon. I like TV that is bold and a little weird, like the *Crazy Ex-Girlfriend* or the visually stunning *Legion*. As a dramaturg, however, I’m still a sucker for well-crafted writing. The best out there right now? *Better Call Saul*. 
First Person
As the throng of participants in the Women's March on New York City began walking west on 42nd Street, I kept my camera as high above my head as I could but still couldn't capture the angle. When I saw the Park Avenue overpass I told my group I would find them later. As I crested the overpass it was a feeling of sheer exhilaration. I've only had a handful of moments like this over a 25-year career, where I knew as the shutter was clicking that I was bearing witness to a huge historical moment.
—Carolina Kroon '88

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Marsden Hartley, Canuck Yankee Lumberjack at Old Orchard Beach, Maine, 1940–41. Oil on Masonite-type hardboard, 40 1/2 x 30 in. (101.9 x 76.2 cm). Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Smithsonian Institution.