HIDDEN NO MORE
Willie Juhlin wants her story told—and remembered

President David A. Greene and “Colby’s Moment”

Biomed on and off Mayflower Hill

Clare Byarugaba Won’t Be Silenced

Betting Big on the Humanities
One More Save

In Washington for a White House internship, Colby ice-hockey goalie Sam Parker ’15 rescued a woman from dangerous Potomac rapids—and was nominated for a lifesaving award by the U.S. Park Police. The gripping story is online at colby.edu/mag.

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There are many unexpected pleasures of living on Mayflower Hill. One of my favorites is seeing the sunrise from my kitchen windows. It is spectacular, especially the way it plays off the foliage at this time of year. In Chicago I didn’t see the sun until it was much higher in the sky, as it was obscured by the density of the city.

Although I have a great view of the rising sun, I recognize that the planners of this campus made it their highest priority to have the first light (and the last of the day!) reflect off the sloop weathervane that adorns Miller Library’s magnificent clock tower. It was a brilliant way to shine a light on Colby’s landmark building.

Miller Library was the largest and most expensive building designed for the new campus on Mayflower Hill. It was intended as the physical and symbolic center of the College, an enduring statement of Colby’s academic values and purpose.

Academic libraries, including Miller Library, have been undergoing rapid change over the last two decades. The rising cost of scholarly books has strained acquisition budgets, many academic journals have moved online, and efforts are well underway to digitize entire collections. Digital archives of images and media have become essential research tools, and the competition is fierce for acquiring unique collections and archives.

The use of precious library space in this changing environment has been a much-studied issue on campuses. One common result has been the establishment of offsite facilities to store major segments of collections. The Harvard University Library Depository, for example, opened in 1986 and now has capacity for three million linear feet of shelving. Colby opened a nearby facility last year and moved a large proportion of the collection there.

Members of our community are asking whether we considered adequately the available options before making changes to Miller Library. There seems to be overwhelming support for having brought back the historic reading room and improving other spaces in the building. Yet is it also clear that we would do well to broaden and deepen the conversation about the current and future needs of our libraries. I have asked the faculty committee on the library to consider what we need to do to ensure that Miller Library remains at the center of the College’s intellectual life, including how we might optimize space allocation and access to physical volumes. The committee expects to provide its recommendations by the end of the academic year.

One of Colby’s greatest assets is its scholarly faculty who are deeply committed to research and discovery as well as teaching. Although research methods are constantly changing, the library remains the most important scholarly and teaching resource in many disciplines. These include disciplines where Colby has been and must continue to be excellent. Our libraries are key to ensuring that is the case.

Colby’s libraries give us a comparative advantage over many institutions that did not have the foresight and resources to amass great collections and to literally as well as symbolically place the library at the center of the college. The light that illuminates our library each morning is a reminder of our enduring values and the need to focus on the excellence of our libraries and the richness of our intellectual life.
Be Advised

Ziskind Professor of East Asian Studies Kim Besio confers with Andy Lin ’18 as the semester gets underway. Lin, from West Helena, Ark., is Besio’s advisee and a student in her course Elementary Chinese.
No Entry
Defender Becca Moore ’18 gets low to block a pass during Colby’s game against University of Maine Farmington Sept. 17 at Bill Alfond Field. The Mules came away with a 5-0 win.
An hour in, and we’re still deriving the first of four equations.

*But I wouldn’t want to be anyplace else.*

Any physicist can tell you that Maxwell’s equations describe how electric and magnetic fields interact with one another—it’s actually a lot like the Colby experience. The classes you took and the people you met here altered the course of your life. Today, you can help students change the world around them—and be changed by it—when you make a gift to the Colby Fund.
Inauguration of President David A. Greene showcases faculty, luminaries

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By Gerry Boyle ’78

Against the Tide
By Lori Ferguson

Spotlight on Privilege

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Photographer Edwin Torres ’12 Focuses on Home

Christopher Soto Sees Personality Change

Melissa Meyer ’16 Studies Fukushima Disaster

Sarah Chapple-Sokol ’04 Serves Boston’s Immigrants

The Flight of Paramedic Mike Choate ’97

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Clare Byarugaba Fights for Gay Ugandans
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Colby hockey goalie Sam Parker '15 saves swimmer from Potomac rapids

After Colby, photographer Edwin Torres '12 turns his eye on his Bronx home

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Athletics to Laurels: Advice for President David A. Greene

I was most fortunate to have graduated from Colby in 1953. To be a member of the last class to live on the downtown campus, to move to Mayflower Hill in 1950, and then to see Colby grow into an elite liberal arts college makes me very proud. It is a tribute to the excellent leadership Colby has had these past 70-plus years from Presidents Johnson, Bixler, Strider, Cotter, and Adams.

Colby has achieved excellence in faculty, academic programs, buildings and facilities, the arts, and food services. I give the College high marks with one glaring exception. The intercollegiate athletic program for far too long has been mediocre at best.

It is obvious that other NESCAC schools, such as Amherst, Middlebury, Williams, Trinity, and Tufts, believe that a successful athletic program is part of an excellent liberal arts education. I am sure President David Greene ("Called to Action," summer 2014 Colby Magazine), with degrees from Harvard, is aware of Harvard’s commitment to excellence in athletics. If it’s good enough for Harvard, it can’t be all that bad.

I can only hope that our new president understands and believes that a successful athletic program is important to student life and the greater Waterville community. There is little question that a successful athletic program has proven to be a powerful force in generating enthusiasm and excitement on college campuses and vigor and support from the alumni.

As our 20th president takes the helm of one of the finest colleges in the country, I would, with utmost respect, suggest that he enlist the Athletic Committee of the Alumni Council to make recommendations on how best to move Colby’s athletic program on to a more successful plateau. The word mediocre should not be part of Colby’s vocabulary, no matter what the endeavor may be.

Ed Fraktman ’53
Wayland, Mass.

I read in “Called to Action” by Ruth Jacobs that President David A. Greene has “the background, inspiration, and drive to catapult Colby.”

Isn’t it sufficient for Colby College to rest on its laurels? How much more success is needed before there is success? In the words of John Keats in “On Fame,” there is something to be said against being “fever’d” in the pursuit of the “fierce miscreed” called “fame”?

And we must know that the projectile that the catapult launched would be destroyed when it hit its target, that the pursuit of yet further fame, further success, does not always end well.

Stephen Schoeman ’64
Westfield, N.J.

Thanks for the great article about our 20th president. I’m excited to learn that President Greene is fired up to take Colby to new heights. I recently attended an inspiring forum on social justice organized by David Marcus ’83 and Sarah Eustis ’96 in Los Angeles. It was very different from the usual alumni social event, and I highly recommend this format.

It was brought to our attention that Colby is removing 170,000 books from the library over the objections of over half the professors, many students, and alumni. While digital information is wonderful, it is not a substitute for books, and the College should listen carefully to the opinion of the stakeholders. We’ve all had the experience of looking for a book and running into something we weren’t expecting as a result. This phenomenon is critical to scholarship.

Those of you that know what kind of student I was at Colby might be surprised that I am a defender of books. But I might have learned more from books while goofing off in the library than reading what I was supposed to.

I’m not a buggy-whip guy. I’m a digital entrepreneur. That said, there is no substitute for a real library, and at an institution of higher learning, what the heck could be more important than books? I hope President Greene will re-evaluate the decision to remove the books. If you agree, please send him an e-mail or a note along with your checks.

Michael Collins ’83
Irvine, Calif.
Kudos for Magazine Redesign, With One Exception

I just finished reading the summer edition of Colby Magazine. Simply fantastic. Love the new layout and visuals. Congratulations to your entire staff.

Joe Boulos ’68
Portland, Maine

Congratulations on the new Colby Magazine format. I opened it up and read it cover to cover. Every story was interesting and the perfect length.

Kathy McConaughy Zambello ’56
Cumberland Foreside, Maine

I just read my Colby mag cover to cover—the redesign is great! I love the web version, too. It’s so much easier to navigate. Congrats also on the magazine’s recent award—you all deserve it so much.

Jenny Chen ’13
Berwyn Heights, Md.

To the editing staff I want to make the following remarks as means for further improvement of Colby Magazine. The frequent, almost pagely changes, to font type, color and size, bold and non-bold makes the magazine a collection of single articles and not an entity. My advice is a standard type font and size, color, standard article layout, and to use bold and enlarged font size by exception. Suggested font is Arial 10p.

Peter Dousma P’18
Gelderland, Netherlands

Colby Conversation via Social Media

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On President David Greene’s Arrival:

“Good luck, David! It’s a special place with special people. You are a fortunate man. You’ll do well ... and good.”

—Gary Fitts ’73

“As a Colby parent, I have been inspired by the articles I have read so far regarding your presidency. Best of luck and keep doing what you have always done!”

—Maria Libby P’15

“Good luck, President Greene! Take good care of my beloved Alma Mater!”

—Kristen Hanssen Goodell ’95

“Welcome to the Colby community and look forward to your leadership. Best wishes from a parent of a son who graduated with Class of 2014 and a son in Class of 2017. I’m also a proud member of the Class of ’80.”

—Fred Madeira ’80

“As a Colby Class of ’71 graduate ... I was at the College during amazing times ... Afterward I found Colby everywhere that I went in the world ... From South Africa to India ... Good luck and best wishes as you steer dear Colby onward in its challenging role in an ever increasing global world!”

—Nancy Austin ’71

On Welcoming the Class of 2018:
Share your first-day-on-the-Hill story:

“The very first classmate I met when I moved into my dorm back in 1981 remains a dear friend today. I had dinner with her just three weeks ago. A friend I made at the beginning of my second semester freshman year remains a rock in my life.”

—Shireen Shahawy ’85

“First few weeks I hated it. I had never lived away from home. I called my folks in tears and asked to come home. ... By the end of semester, they had to pry me home with a crowbar. Allow yourself to be nervous for a good while. Don’t let anyone fool you. It takes time. That’s what makes it special.”

—Scott Lainer ’87

“I remember eating dinner with my mom at the Weathervane Seafood Restaurant on Kennedy Drive and seeing 4 or 5 other new freshman guys with their mom looking sheepishly at each other but too nervous to say anything. Classic. The next day we all started COOT and thus began the 4 best years of my life with many lifelong friends.”

—John Cole ’05 on Facebook

“I met my wife. Thanks, Colby.”

—Karen Prager ’04

“I met one of my best friends while standing in line at the President’s reception on the first day of school! We are still friends 21 years later!”

—Jen Bierwirth Shurman ’93
Students from 56 countries, many in the traditional dress of their homelands, led the procession at the inauguration of President David A. Greene, Sept. 13. The flags provided a dramatic and global backdrop for the ceremony on the academic quad. See more, P. 20.
Her story is about a lot of things, but when I think of Willie de Kadt Juhlin ’61, I think of determination. Her grandparents’ determination that she would survive what would become known as the Holocaust. Her grandmother’s determination to raise her granddaughter to have a future in America. Her own determination—partly learned, partly innate—not to let her extraordinary childhood experience color her life. And lastly, her determination to pass her story on to the next generations.

Juhlin was a “hidden child” in Nazi-occupied Holland, raised for four years by a Roman Catholic family to save her from being murdered along with her parents. I met her in New York City at the law offices of Moses Silverman ’69, who offered us a quiet place to talk. Juhlin brought papers and documents, including a letter that detailed the time and place of the concentration-camp deaths of her parents and other family members. She had her picture taken many times.

Juhlin is 74, confident, and articulate. After our interview we had lunch in a restaurant on Sixth Avenue, down the street from Central Park. She talked about her time at Colby, studying French and meeting her husband, Thor Juhlin ’59. She talked about their children and grandchildren. The children are successful. The grandchildren are doing well.

It seemed a different world from the sad and horror-filled story she’d told earlier, but a suitable end for a story of courage and triumph. In the grand scale of World War II, as described by Katz Professor of History Raffael Scheck, Willie Juhlin represents a not-so-small victory.

As she strode off to catch a show at the Museum of Modern Art, it seemed that the courage of her hiding parents had been rewarded. The spirit of her biological parents and grandparents could not be extinguished.
The number of seats occupied nightly by students in the renovated Miller Library reading room.

The room, beloved by alumni, was restored to its original purpose after being used for offices for a number of years. The reopening of the reading room marked completion of the second phase of the library renovation, which included extensive redesign throughout Miller. Removal of a portion of the library’s collection to a facility near campus prompted criticism from some who believe too many books were removed from Miller. A review is underway. More on P. 18 and P. 3.
The number of colleges to pilot a new Citibank recruiting program at small, selective colleges.

