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FEEDBACK



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.

Please Focus Magazine on Real-world Alumni

I always wondered why when I get my current *Colby* I just skim over it until I get to the class news section. After reading Irv Faunce's letter in the winter/spring 2017 issue, I now know why. The magazine seems to have moved on from its previous focus—the alumni—to an update on all the changes going on at Colby (the many new, expensive, and fabulous buildings), and updates on current students and their on-campus successes. But there is little about the alumni who were supposedly the original focus of the magazine.

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

Professor Fekete Still Inspires

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

This is great! I did the Dijon program in 1988 but had to figure out how to get to Africa via UPenn for the rest of the year as I spent the second semester at the University of Ibadan!

—Shaun Dakin '89, Falls Church, Va.

My biggest regret: not going abroad while I was at Colby. Congrats to all who now will.

—Tony Baldasaro '94, Stratham, N.H.

Commencement Reflections

One of my favorite memories is playing a flute solo at my baccalaureate with my parents watching from the balcony as they sat next to President Cotter. My dad was an alum and was so honored to be in the chapel with me.

—Beverly Ann Rice Tedeschi '85,
Plymouth, N.H., on the occasion of
Baccalaureate 2017.



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