Citibank recruits from Ivy League institutions and large universities around New York City but finds that some of its best talent comes from small liberal arts colleges. With Colby the only college in the world chosen, the Colby Career Center is working with Citibank to develop and implement the new program. Citibank recruiters came to Mayflower Hill Oct. 17 for a faculty luncheon, a student information session, and a networking event.
If There's Life on Mars, Will It Be Ours?

If we do find life on Mars, it would be good to know it isn’t something that stowed away on the trip from Earth.

That’s the goal of a study of microorganisms on spacecraft—including some that have been found to be surprisingly tolerant of extreme heat, cold, and massive doses of radiation. “Could these organisms potentially survive on Mars?” asked research-team member and microbiologist Susan Childers (biology). “There are still a lot of unknowns.” The unknowns didn’t stop the journal Nature from writing about the research, or Childers from speculating about fascinating possibilities.

More Voices as College Sets Priorities

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—Scholar, writer, and activist Dorothy Allison in the forward to Negotiating Privilege and Identity in Educational Contexts by Adam Howard (education), Aimee Polimeno ’14, and Brianne Wheeler ’14. See P. 32.

Men’s Cross Country Races to No. 6 Ranking

Colby men’s cross country was on an early-season roll, besting perennial powers Williams and MIT in September and emerging as the sixth-best team in Division III in the nation and first in New England. The team returned the top six runners of its NCAA team from last season. Led by David Chelimo ’17 and Jeff Hale ’15, the Mules back up a one-two punch with a solid core of point-scoring runners. The result is a dramatic turnaround from seasons past. For several years Colby had been in the bottom third of NESCAC standings. Last season the Mules finished fifth, but just three points behind Bowdoin. The team kept its momentum and then some this fall. For his victory at Williams, Chelimo was named the U.S. Track & Field Coaches Association National Athlete of the Week for Division III.

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“If you do these things, you can get as good an education as you can get in the world. Or you can get a degree. They are not the same thing.”

Margaret McFadden, Christian A. Johnson Associate Professor of Integrated Liberal Learning, speaking to first-year students during orientation in August. McFadden urged students to become and remain academically engaged and to bear in mind Colby’s academic precepts.

Lovejoy Award Winner Faults Obama
Reporter and author James Risen, who said he’d sooner go to jail than divulge confidential sources, criticized President Barack Obama for his administration’s crackdown on journalists and whistleblowers as Risen received the Lovejoy Award for courageous journalism Oct. 5.

In response to a question about the government’s pursuit of journalists publishing classified information from unnamed sources, Risen said, “I don’t think any of this would be happening under the Obama administration if Obama didn’t want to do it. I believe Barack Obama hates the press.” That comment was tweeted almost a thousand times and was quoted on blogs including on Politico and the Washington Post sites in subsequent days.

A week after Risen spoke in Lorimer Chapel he was featured on 60 Minutes and was interviewed on NPR’s Fresh Air program about his case.

Picturing It: An Inside Look at New York Art Professions
Senior art majors hit the Big Apple over Fall Break in October to meet with alumni and others in art-related professions at galleries, museums, and auction houses. The trip, organized by the Department of Art through an endowment created by the late Alan B. Mirken ’51, gave students opportunities to talk to art alumni about their lives after Colby, the paths that led to their work in New York, and what that work actually involves.

SUMMER RESEARCH
Last summer 97 Colby students stayed on campus and worked alongside faculty across the disciplines performing serious research with real-world impact.

Academics to Drive Decisions
President David A. Greene sent a strong message about academics at Colby in July when he changed the title of Lori G. Kletzer to provost and dean of faculty.

Kletzer, formerly vice president of academic affairs and dean of faculty, is the College’s chief academic officer and plays a lead role in allocation of resources and setting of priorities.

“It is essential that the primacy of our academic mission guides decision making and that the needs of our academic programs are represented in all resource and planning deliberations,” Greene said in an e-mail to the Colby community.
124 Butterfly Species and Counting
Image at left is a Monarch butterfly, one of the better-known species found in the ongoing Maine Butterfly Survey coordinated by Leslie Brainerd Arey Professor of Biosciences Herb Wilson and colleagues from the University of Maine and the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The project began in 2007, and fieldwork by volunteers concludes next year. As Colby Magazine went to press, the survey had recorded 124 different species. More at the survey website: mbs.umf.maine.edu.

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The number of Colby seniors getting their teaching certificates through a minor in education: professional certification. Associate Professor of Education Adam Howard reports that the number of students seeking certification has doubled in recent years, and that the program is becoming markedly more diverse. Forty percent of the members of the Class of 2015 pursuing their teaching certificate are students of color.

Ebola Insight
“In order for a government to manage a health crisis, citizens must believe that their government will work to protect to them.”

So wrote Leah Breen ’15 in the Washington Post online Aug. 29. Breen’s guest post about the Ebola epidemic in Liberia, where she did research last summer, described the epidemic as “Liberia’s invisible rebel.” Unlike bullets fired by soldiers, Breen writes, the deadly virus is silent.

“When Hashim died I don’t think there was one squash player around the world who didn’t know it. His passing was a world event in squash.”

—Colby squash coach Sakhi Khan on the death of his great uncle, Hashim Khan, patriarch of the Khan family and squash dynasty, Aug. 21. The elder Khan learned to play squash as a child when he was paid to retrieve stray balls for British officers at their club near Peshawar, Pakistan. Hashim Khan went on to become national champion, eight-time British Open champion, and a global ambassador for the sport.

Library Renovation Leads to More Consideration
Renovation of Miller Library, the second phase of which was completed in August, raised concerns that have led to an extended analysis of the role of the libraries at Colby.

The 16-month project included the remodeling of the library entrance and first floor, restoration of the historic reading room (see photo, P. 14), expansion of student study space, and clustering of academic support. The $8.7-million project also moved 50 percent of the collection from Miller to a new storage facility on Washington Street, near campus.

That change prompted some faculty and students to object to what they said was more limited access to research materials and the loss of the ability to browse the library’s collections—the result, they said, of a planning process that they believe did not include sufficient input. Those concerns were addressed at a forum on campus Oct. 9. Based on that conversation Greene announced immediate changes including more frequent retrieval of books from the Washington Street building, improvements to that facility to make it more comfortable for use by students and faculty, and additional availability of on-call librarians. A library committee will work through the academic year to consider next steps. (More on P. 3)
Seeing the World—and Colby—Through Mark Twain’s Eyes

By Paula Harrington

When I tell people I stayed in Mark Twain’s summer home, I never know what kind of response to expect. One person asked me if I’d gone swimming in the Mississippi; others assumed I was referring to the mansion he built in Hartford. But, every now and then, someone gives me a spellbound look and sighs, “Oh, Quarry Farm!”

That’s the same feeling that comes over me whenever I go there—a sense of fascination, almost disbelief, that this place still exists and remains open to visiting Twain scholars like me, thanks to the Elmira College Center for Mark Twain Studies. Twain himself called Quarry Farm “still, & reposeful & bewitching.” No wonder it is where he wrote, among other works, most of the book that would change American literature forever: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.

For 20 years, Twain lived at Quarry Farm during the summer, making the journey from Hartford to upstate New York with his wife and daughters. Every morning he would head out a kitchen door and climb a path to an octagonal wooden study. In the evenings, he would return with his day’s work and read aloud to his family on the terrace.

To sit on that same terrace and look out across a vista of mountains receding over the Chemung River valley is a haunting and daunting experience. Daunting in the way it always is to feel a master’s presence: what could I write that would be worthy of Twain’s wit or humanity? And haunting because it is a place of ghostly reminders—old photographs, private rooms, children’s mementos—of the personal tragedies Twain suffered. Three of his four children died young: his son, Langdon, at 18 months; his daughter Susy from meningitis at 24; and his daughter Jean in an epileptic seizure in the bath at 29. After years of fragile health, his wife, Livy, also died. Only his daughter Clara survived him.

I have now stayed at Quarry Farm during all four seasons, and the experience becomes richer with each visit. My own writing project, about Twain’s dislike for France and his stereotypes of the French, may seem distant from my work as director of the Farnham Writers’ Center at Colby. Yet, sitting on Twain’s favorite hill as the sun goes down and the fireflies come out, I cannot imagine a better place to contemplate questions that concern higher education today. What does it mean to be “American”? How can we welcome and include those different from ourselves? What cultural stereotypes lay hidden within our perceptions, and how do they impede our discourse, our writing, our teaching?

Perhaps most important, as Colby begins its third century, is the question of how the liberal arts, especially the humanities, can open us to other cultures and help us work across them. Twain knew how powerful—and how dangerous—it can be to reach across a divide: why else write a book about an abused boy and a runaway slave surviving together? Or about a prince and a poor boy trading places? A techie thrown back into medieval life? Yet even Twain, world traveler and mold breaker, was susceptible to bias against the French and Native Americans.

As I welcome a new Colby class to the Farnham Writers’ Center, I think about our own “bewitching” spot on Mayflower Hill and the vistas it provides to reflect, study, and create. And I take a lesson from Twain, one of America’s greatest autodidacts, to keep learning and struggling with the paradoxes in the world and in ourselves.

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—Paula Harrington

Paula Harrington is director of the Farnham Writers’ Center at Colby. A former journalist, Harrington also teaches composition and English Language Learner courses. Prior to coming to Colby, she taught at Marymount College of Fordham University and the University of California, Davis.
GREENE’S INAUGURAL AGENDA:
• To move Colby “to a preeminent position among the world’s liberal arts colleges.”
• For the College to shape more broadly the evolution of the liberal arts for our time.
• For Colby to be a partner in revitalization of Waterville’s historic center.

HOW TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN:
“It is our time to commit to the highest level of support for our faculty, students, and staff, and to have unwavering focus on the excellence of our programs; it is our time to fully open our campus to the greatest diversity of perspectives; it is our time to make the liberal arts more integrated with the world beyond our campus.”

A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE:
Colby “approaches this moment with the leadership of an extraordinary individual as president whose vision, strategic thought, energy, and absolute commitment to execution will, I am totally confident, help make extraordinary progress here.”

—Robert Zimmer, president of the University of Chicago, formally presenting David A. Greene for installation as president

For more on the inauguration of President David A. Greene, go to colby.edu/inauguration.
Faculty Take Center Stage

AT SHOWCASE PROFESSORS SAY SCHOLARSHIP AND TEACHING ARE INTERTWINED AT COLBY

Considering the best way to kick off his inauguration, President David A. Greene got to the heart of the matter. “Academics is the core of Colby’s mission,” Greene said, “and faculty is the core of Colby’s academics.”

Colby held that thought as inauguration weekend began Sept. 12 with a faculty showcase in Given Auditorium—three hours that offered the opportunity to hear six professors explain what they do and why they do it.

The professors were Catherine Besteman, Francis F. Bartlett and Ruth K. Bartlett Professor of Anthropology; D. Whitney King, Dr. Frank and Theodora Miselis Professor of Chemistry; Lydia Moland, associate professor of philosophy; Philip Nyhus, associate professor of environmental studies; Andrea Tilden, J. Warren Merrill Associate Professor of Biology; and John Turner, associate professor of history.

Their subjects and fields of expertise varied. Their dedication to scholarship, knowledge, and their students did not. Here are brief excerpts, with more at colby.edu/mag.

Besteman, whose research has taken her to Somalia and South Africa, and to Seattle and Lewiston, Maine, said anthropology students talk about “never seeing the world the same way again, rethinking all of their beliefs and values as they create for themselves a new understanding of themselves and the world around them.”

King has joined his students and former students on research expeditions from the Belgrade Lakes to the Straits of Magellan, in the southern Atlantic Ocean. Collaborations with colleagues in biology, environmental studies, and economics, and with fellow scientists at the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences, have opened doors for students who have gone on to groundbreaking research and policymaking. “A senior in high school isn’t going to draw those connections,” King said. “It’s really up to the faculty to draw those connections.”
Nyhus, who has spent more than a decade studying the state of Asian tigers in the wild, said Colby has played a major role in work on tiger habitat study. In 2010, he noted, the leaders of tiger-range countries pledged to double the number of wild tigers by 2022. “This was an ambitious goal, a bold goal, a risky goal,” Nyhus said. “But I actually feel much more optimistic that we’ll be able to reach this goal … knowing that ambitious, bold, and risk-taking Colby College students are going to be helping to write that story.”

Moland, whose scholarship focuses on the work of the German philosopher G. W. F. Hegel, has led students to contemporary philosophical questions with modern-day implications. “We don’t want to be sending our students into the world without having thought very carefully about the history and the theory and all of the complexities that go into these things,” she said.

Tilden spoke of her ongoing study of melatonin, a hormone involved in the sleep process that may be connected to everything from cancer prevention to creation of new memories. Students, who are coauthors of many of her publications, are key, Tilden said. “Students have always been a part of my research at Colby. It’s the reason that I do research. I would not be interested in doing research in an environment where I was doing it by myself.”

Turner, who teaches the history of Islam and has spent years studying the Middle East, presented his analysis of the phenomenon of Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS). “Teaching here at Colby pushes me every day to clarify my thinking. Students ask hard questions. They see new things and meanings and challenge me to delve more deeply into my research with them to try to find answers and better questions.”

There is nothing isolated or isolating about this place. It is a place that is deeply connected in the world.

—President David A. Greene
Can We Talk?

With four high-profile guests on campus to receive honorary degrees as part of the inauguration of David A. Greene, the academic community seized the opportunity for a discussion of the liberal arts and citizenship. Ostrove Auditorium was packed for a 10:30 a.m. Saturday panel discussion, “The Role of the Liberal Arts in Developing Future Leaders: Toward a More Engaged—and Civil—Citizenry,” Sept. 13.


Maisel outlined the challenge in stark terms: partisanship is rampant in Washington and elsewhere, and public discourse is often acerbic and bitter.

“Our college campuses are fertile ground for airing fundamental differences,” Maisel said.

How, Maisel asked panelists, do we translate those tenets of academe into a commitment to civility as students become engaged citizens capable of raising the level of public debate?

Video of the panel discussion: colby.edu/inauguration

Zimmer: “Argument is actually the act of trying to understand the complexity of situations.” He said it should be “an attempt to integrate multiple perspectives and not succumb to simplicity.”

Lawrence-Lightfoot: Relationships and respect are essential to fostering civil discourse, and diversity is key. “It becomes more sweetly etched if you are interacting with people who are different from you.”

Axelrod: “I think this is one of the most public-spirited generations of young people that I’ve seen. ... They care deeply about the world, they take things less for granted than we did, they’ve been through wars, they’ve been through an economic downturn, they know that you can’t assume the future, and they want to shape it.”

Senator Collins: “Civility does not mean meaningless discourse that is devoid of any principle or passion. What it does mean is being respectful to those who have different views, listening carefully, being open to new ideas, and, in the Senate, searching for common ground.”
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AFTER MONTHS OF ANXIOUS WAITING, THEY FINALLY HEARD THE KNOCK ON THE DOOR.

This was in Amsterdam, in August 1942. Three generations of a Jewish family lived in the home: grandparents, their daughter and son-in-law, and the couple’s two children, ages 8 months and 2 years.

The men at the door were police. They told the family it was time. Jews, forced to gather in Amsterdam in previous months, were now being rounded up and taken to a theater, the Holinzer Halburg, which had been turned into a staging area for deportation. The couple took their 2-year-old daughter, Wilhelmina, but their son, 8-month-old Martin, had been tucked in a bathtub upstairs and was asleep. He didn’t stir, and he was left behind. The grandparents accompanied the couple and toddler to the theater, which was packed with frightened and distraught men, women, and children.

“My grandmother and grandfather came along to say goodbye because at that time the Nazis were only interested in younger working-bodied people, up to the age of forty-five or so,” said Wilhelmina “Willie” de Kadt Juhlin ’61. “So my grandmother and grandfather had no fear of being taken at that point. In the confusion my parents handed me back to my grandparents. So thus, like Sophie’s Choice almost, my life was spared.”

Not so for her parents, who were taken from the theater to a transit camp called Westerbork, and then, along with thousands of others, to a concentration camp that would live in infamy: Auschwitz. On Aug. 10, 1942, Louis de Kadt, 29, and his wife Sonja de Kadt, 22, were murdered in the gas chambers there. Sonja’s 19-year-old sister was killed in Auschwitz a month later.

In a matter of months, the family would be decimated by the Holocaust. But that morning in the chaotic and crowded theater, a couple saved their grandchild’s life. Then they made their way home through Amsterdam’s streets and did it again.

As the Nazis tightened their stranglehold on occupied Europe, sending millions to their deaths in concentration camps, the de Kadt family, like all of the 140,000 Jews in the Netherlands, were especially vulnerable. They were strongly integrated into and supported by the general population, and some were affluent and successful, including those who worked in Amsterdam’s diamond trade, as did Willie Juhlin’s grandparents. But they were exposed by the country’s terrain.

Unlike Belgium or France, also occupied by the Nazis, the Netherlands had no forest. It was the most densely populated country in Europe. “There’s no natural place to hide,” said Raffael Scheck, the Audrey Wade Katz and Sheldon Toby Katz Professor of History. “You have to hide with neighbors and friends. So this leads to the paradoxical situation that the percentage of Jews killed in the Netherlands is one of the highest in Europe, maybe the highest. Between seventy and seventy-five percent.” On the flip side, he said, “the Dutch population had an unusually high percentage of rescuers, because there is just no other way one can survive in the Netherlands.”

Juhlin’s grandparents, Samuel and Margaretha Swaap, sensed that. So, in the weeks following the taking of their daughter and son-in-law, they surreptitiously found hiding places for their Jewish grandchildren.

Juhlin’s grandmother arranged for 2-year-old Wilhelmina to be placed with her seamstress’s sister-in-law and her husband. The family, devout Catholics, lived outside Amsterdam and had two young daughters; Juhlin became the third. Her
Dear Mr. de Kadt,

In reply to your letter of September 1st, 1992 I have to inform you that the following information concerning your family is to be found in our collection.

Your parents, Louis de Kadt (13-5-1913 Rotterdam) and Sonja Rita de Kadt-Swaap (8-10-1891 Amsterdam) were deported from Das Judendurchgangslager Westerbork to Auschwitz. They were both murdered directly after their arrival on 10-8-1942.

Your grandparents Samuel Swaap (24-5-1889 Amsterdam) and Margaretha Swaap-Loopuit (14-1-1895 Amsterdam) were deported from Westerbork to Bergen-Belsen on 19-5-1944.

Samuel Swaap died there in February 1945. We don't have any information about the day.

Agnes Marie Swaap (7-12-1922 Amsterdam) arrived with the same train as your parents in Auschwitz. She died 30-3-1942.

We don't have documentation regarding your question how the members of your family were murdered. With regard to your parents however it is most likely they were murdered in the gas chamber.

I regret to inform you we don't have any documents in our collection regarding the house on the Sophialaan and the diamond business of your grandparents. In this case I would advise you to contact:

Algemeen Rijksarchief
Postbus 90520
2509 LM 's-Gravenhage

I hope they will be able to help you. In our archives I have found some documents concerning the clearing of your father's condensed milk factory. Hereby I sent you fotocopies of these documents.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

A. van Bockxmeer
brother, Martin, was given to a Protestant couple nearby. “We were with two different families because it would have been too dangerous to put us together,” Juhlin said. “But we weren’t far apart. I was able to visit my brother occasionally, but I didn’t know he was my brother. I thought he was just a friend.”

And soon she thought her new family, with a businessman dad and a stay-at-home mom, was her own.

“They became my family,” she said. “I went to church with them. I went everywhere with them. I called him Papa and her Mama. The two sisters were very accepting.”

This was not always the case for Jewish children hidden with Gentile families, according to Scheck. Some children were abused. Some were paid by the child’s biological family. When the money ran out, some Jewish children were turned out on the street. Others were informed on.

In the Netherlands an estimated 6,000 children were hidden. Of those, 4,000 survived and 2,000 were turned in to the authorities and taken by the Nazis. That betrayal often carried serious consequences for the rescuers as well.

If the deception had been discovered in Juhlin’s case it would have been very dangerous, Scheck said. The Gentile parents and children, he said, would have been deported to a concentration camp.

And the Jewish toddler?

“As a two-year-old there would have been no chance [of survival] whatsoever,” he said.

As an adult Juhlin would later ask her “sisters” why their parents took such a chance, risking their own lives and the lives of their children. It was a matter of conscience, she was told. “It was just something they had to do.”

Juhlin later was told that there was one family in the neighborhood thought to be suspicious, and that her adoptive parents were careful around them. Her early-childhood memories are scant, but she recalled what must have been a subliminal reaction to being taken from her home by the SS troops. “I remember being afraid of anyone in a uniform,” she said. “Whether it was the milkman or the postman or police, I couldn’t tell the difference. I ran and hid under the dining room table.”

Even for those in the Netherlands with no secret to keep, this was a grueling time, according to Scheck. The Dutch hoped to be liberated in September of 1944 as the Allies pushed into Belgium to the south, but the operation failed. Meanwhile, that year the Nazis, taking older Jews, forced Juhlin’s grandparents from their home and sent them to the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.

The surrounding war cut the Netherlands off from food supplies, and famine spread through the country. Juhlin, then 4, still remembers her family saving potato skins for the next day’s meal and standing in line for soup “that was nothing more than water with some vegetables floating in it.”

Finally, in May 1945, the commander of German forces in the Netherlands surrendered to the Canadian army. Surviving Jews liberated from Nazi concentration camps straggled home. For Juhlin’s grandfather, it was too late. He died in Bergen-Belsen. Her grandmother was freed from the camp but was hospitalized for two months as she recovered from deprivation-related illnesses. She had lost her husband, two of her three daughters, and her son-in-law, but her hidden grandchildren had survived.

She came to see them, occasionally at first. Juhlin and her brother were four years older and to them their grandmother was a stranger. “They let us visit with her more and more, so we could get used to her,” Juhlin said. “And after a sort of transition period, basically she came and got us. We all went on a plane to New York. They told us we would go back to Holland in a year.”
Willie Juhlin didn’t go back to the Netherlands, physically or in spirit. Instead, she was immersed in New York, a hustling postwar melting pot where immigrants jostled for space and opportunity. And the path to opportunity was to become American. “At that time,” Juhlin said, “you assimilated as quickly as possible. You lost that—whether it was Dutch or German or Italian—you lost your language.”

In New York her grandmother was reunited with her surviving daughter, who had left the Netherlands before occupation. It was she, Juhlin’s aunt, who helped find the newcomers an apartment in Queens. At 52, the “single grandmom” settled in to raise her second family.

It was a new life, and one in which much was left unsaid. Willie Juhlin knew her grandmother as that. She and her brother also believed that the parents they had left behind in the Netherlands somehow were their biological families as well. When he was upset, her brother would cry, “I want to go to Mama,” referring to the Protestant woman who had raised him most of his life, Juhlin said.

Juhlin, the young Willie de Kadt, 6, arrived in New York, having been raised a strict Catholic. Her grandmother was faced with the decision of whether to raise her in the Jewish faith—and chose not to. There was a Catholic family in the apartment building where they lived. The couple, who had a young daughter, took Willie to church every Sunday. She attended public school and went to weekly Catholic catechism classes taught by nuns. “My grandmother didn’t want the fact that we were Jewish to hurt us in the future like it hurt her,” Juhlin said. “We were raised Catholic by my Jewish grandmother.” Later, Juhlin would be married, to Thor Juhlin ’59, at St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

This choice to sever oneself to one degree or another from the past was common among Jews after the war, Scheck says. While Jewish resistance fighters were admired, those who survived the concentration camps faced a colder reception when they returned. “Where there is no choice, there is no merit,” Scheck said, describing a common sentiment of the time. “Therefore, the surviving Jews often had a very difficult time being accepted, getting heard for what they suffered.”

In some cases, he said, there was even resentment. In Paris, for example, Jews coming back to the city after liberation found other people living in their apartments who didn’t want to move out. There was also a feeling that surviving Jews were fortunate to be alive, even if their families had been murdered, their communities wiped out. People thought, “You are the lucky ones,” Scheck said.
Those who considered a Jew’s mere survival good fortune would have said Juhlin’s grandmother, Margaretha Swaap, was especially lucky.

She received money from reparations and from the sale of her late husband’s business in Amsterdam, enough to pay to relocate to New York. She went to work in a jewelry store on Fifth Avenue, where she strung custom pearls. The family lived as Americans, and Amsterdam receded into the past—until one day when Juhlin was 11.

“She sat me on a big chair in her bedroom,” Juhlin said, “and she told me.”

In a single conversation, Juhlin learned the family she thought she had in the Netherlands wasn’t her real family. And that her actual parents had been murdered by the Nazis. In a matter of minutes, all of them, in a sense, were snatched away.

“It was a very painful afternoon,” Juhlin said.

And yet, it was a pain that was quickly put aside, at least outwardly. “It was a story I was told and we shrugged it off,” she said. The message from her grandmother was that this was something not to talk about, not to worry about. “My grandmother was damaged by this,” she said. “She wasn’t the warmest person in the world. She kept everything at a distance.”

But her grandmother was only reacting to the message from society, Juhlin now realizes.

“We were told that we really didn’t suffer because we weren’t in a concentration camp. I don’t have a tattoo on my arm. And I was well taken care of during the war in somebody else’s home,” Juhlin said.

End of story? For a time.

Juhlin, like her grandmother, kept her background and her feelings to herself. But privately, and over time, she did grieve. She realized that had there been no Holocaust, no war, her life would have been very different. And she regretted that she had no mother to confide in or to comfort her. When her friends made reference to their parents, she kept her mouth shut.

“Still do,” Juhlin said.

She attended high school in New York and was a strong student—something her grandmother exhorted her to be. Juhlin chose Colby because she wanted to go far away from home. She was a French major (she no longer spoke Dutch), and during college she met her husband-to-be, who was two years older.

After graduation Juhlin moved back to New York and worked as a bilingual secretary for an import-export business on 42nd Street. She and her husband had three children and...

THESE SCHOLARS CAME TO COLBY TO ENSURE STORIES LIKE THAT OF WILHELMINA “WILLIE” JUHLIN ’61 ARE NOT FORGOTTEN.

An international symposium, “Exploring Women’s Testimony: Genocide, War, Revolution, the Holocaust and Human Rights,” took place Oct. 8-10 at Colby, the University of Maine at Augusta, and the Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine.

The intent, said Assistant Professor of French Audrey Brunetaux, was to consider human rights abuses—from the perspective of gender, in a variety of conflicts and cultures, and through the lenses of scholars, activists, educators, and artists.

“We wanted to talk not only about literature, but also about media, visual arts, and art,” said co-organizer Brunetaux. Nearly 20 scholars from around the world gathered to present on topics ranging from Romani women in the Holocaust to the Rwandan and Armenian genocides to women’s rights in Afghanistan.

Brunetaux, whose scholarship includes an emphasis on Holocaust narratives, said the theme of the symposium connects the Holocaust with abuses of recent years.

“Human rights issues, discrimination, extermination—they are still going on,” she said. “I think it’s still necessary to highlight those problems and have people come and talk ... about what they are doing.”

Scholars from Rutgers, São Paolo, Michigan State, Bates, Bowdoin, and Colby, among others, participated, along with playwrights, video journalists, and activists from Uganda and Rwanda.

Brunetaux, a member of the Holocaust and Human Rights Center board, said the goal is to sustain conversations. “Sometimes students forget the past is still important, and there are repercussions in the present. With human rights we see that.”
THE EMOTIONAL POWER OF REFLECTION

Reflections of Jews hidden as children, memoirs of concentration-camp survivors, films that explore the residual effects of the Holocaust—the stories are shared in different ways but all have the power to compel audiences to consider past, present, and future.

For Assistant Professor of French Audrey Brunetaux it was the work of memoirist Charlotte Delbo—sent to Auschwitz as a captured member of the French Resistance—that inspired a scholarly career focused on French film and literature related to the Holocaust.

“I had a very emotional reaction to that text,” Brunetaux said. “I wanted to know why.” She went on to study Delbo’s work in graduate school. “The way she writes is very powerful and provokes the readers. I wanted to look at text and films that do that.”

Brunetaux shared this reading and viewing list of Holocaust literature, starting with Delbo:

**TEXTS:**

*Auschwitz and After*, Charlotte Delbo  
*Maus I & II: A Survivor’s Tale*, Art Spiegelman  
*Rue Ordener, rue Labat*, Sarah Kofman  
*This Way for the Gas, Ladies and Gentlemen*, Tadeusz Borowski  
*Night*, Elie Wiesel  
*The Long Voyage*, Jorge Semprun

**FILMS:**

*Goodbye Children*, Louis Malle  
*The Birch-Tree Meadow*, Marceline Loridan-Ivens  
*Shoah*, Claude Lanzmann  
*The Pianist*, Roman Polanski  
*The Pawnbroker*, Sidney Lumet

Willie de Kadt Juhlin ’61 tells of her life as a hidden child so that this chapter in history is remembered and in hopes that it will not be repeated.

for several years she was a stay-at-home mom. The family moved from city to city up and down the Eastern Seaboard as Thor Juhlin ’59 rose up the corporate ladder for a large construction company. The last job was back in New York City, and the family settled in Morristown, N.J. Willie Juhlin earned a master’s degree at night, and in 1980 she took a job as an English as a Second Language teacher in a local public school.

Thor Juhlin, who died in 1997, knew the Amsterdam story, as did a few of Willie Juhlin’s closest friends. “My own children had heard in dribs and drabs,” she said. When she did talk about her childhood, it wasn’t extensive and she never used the term “hidden child.” As far as she knew, “it just happened to me,” she said. “I knew nobody else. Nor did my brother.”

The phenomenon of hidden Jewish children was known to scholars, Scheck says, but it became more public in the 1980s and 1990s. The children of the 1940s were aging and looking to document their experiences. The end of the Cold War allowed for access to information in Eastern Bloc countries.

It was only then that Juhlin learned she was not alone.

Just as the moment she learned about her family is seared in her memory, so is the weekend she learned that she was
one of thousands of hidden children. In 1991, at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in New York City, the Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith sponsored a conference titled the First International Gathering of Children Hidden During World War II. Organizers expected 900 people to attend; more than 1,500 showed up. Willie Juhlin was one, along with her brother, Martin. “It was mind-blowing,” she said. “My growing up years, including my time at Colby, I didn’t realize I was a hidden child.”

Speakers included heads of Holocaust survivors’ groups, a rabbi, and a filmmaker. Juhlin still has her now-faded program, annotated with carefully written notes: children deprived ... old before they were young ... lost so much ... no trust in others ... they are survivors ... talk about it.

So she started to do just that.

At first it was in the middle school in New Jersey where she worked, when she spoke to students who were reading The Diary of Anne Frank or the Lois Lowry novel Number the Stars. Later she spoke at other area schools and even visited her grandchildren’s school, where her grandchildren heard much of the story for the first time. “No matter what kind of student, ... whether it was a small group or a large group, you could hear a pin drop,” Juhlin said.

Now retired, she doesn’t give the talks very often, and when she is asked, she sometimes hesitates. To speak about her experience, she said, “I have to take all that stuff off the back burner. But I end up doing it because it’s a story that needs to be told.”

She talks not only about her own story and the Holocaust but about prejudice and people attacked because of their religion. “I feel evangelical about it. I think everybody is getting older and ... certain people say there was no Holocaust. And so I feel obligated, in a way, to keep this story real for people. Especially for young people because they’re so far removed from it now.”

That can’t be said about her own children and grandchildren. Last year Juhlin took them to meet her extended “hidden family” in the Netherlands. They met her hidden sisters, saw her grandmother’s house in Amsterdam, now an office. The younger generation was fascinated—and disturbed.

“I said, ‘Good,’” Juhlin said. “‘My message came across.’”

MAZZEO TO WRITE OF ANOTHER RESCUER, “THE FEMALE SCHINDLER”

Irena Sendlerowa, a social worker in Poland during World War II, is known to some as “the female Schindler.” Now bestselling author Tilar J. Mazzeo, Clara C. Piper Associate Professor of English, is bringing Sendlerowa’s story to life.

In a new book Mazzeo will detail how Sendlerowa and women in her office created a secret network that saved 2,500 Jewish children from the Treblinka death camp. The children were given new identities and hidden in foster families and convents. Sendlerowa took enormous risks to keep a complete list so families could be reunited.

Most families did not survive, but nearly all of “Irena’s children” did.

Olek Lato ’15, a biology and philosophy major and Mazzeo’s research assistant this summer, completed translations of Holocaust testimony and helped to compile other materials for Irena’s Children, which will be published by Simon & Schuster in 2016.
MEDIA

Lynne Conner (Theater and Dance)

**Audience Engagement and the Role of Arts Talk in the Digital Era**

Palgrave-Macmillan (2013)

At the heart of *Arts Talk* is the belief that audience pleasure is tied to the opportunity to interpret the meaning and value of art, and that this pleasure is enhanced when interpretation is made social.

Reaching back as far as ancient Greek theater and into the digital present and near-future, Professor of Theater and Dance Lynne Conner has created a guide that is both theoretical and practical. *Arts Talk* is designed to be read and used by a wide range of arts workers: arts administrators who want to increase their audience’s capacity to explore the art work they produce and present; artists who want to be in dialogue with their communities; arts educators looking for additional tools for launching authentic conversations; and arts funders who want to expand their understanding of the meaning and value of the work they support.

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Ronald Moran ’58

**The Tree in the Mind**

Clemson University Digital Press (2014)

Moran’s latest volume of poetry is replete with observations that could and should be made late in life but too often go unsaid. The poems are like a graceful denouement, where the story of our lives is wrapped up—or more likely not. The questions are about aging, loneliness, Paris Hilton, a hearing-aid salesman on the phone, a proposition in a bar that may have been imagined. Moran’s voice is strong, his wit sharp, his sidelong glances telling.

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David Roderick ’92

**The Americans**

University of Pittsburgh Press (2014)

In his second poetry collection, Roderick moves from public transit to plastic ceiling stars, tornados to Target to explore the complex idea of American-ness. “What does it mean to be an American?” he asks through each lyrical poem, whether a poignantly realistic love story or a letter to suburbia. At the same time, he examines the nation’s social and political barriers—between nations and between people. U.S. Poet Laureate Natasha Trethewey describes *The Americans* as a “compelling meditation on the ways we go about our lives at this cultural moment.”

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Adam Howard (Education), Aimee Polimeno ’14, and Brianne Wheeler ’14

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Some 700 heads of colleges and universities, including Colby’s, have signed the American College & University Presidents’ Climate Commitment. That leaves several thousand still out there, and this guide could be their blueprint. Martin and Samuels offer sustainability solutions and advice for administrators, trustees, and other policymakers. If, as the book says, colleges and universities must be at the forefront of efforts to preserve the planet’s resources, this volume should be on the syllabus.

Lucky bums, the kids who have Brunelle—Emmy Award winner for her writing for the television series Bill Nye the Science Guy—for a mom. Brunelle’s recounting of the unpredictable moments of parenthood is punctuated by her geeky excitement about the science behind, well, just about everything. Yes, she’s written extensively for her own books and television, but Brunelle hasn’t lost her zest for body odor (really), unexpected questions from her children (is there any other kind?), and head lice (the whole class got them). Each chapter ends with a project that you don’t have to be a science writer to enjoy.

Nick Jans ’77
A Wolf Called Romeo
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (2014)

Even in Alaska, most people go a lifetime without a glimpse of a wolf—so when writer, photographer, and wolf aficionado Nick Jans ’77 encounters a black wolf near his home on the outskirts of the state capital, he knows it’s big news. But he has no way of foreseeing the journey to come—the six-year relationship of a wild wolf with a city and its people.

Jason Spooner ’95
Chemical (CD)

For his fourth album Spooner wanted to do things a little differently. So he expanded his trio to a quartet, engaged his friend Jason Hearst ’94 as a co-producer, and retreated to Hearst’s Hearstudios in Camden, Maine. The result is Chemical, a collection of 13 songs in the “groovy-songwriter” vein that calls to mind Dave Matthews Band, Paul Simon, and Jack Johnson.


Kevin Rice ’96 (Chemistry): “Carbamoylating Activity Associated with the Activation of the Antitumor Agent Laromustine Inhibits Angiogenesis by Inducing ASK1-Dependent Endothelial Cell Death,” coauthor, PLOS ONE.


James Meehan (Economics, emeritus): “Explaining Changes in Organizational Form: The Case of Professional Baseball,” with F. Andrew Hansen (Clemson) and Thomas J. Miceli (University of Connecticut), Journal of Sports Economics.


My most important job as a professor at Colby is to convince students they are capable of doing things they never believed they could do. While providing a framework for learning and structuring the required knowledge are essential for this journey, the key component is my belief in my students and their ability to achieve incredible things. I’m successful when my students have reached a point where they can be creative and have the tools to start really exploring what they can do. That is when true learning begins.
Against the Tide

Colby reaffirms its commitment to the humanities

By Lori Ferguson  Photography by Dennis Griggs

Associate Professor of Philosophy
Lydia Moland, left, in the Colby College Museum of Art, discusses the painting Hannah Dustin Killing the Indians by Junius Brutus Stearns. The painting was part of an exhibit of censored art and art about censorship that was created in conjunction with the "Censorship Uncovered" humanities theme. At right are Jonathan Kalin '14 and Barbara Mejia '14.
Amber Ramirez ’14 traveled to Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, in the winter of 2013 to spend time with local residents and activists pressing for justice in the unsolved and largely uninvestigated murders of hundreds of young women in the city.

Ramirez said her time in Ciudad Juárez allowed her to “witness firsthand the resistance, resilience, and strength of family members and activists. It was an honor talking to and working with these people.”

And, she said, her humanities course work at Colby taught her to think more broadly and analytically, without losing sight of humanity. “They were not just subjects and I was not just an interviewer,” she said of her honors thesis in Spanish. “My research went beyond that.”

Ramirez, a double major in Spanish and women’s, gender, and sexuality studies whose research in Mexico was funded by a grant from Colby’s Center for the Arts and Humanities, is just one example of a student who flourished through study in a discipline that some say is a waste of time and money.

Economic uncertainty, a shifting job market, and rising tuitions have some colleges and universities—and students—moving from the humanities to more apparently lucrative majors in business, science, and engineering. Harvard reports a 20-percent decrease in humanities majors in the past decade. Stanford administrators are concerned that 45 percent of its undergraduate faculty are in humanities but they teach only 15 percent of students.

Tech CEOs have entered both sides of the liberal arts debate. President Barack Obama recently took a shot at humanities study, saying workers in manufacturing or trades may earn more money than art history majors. (He later apologized.)

No apologies from Colby.

The College is doubling down on its belief in the value of study of the humanities—an essential subset of the liberal arts. President David A. Greene in his inauguration speech Sept. 13 emphatically reaffirmed Colby’s mission, declaring, “Colby’s commitment to its liberal arts traditions must be unassailable.”

“The liberal arts,” Greene said, “prepare students to enter a dynamic world where one can expect to have several different
We’re taking a pedagogical approach that’s more commonly associated with the natural sciences and applying it broadly across the humanities.

—Kerill O’Neill, the Julian D. Taylor Associate Professor of Classics and Director of Colby’s Center for the Arts and Humanities

jobs and even careers; they provide deep context and effective tools for analyzing problems, synthesizing data, and thinking creatively about solutions; they encourage strong writing and speaking skills; they instill an appreciation for art and ethics; they educate an informed citizenry to participate in governance; they prepare individuals to lead, inspire, and innovate.

In that first major public address at Colby, Greene confirmed a path taken after the economic downturn of 2007 by then-President William D. Adams (now chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities) and the Board of Trustees, which, propelled by a $750,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, created the Center for the Arts and Humanities in the fall of 2012.

Established alongside Colby’s robust programs in environmental and biomedical science and other areas, the center is the focal point that brings innovative interdisciplinary programming to campus and supports course work already underway, said Kerill O’Neill, the Julian D. Taylor Associate Professor of Classics and the center’s director.

Alumni, students, and faculty maintain that—contrary to critics who call for a more narrow, vocational approach to higher education—a humanities and liberal arts background is invaluable in a myriad of endeavors.

Lydia Moland, associate professor of philosophy and a member of the center’s executive committee, said she heard from a former student now in medical school. “He told me that he’s kept his books from his undergraduate humanities courses,” she said, “and that the way we approached learning at Colby now informs his approach to medicine.”

Another former student, Moland said, is with National Public Radio in New York and using the knowledge she gained in her arts and humanities courses to frame discussions of complicated social issues. “We’re giving our students tools that they can use daily, not only to improve their quality of life but also to approach complex subjects from many different angles,” she said.

And Colby is coming at the humanities in a very different way.

According to O’Neill, the humanities programs at many colleges focus on opportunities for faculty, by awarding research grants, for instance. Colby’s approach is very student focused, with students heavily involved in the humanities center’s activities. “We listen attentively to them and trust what they tell us they want to see, hear, and learn,” he said. The aim is for faculty and students to be partners in the pursuit of knowledge in a multifaceted way: through arts and humanities lab courses and an annual humanities theme.

The humanities theme enables faculty and students to collaborate with the center to organize a year’s worth of courses, speakers, exhibitions, and performances around a particular topic such as terrorism or censorship.

This approach affords faculty a powerful vehicle for highlighting the many perspectives that the humanities can bring to a subject, Moland says. Two years ago the theme “Comedy, Seriously” examined the topic from a variety of perspectives including philosophy (What is humor?), psychology (Why do we laugh?), physiology (How do we laugh?), and the classics (an examination of ancient comedy).
This year’s theme is “Migrations,” a broad concept developed by Associate Professor of Art Tanya Sheehan and Assistant Professor of Music Natalie Zelensky.

Sheehan—whose own research cuts across art history, American studies, and diaspora studies, among others—says migration can mean movement of living things, objects, or even ideas across time and space. The response has been “incredibly positive,” she said, because the topic itself touches on major issues in humanities, arts, social sciences, and sciences, among other disciplines.

When she arrived at Colby last year, she was drawn to the Center for the Arts and Humanities “as a space where real intellectual work happens across the disciplines.” The center’s lab courses further broaden the sense of academic community at Colby, O’Neill said, promoting experiential learning and a hands-on approach (common in biology and chemistry, but innovative in the humanities).

“We’re taking a pedagogical approach that’s more commonly associated with the natural sciences and applying it broadly across the humanities,” O’Neill said. “Through their work in the field—whether it be in a local elementary school, the College art museum, or the library’s Special Collections—students learn important life skills: the ability to analyze, synthesize, problem solve, and communicate.”

So a philosophy professor is doing a lab? In an art museum? Exactly.

“It adds another way of understanding what students can do in certain kinds of classes,” Moland said. “Structuring a course as a lab really shifts your understanding of where the knowledge is coming from—students become partners in the knowledge being generated, rather than just recipients.”

“Our students are becoming adults and finding out what the world is like,” she said. “They’re asking the big questions: ‘Who am I?’ ‘Why am I here?’ ‘What’s the meaning of life?’ They’re at the perfect place in life to be making these inquiries.”

And with Colby and humanities opening their eyes, they know there likely is no one answer.

That’s what Ramirez concluded about Ciudad Juárez, that the problem, like much in life, isn’t black and white—also a takeaway from her work in women’s studies and philosophy, she said. “There is no one solution,” Ramirez said. “There’s no one story. There are different voices and different needs in Ciudad Juárez, but they all want justice.”

It’s a lesson she’s taken to heart. Ramirez is now in Indianapolis working as a paralegal in a nonprofit that works with non-English-speaking immigrants. The experience has told her there is a shortage of immigration attorneys to tackle complex immigration cases. Liberal arts degree firmly in hand, she plans to go to law school.

SO WHAT DOES A HUMANIST ACTUALLY DO?

Kyle Layne-Allen ’13, an English and classics major, working in sales for a small mobile marketing firm:

“I’m interacting with people constantly, through presentations, e-mails, phone calls, etc.,” Layne-Allen said. “I’m using the communication skills I developed in college every day. I learned to write well in my English classes. And the arts and humanities labs, which enabled us to debate our ideas and present them to large groups, taught me to think outside the box and develop confidence in my presentation abilities. And translating all of those Latin texts taught me discipline and perseverance.”

Alex Richards ’09, a history and classical civilization major and now associate director of sales strategy at UBS Wealth Management:

“When analyzing an issue, for instance, I think about why people might be thinking, feeling, or acting the way they are,” Richards said. “My humanities studies have increased my ability to empathize and to look at a problem from another’s perspective. I know it sounds clichéd, but studying the humanities really teaches you how to think and communicate effectively.”

For more about the Center for the Arts and Humanities visit colby.edu/centerartshumanities
I was drawn to American studies as a major because it deepened my desire and my ability to examine and understand the social and cultural realities that existed in my own community. Around the same time at Colby I found my love for photography. I began to appreciate craft and technique and, more importantly, the medium’s ability to give you an instant voice as you choose a subject and frame a photograph.

Equipped with these tools, I was ready to return home to the South Bronx and find a way to address issues of inner-city poverty, racism, and misrepresentations. As a photojournalist and documentary photographer, I found that the best way to address these broader topics was to zoom into the perspective of family life—as in my family and its narrative.

I spent the past year photographing daily life and traumatic events in my family. I wanted to tell our stories—stories of aspiration, struggle, and loneliness.

Being immersed in this story pulled me closer to my family and helped me to grow as a documentary photographer. The result has been a journey of self-discovery.

—Edwin Torres ’12

Excerpt from the *Colby Magazine* online essay “Close to Home,” by Edwin J. Torres ’12. The complete essay and more of Torres’s photographs are at colby.edu/mag.

*My brother, Justino Sanchez, helps to dress my grandfather for my grandmother’s funeral. My grandfather uses a wheelchair because he lost a foot to gangrene after many years selling produce in the hot sun.*
Soto’s conclusions are based on more than personal observation (though he did once teach middle school math). He’s spent his academic career—Harvard (undergraduate), Berkeley, Colby—studying personality: how it is formed, how it changes with age, how it shapes the course of a person’s life.

Like many psychologists, Soto considers personality through assessment of “the Big Five” personality traits—openness, conscientiousness, extraversion, agreeableness, and neuroticism.

His students do the same, learning about the Big Five and considering where they themselves fall on the personality scale. Anyone can do the same on Soto’s personality-test website—personalitylab.org—adding to the data that Soto and his students use in ongoing studies. “It’s asking you to reflect on your behavior in a very explicit way,” he said.

Soto is curious to know more about how personality changes over a person’s lifetime, and why people see different sorts of changes. Behavioral genetics, he said, tells us that personality is formed by genes and the brain and also by environment. Genetic similarities predict similar personalities, and yet even identical twins don’t have identical personalities.

Experts are beginning to conclude that personality can also be changed intentionally, though wishing for a certain change doesn’t make it happen. “It’s translating these abstract traits into specific behaviors and specific plans for implementation,” Soto said. Act differently long enough and personality can actually be altered, he says. “If you can continue behaving in the new way long enough … that becomes your automatic response,” Soto said.

Another trained behavior, he said, is the tendency to consider other people in terms of their personality traits. “I warn my students,” he said. “You will not be able to turn it off.” —Gerry Boyle ’78

What is the Colby personality? A study by students of Assistant Professor of Psychology Christopher Soto showed that Colby students are above average in extraversion, agreeableness, and conscientiousness and below average in neuroticism. (See graphic above. Data come from a study conducted by Natasha Atkinson ’11, Jessica Blais ’12, and Julia Engelsted ’11 and presented at the 2012 meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology.)

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When the strongest earthquake ever recorded in Japan hit on March 11, 2011, Melissa Meyer ’16 was stuck for eight hours on a bus between her home in Tokyo and her high school in the suburbs. Then, when she learned the earthquake and resultant tsunami had caused a meltdown at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, she barely left her apartment for weeks.

“You can't really do anything in nuclear fallout and so there was a huge amount of worry,” she said. “And then there were the aftershocks. The earthquake didn’t just stop, it kept going. Every few minutes for a month there were tremors.”

The disaster was blamed for 15,887 deaths and left Meyer questioning whether the Japanese government had done enough to keep people safe and informed. By the summer, when she evacuated to the United States with her Japanese mother and American father, she'd already learned that many of the things she'd taken for granted—electricity, food, and safety—could easily be taken away.

Meyer was born in Japan (where her parents, Minako and Joe Meyer ’79, met) and attended the American School in Tokyo. Last winter she spent Jan Plan working for Japan’s Financial Services Agency, the equivalent of the Securities and Exchange Commission. This summer Meyer drew on her own experience and resulting interest, working closely with Professor of History Paul Josephson. Meyer’s research will become a chapter in a book Josephson is writing called Technostories. She's written case studies of Fukushima, Hurricane Katrina, the Exxon Valdez and Deepwater Horizon oil spills, and the 1984 chemical leak in Bhopal, India, to see how responses to those disasters have missed the mark.

In the process, she's learning that history is as much about the future as it is the past.

“In the beginning, I was just blaming the government,” Meyer said. “But by this research I was able to step back and see it from a more unbiased way. I realized that we can’t keep blaming people because it’s already happened, and what we need to do now is figure out a way to prevent this thing from happening again.”

—Jacob McCarthy
The former vault room for the Boston Stock Exchange, in the city’s Downtown Crossing area, now houses a different sort of asset.

It’s been converted into a classroom at the Irish International Immigrant Center, an organization that has expanded over the decades to serve immigrants from around the world.

“Our largest [non-Irish] single population is Haitian,” said the center’s education coordinator, Sarah Chapple-Sokol ’04, who runs down the list of first homes of students: Guatemala, El Salvador, Albania, Morocco … .

Chapple-Sokol oversees classes in citizenship, English, and computer studies, courses that attract recent and longtime immigrants bent on improving their lives and the lives of their children.

The Boston-born Chapple-Sokol says the impetus for wanting to work with people from international backgrounds started at...
Colby. In 2002 the anthropology major studied in Cape Town, South Africa, with Professor Catherine Besteman—working in a township, living with South African families, tutoring high school students—an experience she said has shaped her post-Colby life. “Everything I’ve done, a lot of different things—it’s part of the same arc that started at Colby.”

Once back from Cape Town, “I became much more interested in the international world, and I wanted to work with people from other countries,” she said.

The French-speaking Chapple-Sokol launched her English Language Learners (ELL) career teaching English in Dijon. Last year she finished a master’s degree in intercultural relations at Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass., and she’s since put that knowledge to work training Brazilian domestic workers to resolve conflicts with American employers.

At the center Chapple-Sokol coordinates education services, works with grant writers, collaborates with the management team, and writes articles for the Irish Emigrant, a Boston paper geared toward those she’s devoted her time to helping. She writes profiles of students and teachers and news about the center’s programs. “I really enjoy getting to interact with the students,” said Chapple-Sokol, who also works part time at the Brazilian Immigrant Center.

She also enjoys watching people from different cultures interact with each other. “One of the best parts of this work is when I’ve gotten to watch friendships form,” she said.

Said Chapple-Sokol, who studied conflict resolution in her master’s program: “If people could just sit and talk with each other and find a common humanity ... .” —Andrew Clark

Sarah Chapple-Sokol ’04 with students. Chapple-Sokol traces her interest in the immigrant experience to Colby and study in Cape Town, South Africa, with Professor Catherine Besteman.
Matters of Life and Death

Helicopter paramedic Mike Choate ’97 flies to the rescue

Mike Choate ’97 is a LifeFlight helicopter paramedic, but one day this summer his most dramatic case, and Choate’s most impressive performance, came when a patient literally walked into a Lewiston, Maine, emergency room.

Responding to a Code 11 emergency call on the hospital’s PA, Choate strode into the ER, dressed in his blue flight-suit coveralls, to find a trauma team including two physicians assessing the case. On the gurney was a man with a gaping, diagonal chest wound caused by a circular saw. Choate positioned himself at the patient’s head, asked the man some questions, ordered medication, and explained to the patient what was going to happen. With the ER doctor’s permission and after anesthesia was administered, Choate intubated the patient, inserting a rigid, plastic airway down the bloodied man’s windpipe. It’s a simultaneously delicate and slightly brutal procedure with life-or-death consequences.

The sedated patient was trundled off to surgery, emergency over, prognosis good. And as Choate slipped out and walked down the hallway, the trauma surgeon pursued him—not to challenge Choate’s take-charge attitude, but to thank him for helping.

“When these guys [LifeFlight paramedics] come into the room, the whole place calms down,” said Tom Judge, executive director and founder of LifeFlight of Maine, the nonprofit that is Maine’s only medical scene-response helicopter service.

Choate and his colleagues do it all—sometimes outdoors, sometimes in the dark, sometimes during Maine winter, sometimes all three. He has used night-vision goggles to find and help save a depressed person lost in a Maine swamp. He’s used the helicopter’s onboard blood supply to save the life of a woman he found unconscious after her throat was slit when a drug deal went bad. And he recently coauthored a medical research paper on intubation that Judge says will change the way emergency medicine is practiced in the field.

Choate was interested in medicine when he arrived at Colby from Gardiner, Maine, but his calling found him when he took the Emergency Medical Technician Jan Plan. He was working for a local ambulance company before he graduated, and he’s undergone intensive, never-ending training and testing to be certified as a critical-care transport paramedic.

As the quality assurance and process improvement coordinator for LifeFlight, Choate puts his mathematics major to work tracking the efficacy of medical procedures and protocols. The benefit is felt across Maine.

“When the thing I like most about my job is being able to bring critical care and acute resuscitation to patients wherever they may be,” he said, “whether it’s at a small hospital on an island off the coast or in the Allagash Wilderness Waterway.”
—Stephen Collins ’74

More about Mike Choate ’97, including additional photos and video, at colby.edu/mag
World-Class Research

Faculty and relationships with Maine’s big-three research labs propel Colby’s opportunities in biomedical science

Colby students are working closely with accomplished scientists on groundbreaking biomedical projects that will prepare them for science at Colby and far beyond.

Chris Krasniak ’16 was at Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory working to identify the role of a protein in the kidney’s filtration system. In a nearby lab, an incoming Colby first-year was slipping tubes into centrifuges and readying animal samples to be identified genetically and added to a species database. “Yesterday we extracted DNA,” explained Caitlin Farrington ’18. “It’s a long process.”

Through ongoing and growing relationships with premiere research facilities including MDI Biological Laboratory, the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, and Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences in East Boothbay, Colby students are working closely with accomplished professors and researchers on groundbreaking biomedical projects that will prepare them for science at Colby and far beyond.

Down the road at the Jackson Laboratory, a sprawling genetics research facility, research assistant Dan Sunderland ’14 was explaining his work on the possible genetic causes of glaucoma.

“I feel like I was very well prepared [at Colby],” he said. “Between the class work and the lab experiences that I was able to have, it’s put me in a really great place to go straight into a position like this.”

That path is expected to widen as Colby reaps the success of grants and donor funding and strengthens and builds its connections to three of Maine’s world-class research facilities. That grant was the latest installment of an estimated $5-6 million to come to Colby from the National Institutes of Health over the past 15 years, according to J. Warren Merrill Associate Professor of Biology Andrea Tilden, whose relationship as a research scientist at MDI Biological Laboratories goes back decades.

The connections to MDI Biological Laboratory and the Jackson Laboratory exist alongside Colby’s partnership with the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences, a formal relationship that offers a semester-in-residence program for Colby students.

Tilden has taught a Jan Plan at MDI Biological Laboratory for several years. Plans to bolster science research opportunities for Colby students at the Jackson Laboratory in coming years are underway. That advantage is coupled with dramatic advances in science technology that are helping biomedical study emerge at Colby the way environmental studies have over the past several years, Tilden said.

Opportunities like an upcoming Jackson Laboratory Jan Plan will allow for more faculty collaboration with colleagues at the research institutions, said Paul Greenwood, professor of biology and associate vice president for academic affairs. “There’s a richness for our students and a richness for our faculty that a lot of small schools don’t have,” Greenwood said. “We’re not in a big urban area, but we have these great biomedical institutions nearby. For a rural place, it’s an unusual number of really good world-class institutions.”
ACADEMICS

COULD CHILDHOOD NUTRITION SET LATE-LIFE BRAIN FUNCTION?

Associate Professor of Psychology Melissa Glenn is interested in how our brains change as we grow old, and how we can prepare them for the future when we’re young.

“We want to understand the impact of those early life experiences by investigating what neurological and behavioral functioning looks like in adulthood,” Glenn said. “In particular, I’m interested in how the levels of certain nutrients in early life can set you on a protected trajectory.”

Glenn and her students supplement the diet of pregnant rats with choline, a protein found in foods like broccoli and eggs. The focus of the research is ways in which prenatal choline organizes brain development and could reduce the likelihood of depression, schizophrenia, and other disorders later in life.

With a $476,444 INBRE grant from the National Institutes of Health in 2010, Glenn has expanded understanding of the effects of nutrients on the brain. Her seminar and collaborative research course, Neural Plasticity and Behavior, and independent studies, have produced two published papers with student coauthors.

Glenn’s project began with an award in 2008 from Support of Mentors and their Students in Neuroscience. She used that funding to hire a student researcher and collect data that was later used to secure the INBRE award. Last year she applied for and received a $120,000 one-year extension of INBRE funding.

“Coming in here I found that it was weird how quickly it became normal,” Sunderland said later, “how quickly I was able to start picking up the skills and how relatable some of the skills were that I learned at Colby.”

AHMAD WINS GRANT FOR STUDY OF NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASE

Assistant Professor of Biology Tariq Ahmad is in the hunt for the genetic causes of some of the most devastating neurodegenerative diseases: frontotemporal dementia (FTD), amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), and Parkinson’s.

Ahmad, a neurobiologist, recently received $500,000 in funding from the National Institutes of Health for his research, with Colby undergraduate researchers often serving as research assistants and coauthors of published papers.

“The projects in my lab have flourished because of undergraduate research,” Ahmad wrote in his proposal to the NIH. “Recent publications from my lab and work with collaborators have prominently featured undergraduate students (mostly as first authors).”

For more on Ahmad’s work, visit colby.edu/mag.

In particular, I’m interested in how the levels of certain nutrients in early life can set you on a protected trajectory.

—Melissa Glenn

In left photo, Chris Krasniak ’16 at work in the laboratory at Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory, where he did research last summer on causes of kidney disease. At right, Sara LoTemplio ’16 at work in the Colby lab of Associate Professor of Psychology Melissa Glenn.
Clare Byarugaba, the 2014 Oak Human Rights Fellow at Colby, is a prominent advocate for LGBT rights in Uganda, where there is widespread anti-gay fervor and a law was passed that outlawed homosexuality and promotion of it. She continued to work under threat of arrest and violence, and her photograph was published in a popular Ugandan tabloid, identifying Byarugaba as “a gay recruiter.” She is spending the fall semester at Colby, where her presence was immediately felt. Byarugaba was interviewed by Colby Magazine this summer, prior to a court ruling in August that the anti-gay law was invalid. The law is expected to be proposed again next year at the time of Uganda’s national elections.

How are things going?
We continue to persevere. And continue to work under very difficult circumstances.

Are you in hiding?
Generally I can’t go to office as frequently as I used to. So I either have to work from home or work from another office. Basically stay away from the public eye. It is quite stressful.

How does this affect your work as an advocate?
People cannot come to the office to see you. We are afraid sometimes that our phones are tapped. I had to change my SIM card twice. And of course [there are] the threats online and by phone. At the same time, this law was passed to ensure that we go into oblivion, that we run for the hills. But we are trying to remain defiant and continue to work as best we can with the situation.

Does the law reflect public opinion as it’s been for some time or did the passage of the law inflame public opinion?
It’s definitely inflamed it. People never thought about this issue or were deeply involved. The people became hysterical once the law was passed. Ugandans listen a lot to their leaders. They feel it’s very important to be vigilant and rid Uganda of gay people.
What is the Ugandan government’s motive?
If we start to have some small victories around equality, then another group that is being marginalized will start to speak out. … They also want to divert attention away from issues that they are failing to deal with. Corruption. The failing health-care system. The failing education system. They’d rather have an issue like homosexuality that excites people.

You spoke in Los Angeles last spring. Is it a bit surreal to go from Uganda to a very different climate for LGBT rights?
It’s a huge culture shock, but on the other hand, I take from those experiences. I come back with hope that one day our work shall bear fruit or result in such high levels of freedom for each and every Ugandan.

Are you ever tempted to stop your work?
I feel like it would just be much, much easier being an average woman, hiding her sexuality, not being political. When you start to do this kind of work, you know that as a leader people count on you. People keep telling me all the time, “Why don’t you get out of that country?” I tell them I would never seek asylum unless things get really bad. I don’t know how bad it would get for me to be willing to leave my country.

A news story reported that your mother said she should turn you in to the police? True?
Yes. She has threatened. I like to think that was her being angry, that at the end of the day she would be a mother and protect me. The homophobia would not overpower her love for me as her daughter.

Are you estranged from your family?
To a large extent I am. My parents say, “Just stay away. We can’t have you be around. People have been asking questions.” That’s very painful. … I have a brother who is a little bit progressive and always says he has my back. So I can take that and say at least I have someone in my family that would probably rescue me from jail.

Did you know David Cato, the Ugandan LGBT rights activist who was outed and murdered?
Yes. We lost an amazing, amazing activist, one of the pioneers. I felt very strong about trying to fill those shoes.

Do you fear you might suffer the same fate?
Every day. It’s scary. I feel like each and every one of us might suffer the same fate, and we don’t deserve it. But I feel like the price of our activism is that high. People generally hate gay people and we are targeted. But we can only pray and hope we don’t suffer that fate. Because I believe strongly that a dead activist is not a good activist.

Do you receive death threats?
Yes, I do, all the time. We try to use social media and all the spaces that don’t put us into so much trouble. If I was going to go on TV right now to talk about gay issues, I would be arrested. I would be promoting homosexuality.

Jail would also be a very harsh experience, according to news reports.
Yes, my worst fear, honestly, as a lesbian activist, is corrective rape. Because if the president has said that gay people can change, then I feel people will go to any lengths to make you think how you should be as a woman. I’m very afraid that that would happen to us in jail.

I feel like it would be much, much easier being an average woman, hiding her sexuality, not being political. When you start to do this kind of work, you know that as a leader people count on you.

—Clare Byarugaba

Reading recent news may leave some with the impression that Uganda is a very repressive country. Is this painting with too broad a brush?
Yes. I totally believe that Ugandans are largely tolerant. The country I grew up in as a child, in a village setting, was one where people actually shared—shared sugar, shared everything. Our neighbors’ kids would not sleep hungry if there was food in my mother’s house. People look out for each other. I choose to believe that my country is not that kind of a country where people are targeted simply because they are different. Maybe I’m an idealist, maybe that’s what keeps me going. I think there’s definitely possibility for change.

What do you hope to accomplish while you’re at Colby?
It’s a time for me to connect with people at an international level and hopefully try to organize activism in a way that is helpful for our cause back home. But apart from that it’s very important to get out of Uganda for a while, to have some time to respire, and to put myself in the larger context of sexual rights in Uganda. It’s a huge, huge deal for me.
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Nancy Curtis Lawrence wrote from Beverly, Mass., saying that her daughter, grandson, and granddaughter live with her. Her granddaughter is in a culinary arts program and makes them wonderful meals. Nancy no longer drives and needs a walker to get around, so she uses a dial-a-ride service to get to the pool, downtown, or to the museums. She corresponds with her old roommate, Priscilla Muldenke Drake ’43, whose husband died recently. Priscilla now lives with her daughter outside St. Louis.

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Shirley Martin Dudley, whose husband, Chuck ’45, passed away seven years ago, stays busy, as Chuck would have wanted. She visits her children twice a year; Jon and family live in California, Laurel and sons in Pennsylvania, Jim in southern Florida, Bill and family in Indiana, and Donna and family in Connecticut, where Shirley spends six months of the year. She spends the other six months in Florida. Shirley writes, “In April 2013 Donna took me to Paris, and it was memorable. We found the French people very helpful, and our tour guide was super, showing us all around Paris, Versailles, the Louvre, Giverny with Monet’s home and gardens, Montmartre neighborhood, Le Marais district, the Musée d’Orsay, and a cruise on the Seine River. Because of graduations I have not been able to return to Colby, but all this will pass. My best wishes to you all.”

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In August Howell Clement wrote that this summer they only had little fires of one to two acres where he lives in Kalspeil, Mont. He has seven deer visit him daily and also snowshoe hares. In July I accompanied my daughter Deborah Marsen ’75 and her husband to Maine for an extended weekend. The weather was not cooperative, and I did not play golf. I got a lot of reading done. It was great to revisit Penobscot Bay, where Dorothy and I had cruised in our boat in the past. Carol Stoll Baker and I have dinner together on occasion. Janet Gay Hawkins wrote that “all is well on eastern Long Island and Greenport. Ever since Greenport was written up in the New York Times as a ‘destination’ this entire area is getting more and more crowded, but I guess that’s progress. I was recently honored by the Nature Conservancy’s Mashomack Preserve on Shelter Island for having been involved with the preserve since it was started in 1980. I have served as a board member, I was benefit chairman for many years, and, along with my late husband, Harman, I encouraged inner-city youths to enjoy the outdoors and all it has to offer. For once I was speechless (well, almost) when asked to say a few words to the benefit audience of 400!” In August Kay Weisman Jaffe and her husband spent time in Lakewood, N.J., for their granddaughter’s wedding. Kay said, “After Labor Day Mike and I leave from Boston’s South Station on an overnight Amtrak (the first we’ve been in since before Amtrak when we went on our honeymoon almost 65 years ago) to Chicago, then overnight to Salt Lake City. Plans are to visit state and national parks as well as quaint places. We end up near Park City, where our first grandchild lives with her husband and kids, who are four of our eight grandchildren. All in all we live a great life despite violence and tragedy in the world. We wish all ‘48ers the same and wish we could hope for peace in our time.” Evelyn Helfant Malkin spent a considerable amount of time with her 14-year-old grandson this summer visiting Chesapeake Bay, Martha’s Vineyard, and New York City. At the time she wrote she was planning a trip to Nantucket. She has six great-grandchildren. As for your correspondent, I have been in Dedham, Mass., since early June and plan to return to Jupiter, Fla., in mid-October. I have not played as much golf as I had planned, but I am busy with the consolidation of papers and records and discarding things for which there is no excuse in accumulating. This is my first summer without Dorothy, and it has been a very difficult adjustment. Thanks to those who contributed news for this column.

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You were all so great in responding to my questionnaire that our column has been the envy of other correspondents! Many thanks again. Charles Cotton writes from Hermon, Maine, where a year ago he was the third oldest male in the town of 6,000. Charlie has three children and five grandchildren. One of his daughters and her husband own four Tim Horton franchises. After many different jobs, Charlie ended up teaching at Presque Isle High School, and while there he was one of three teachers to start the first adult ed classes. In addition he farmed, growing vegetables for several large stores and restaurants. He now lives in a community complex with lots of kids, whose athletic events he enjoys attending. He rides his bike daily, weather permitting, and gives a helping hand to anyone who needs it. Carleton Porter and his wife now live in a retirement community—Emileus at Cherry Hill in Danvers, Mass. They have four children. Priscilla Pomerleau Fhem wrote that in July 2013 she moved to Elim Park in Cheshire, Conn. She passed away on Aug. 20, 2014. Mary Helen “Mike” Wilson Miller sent a long e-mail dated August 25, 2013, that I’m excerpting: “Along with many other classmates, my husband (Roland) and I belong to the baby-boomer-parent generation. We boast five children, 10 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Our oldest grandchild is 33 years old, and our newest is just four months. We have just returned from a month at our beloved camp at Beech Hill Pond in Otis, Maine. Our yearly pilgrimages to Maine usually include visits with Jenny Young Ellis and Mary-Louise “Lou” Roberts Friberg. A regular visit to our daughter in Florida also gives me the opportunity to reconnect with Jean Maloof Naman. We retired 14 years ago to Manotick, an interesting village just on the outskirts of Ottawa. We still live in our own home but find it increasingly hard to maintain (we can’t really move because he, a scholar and retired professor, has too many books!). We are in the process of writing our joint memoirs. I continue to play lots of bridge, read voraciously and indiscriminately, and try to travel somewhere new and interesting every year. I’m involved in a local tearoom run exclusively by seniors and a women’s service club in Ottawa. Our latest grand adventure was to the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico to celebrate our 60th anniversary last January.” Bob Tonge reports that he has three children, all of whom went to Colby, and eight grandchildren. He keeps busy tending his garden and playing tennis. He’s a trustee at Unity College and a former chair. He’s traveled—to England, Dubai, Hong Kong, China, and Japan, as well as on a camel trip in the Saudi desert. Closer to home he sails the coast of Maine. Frances Nourse Johnston lives in Havenwood Heritage Heights in Concord, N.H., where she is involved in a book club, bridge, and cultural programs. She enjoys having two daughters, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild in the area and participating in their activities. One grandson rode his bike from New Hampshire to California to raise money for MS, and another is in the Peace Corps in Morocco. She keeps in touch with Mary Bauman Gates and her four-year roommate, Honey Hathaway.

Six of us—Jean Sheppard Silva, Burt Silberstein, Bob Sage, Carol Carpenter Bisbee, Charlie Rastelli, and I—made it to our 65th reunion. You were all represented by Jean, Burt, and me as we carried our banner through the honor guard of classes. We had an enjoyable dinner together, but we missed you all!”

1950
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I appreciated the response to the questionnaire. I will share some news here and save the rest for a future column. Alice “Ailee” Jennings Castelli wrote from North Branford, Conn., where she and her longtime companion, Bob Bundgaard, live in a retirement community. Ailee has macular degeneration, but with help from Bob and her daughter she keeps busy playing bridge and going to exercise classes, the opera, and other musical activities. She is very happy at Evergreen Woods, where there are many interesting people and the food is good. She belongs to a book club (Bob reads the books to her) and will take
an intermediate bridge class this fall. In recent years she and Bob have traveled to Copenhagen, Holland, and Norway. She has four children, four grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter, who lives in Oregon and is a recent graduate of the University of Oregon—summa cum laude!

- Philip A. Sherman has spent his years in the ministry. He lives in Gorham, Maine, and has six children, two stepchildren, nine grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. One daughter is registrar of deeds in Norway, Maine; one stepdaughter is a lawyer in Albany, N.Y., and one son directs the Registration of Antiquities in Luxor, Egypt. Philip has flown to the weddings of five grandchildren and officiated at three. Aside from his hobby of reading, he responds to calls from funeral homes and conducts about 100 funerals a year. He is chaplain for Gorham Fire and Rescue and conducts services in churches looking for a new minister and for those with ministers on vacation. Last September he flew on the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., to attend WWII memorial services, where he met Senator Dole, Colin Powell, and some Marine generals. — Ellie Everts reports that her husband, Nelson “Bud” Everts, fell down the stairs at their home in Wellesley, Mass., in April. Bud suffered severe injuries and is being cared for at the Stone Institute. If anyone would like to send Bud a note, the address is 277 Elliot St., Newton, MA 02464. We’re wishing him the best in his recovery. — Newton Bates writes from his home in Vineland, N.J., that he spent three weeks this summer at New Hampshire’s Lovell Lake. Newt planned to visit Colby while in New England and has occasional phone talks with his good friend Phil Shearman. He and Carolyn are grateful for their good health and send best wishes to all. — Barbara Preble Norton writes from her retirement community in Cromwell, Conn., and points out that she only attended Colby for freshman year. She has two stepchildren, four grandchildren, and two great-grands. She keeps busy with friends, activities at her residence, local trips, and knitting. — Nancy Ricker Sears doesn’t have an e-mail, but she does have a granddaughter, Esther Cleary (Hamilton College ’15), who very kindly wrote. Nancy and her late husband, Ben Sears ’52, met at Colby and were delighted that two of their four children attended their parents’ alma mater: Jennifer Sears Supple ’81 and Rebecca Sears Cleary ’87, whose husband is Charles Cleary ’86. Nancy was even more pleased when three grandchildren decided on Colby as well: Jennifer’s sons William ’12 and Jared ’13 and Rebecca’s son, Thomas ’17. — Jane Merril Thomas still lives in her home in Lynn, Mass., with her son Bill and two cats. Jane had serious back surgery several years ago and that, along with macular degeneration, has her confined to home. Bill is a great help, as is her son Jim. Her activities are limited, but she enjoys watching game shows.

1951

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Hi, classmates of the greatest generation, Class of ’51. I have heard from several of our classmates, now known as the survivors. — John Linscott is still playing jazz concerts in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. I hope that alumni in that area, like Joan Cannell and others, have heard his great music. — Dan Hall writes from Duxbury, Mass., home of some big sharks, that he and Lorrie had a wonderful time with his youngest son and his wife in Scotland, where they traveled for a visit. Son Ted and his wife live in Edinburgh, where they both teach at a private school. — Fred Boyle stopped writing books about genealogy and joined a senior theater group in Sanford and Springfield, Maine. He also teaches American history at a senior college. — Bill Miller is raising dressage horses in Brewster, Mass. Sorry I missed him when we were in Orleans—maybe next year. I stopped by the Olde Wharf Inn to visit Charlie Tobin, but he was not present. Sorry, Charlie—stay well! — Richard Nemrow changed his e-mail to richard.nemrow@gmail.com. Send him a note. — Lorraine (Arcese) ’54 and George Wales send their best to all classmates. — Bob Morrow sent me a wonderful book about his many years as the founder of the Tools for Freedom training program. I wish everyone in our class could receive a copy of this book, and I credit Bob for doing so much to improve the lives of so many people. Jackie Robinson once said that your life isn’t worth much unless you have a positive effect on other lives. Bob has done that for sure. Thanks again, Bob—you are my hero! — I still get a lot of terrific e-mails from Walt Russell, our most active classmate, as he attends our reunions every year possible. — Jane and I hosted our family members at our annual summer retreat on Cape Cod. We are both in our mid-80s and still enjoy the summers with our eight grandchildren and four super sons. Life has been good to us, and we hope for the same for all of our friends and my Colby classmates. I still play as much golf as the weather allows and will go down swinging. All the best to all of our ’51 classmates from me, Chet Harrington, in Villanova, Pa., and still on Outpost Hill, where we built our home in 1970.

1952

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I write to you from my new home in Vermont. After 25 years living on Cape Cod, I made a big leap to the north country of Middlebury. I’m sure that when winter arrives it will bring me back to my Colby days. — From Art White: “Golf is still fun, but I find it is easy to have inflated scores these days. Several of my Hotchkiss students have visited as they pass through Bath on their travels. It is a pleasure to see how these youngsters have grown to be such interesting and contributing adults. It is also pleasing to relive some of the fun moments of those school years.” — Another Maine resident, Nancy MacDonald Outrera, says, “Barbara Cheeseman Hooper and I attended reunion in June. We were the only members of the Class of 1952 there! The weather was lovely, and we especially enjoyed going through the biology and chemistry buildings, the chapel, the library with the coffee shop on the ground floor, the women’s union, and President and Mrs. Bixler’s Sunday night open house. I have been retired from teaching at the University of Vermont for 18 years. My husband died Nov. 10, 2013. I spent January to April in our condo in the process of moving to a retirement community in Shelburne, VT. I’m looking forward to writing more of my memoirs and having time to do various handicrafts.” — Barbara Bone Leavitt wrote that she had “a super visit with Jan ‘Sandy’ Pearson Anderson at Jan’s home in South Yarmouth, Mass. We had a wonderful time going to various Cape places and taking a sightseeing ride on the Bass River. The best part was just talking and reminiscing, especially about our Colby days.” — Finally we hear from Russ Wallace, who said on Aug. 27: “Two days ago Napa Valley had a good quake, 6.1 or 6.2. There was a lot of building damage as well as broken wine containers in stores and at wineries. Of course there was a lot of broken plumbing and some loss of power. After inspections of all sorts, there has been no damage detected in the facility where I live in San Rafael. Anne felt it and the aftershocks that followed. Her house is in Larkspur, closer to San Francisco. It is still nice and warm here as we start the new opera season and continue to worry about water shortage.” — With that, I shall sign off until next time. Best wishes!
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Summer went by too quickly for me, but I did get in two trips to the White Mountains of New Hampshire. One was a day visit to Madison/Silver Lake with lobster meat in hand to share with a friend I’ve known since I was 7 years old. The other trip was in answer to an invitation to a graveside service in Litchfield, N.H., just above Franconia Notch, for my junior college roommate. This was actually a long weekend that I shared with her husband and two of her children. I had never met it. It was a memorable time for me.

- Marty Bruehl sent a short note saying, “Still aging, but not gracefully anymore,” so I sent him an e-mail requesting some kind of explanation. He said his health is deteriorating, and he feels the loss of friends and loved ones. “There is a downside to growing older.”

- Harold Cross wrote that he and Alice moved to a continual care retirement community called the Seabrook on Hilton Head Island. Harold still works as a physician one and a half days a week. They plan to stay in a hotel for our 65th.

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Judy Thompson Lowe is very active. In April she moved to a retirement community in Gainesville, Fla., where she will stay in her “little cottage” as long as she can continue to drive; June found her in New York City visiting her daughter; in July she attended three Red Sox baseball games in St. Pete with a nephew; in August she was in Buffalo, N.Y., celebrating a birthday with her twin sister; September found her back in NYC to attend demonstrations at the United Nations climate summit with Carol Dyer Wauters; then she went to visit her daughter who just moved to Connecticut, Whew! Anne Thoman Scalan sent her thanks for the reunion picture and wishes that she could recognize everyone in the photograph.

- Lindon Christie and his friend, Gloria, had a grand time at reunion but plan to stay in a hotel for our 65th.

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1955
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This is the last column for 2014! Hard to believe, but our 60th reunion is fast approaching—June 5-7, 2015. A great showing would really make it a super weekend for all and show our spirit and dedication to dear old Colby. Let’s make a big effort. We’re all old and creaky, but please come if you can. Don Moore wrote, “Addie and I hope you are enjoying life and its favors. We recommend a new book written by Dick Bartlett, a mystery titled Someone Wants You Dead. It was imaginative, making for a fun and fast read. Best wishes to the Class of ’55. Can’t believe that nearly 60 years have flown by!” In August Jo Bailey Campbell wrote, “Dottie Dunn Northcott and Carol Dauphinee Cooper made a four-day trip to Maine from New Hampshire. We met Kathy Flynn Carrigan for lunch at the waterfront in Camden on a most beautiful summer day. I have just read Dick Bartlett’s new book, Someone Wants You Dead, which was a well-written mystery, I could not put it down!”

- Ellie Small Hudson wrote, “A group of us were talking about our reunion, just less than a year away. It seems impossible. What great memories and Colby friends we still have. Please do plan to gather on Mayflower Hill next June if you can.”

- Dianne Reynolds Wright commented that “summer has been lovely in Steamboat Springs, Colo., where Dick and I are spending much of our time. We have been taking bike trips most years, but this year we were less ambitious and decided to use a barge as our hotel for the bike trip from Amsterdam to Bruges (shorter rides at sea level with very few hills!). We have a new hobby: tournament bridge. Best wishes to all!” Jane Whipple Coddington said, “Kay Hartwell Phillips and I had lunch together a few weeks ago. It’s always fun to go backwards, but not much news generated. I’m currently at our lake house in Vermont, recovering from a New Jersey allergy attack. It seems to be working and is very restful, too.”

- Old faithful John Reisman brought us up to date. “We rent a cottage with friends on Linekin Bay in East Boothbay. Weather was great this year. We ate a lot of lobster, lunched with Kathy McConaughy Zambello ’56, and saw Bob Raymond ’56. Had a day with Bill ’58 and Cindy Allerton Rocknak ’58 and Olin and Willie McDonald Sawyer ’58. I continue to be a counselor for Employment for Seniors, a job referral group that tries to find employment for folks over 50. I’m now counseling people my son’s age, which is a little unnerving. Hope my classmates are doing well.”

- Jane Whipple Coddington wrote, “A group of us went to the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, for a class get-together. Barbara Easterbrooks Mailey attended our last appearance as the Class of 1954. Henceforth we will be members of the Golden Mules. Having Professor Dick Gilman and his delightful companion, Michele Clark, with us made the reunion extra special for yours truly. As usual, the event was staged in spectacular fashion, seemed to run flawlessly, and, I think, was thoroughly enjoyed by all. What follows is my attempt to name those who appear in the class photo. Apologies to those I might misidentify. Back row: Lindon Christie and Robert Thurston; next: Bob Jacobs, Al Obery, Mary Pilon Obery, Diane Stowell Duce, Art Eddy, Arthur Comings; next: Sue Johnson, Lois McCarty Sacks, Richard Fornaciari Firma, John Krusell; next: Tom Hunt, Arlene Rosenthal Sacks, Karl Dornish, Carolyn Perron Hennig, Ned Shenton, Al Joseph; next: Vic Scalise, Dorothy Beck De Loach, C. MacDonald Grout, Judy Jenkins Totman. I had the privilege of representing the class at the Boardman Service during reunion—my first time in attendance. It was a most moving experience. I highly recommend it to anyone who returns for another reunion.”

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Tom ’54 and Susan Miller Hunt were on campus for Tom’s 60th reunion. Familiar faces from our class included Kathy McConaughy Zambello, Hope Palmer Bramhall, Janet Nordgren Meyreweather, and David and Rosemary Cruthamel Sortor. The Hunts have been back in Sherborn for a year. Daughter Leslie teaches at the University of Maine at Augusta and the University of Southern New Hampshire, and son Tom is at Kent School. Granddaughter Eva is pursuing an M.S.W. at UConn, one grandson is a tour guide with Adventures, and another grandson is on his way to Chile through the Northeastern Cooperative Program. Robin and Richard Abedon enjoyed a night in Boston with the Lunders, Slaters, Landaus, and Sages July 31. It was a small but wonderful reunion.

- In June Kathy McConaughy Zambello and Hope Palmer Bramhall attended the Portland farewell to Bro Adams. Kathy thanks the Class of ’56 for its response in fulfilling the Colby Fund goals for this past year.

- David Slater has a new book, Mister Franchise. Check it out on Amazon.

- In May Susan and Brian Stompe enjoyed a two-week driving trip in Ireland: beautiful country, friendly people, and a great left-hand stick shift Leon car. Brian still fishes salmon along the California coast, both solo and with friends. Recent great catch: a 31-pound Chinook. In August he met John Dutton ’55 and his wife for dinner.

- In August Janet Nordgren Meyreweather celebrated the life of her late husband, Steen, with a church service, including military honors (honor guard, three-gun salute, taps, etc.), and a luncheon for family and special friends. Kathy McConaughy Zambello and Abbott Otto Greene (Nancy Hubbard Greene’s husband) were present.

- Ruthann Simmonds MacKinnon celebrated her 80th birthday in August with Kathy and Janet. There have been lots of changes in the lives of Bob and Barbara “BJ” David Howard. Their grandson Henry Barnes graduated from UConn and is applying to medical schools, and Henry’s twin, Robert, graduated from Williams and is working in a Manhattan law firm. Grandson Jack Mahoney graduated from the University of Richmond and works in D.C.; his brother, Ben, graduated from St. Paul’s School, Baltimore, and will attend Wake Forest. BJ and Bob plan to stay in their West Hartford home (made some lovely improvements), and they continue to enjoy their Vermont cabin. Diane (Schnauffer) ’57 and Larry Zullinger spent a week in Maine, a state they love for its crisp, cool weather. They went to the Belgrade Lakes region to visit with Jean (Van Curan) ’55 and Larry Pugh and Harry and Lynn Brooks Weg. They also visited Colby, which they felt never looked better. They congratulate all who have made Colby what it is today.

- Janet Stebbins Walsh mentioned that
this is an especially big birthday year for many of us. Bob “Brownie” Brown had a big surprise party Aug. 23 under a tent in his son’s backyard. Many spoke eloquently about his effect not only on the lives of their kids and families but also on the improvement of the town. His son called it “eulogizing the living.” David and Rosemary Crouthamel Sortor were among the well-wishers. In September the Grafton, Mass., juvenile training center was to be named the F. Robert Brown Training Center. ● MEA CULPA. I misquoted Don Dunbar. Colby did NOT beat Seton Hall (seventh in nation). It was, however, an interesting experience. ● Classes at Darien (Conn.) High School have resumed. I’m back to teaching French and Latin in this wonderful school.

1958
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Larry LaPointe and his wife, Rae, enjoyed attending four summer theater shows in Brunswick and taking their 4-year-old great-granddaughter to the children’s show. “Had my best college literature class ever; all students were over 26 and highly motivated. Back to teaching college writing this fall.” They continue to enjoy three months in Port Charlotte, Fla., where they visit Larry’s best friend from high school. Going to the theater and movies, eating out, and playing cards are activities that keep them going back. The LaPointes celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary Sept. 5. “Where did the years go?” (What we all wonder.) ● Jean and Don Kennedy spoke with about 20 Colby alumni at the memorial services for Dave Marr ’61; Dave and Patsy Houghton Marr ’61 have been Don’s close friends for more than 55 years. Jean continues to volunteer in the Boston Symphony Orchestra Archives. She was scheduled for back surgery in October, and in November the Kennedys expect their first great-grandchild. Don retired as a school superintendent in 2000; however, since that time he has been the team leader for more than 200 consulting projects in the six New England states. “Helping dozens of districts to develop full-day kindergarten programs, closing achievement gaps among minority children, building and renovating schools, and persuading a town’s schools to admit the children from a temporary center for battered women—these have been the most rewarding part of my life in education.” ● Judy Brown Dickson recently enjoyed a great visit with two of her three kids and grandchildren in Portland, Ore., and with a niece and many friends in New Mexico. She said, “Will be off to Iceland Sept. 1! Permanent vacation is the best!” ● Warren Judd reminds us that coach John Winkin died recently at 94. The Portland Press Herald called Winkin “the man who defined baseball in Maine for generations.” Winkin coached at Colby, the University of Maine, and Husson College. He made Maine a contender several times in the College World Series and saw more than 90 men who played for him sign pro contracts. ● Gail Crosby Davis, another traveler, returned in August from visiting daughter Wende Davis ’82 and family, who live in Basel, Switzerland. They had a delightful reunion, and Gail will be happy to see them again when they visit California during their Christmas vacation. Her twin granddaughters, Camden and Ashley, are 12. ● John ’55 and Jane Dalb Reisman enjoyed another summer trip to Maine to reconnect with a few Colby folks. They had visits with Bill and Cindy Allerton Rocknak, Olin and Willie Sawyer, Kathy McConaughy Zambello ’57, and Bob Raymond ’56. The Reismans were looking forward to a Road Scholar trip to Croatia this fall. ● To celebrate the 60th anniversary of our meeting as freshmen (though we didn’t have that word then), Dot Greenman Ketchum, Susan Sherman White, Carol Conway Denney, and I did a repeat of our cottage rental in Stockbridge, Mass., and again enjoyed musical performances at Tanglewood, dance at Jacob’s Pillow, and satire with the Capitol Steps. All agree we can’t possibly be as old as the calendar claims. ● As always, thanks for your responses, and let’s hear from more of you next time. All the best!

1959
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We had a wonderful 55th reunion in June, thanks to my fellow reunion committee members Jack Pallotta, Keet Arnett, and Ed Toney. Ed organized a moving memorial service by Johnson Pond for our deceased classmates. Approximately 45 classmates attended reunion, and we had a great time reminiscing at meals, attending lectures, and enjoying the campus, especially the new addition to the museum of art. ● Robert Nielsen had a total knee replacement in February and hoped to play golf in May. Last fall he had a hole-in-one before the season ended, and one week later while in Virginia visiting his daughter he was unable to safely walk. ● Reed Thompson was sorry to miss the 55th. After the wonderful time everyone had at the 50th he made a mental note to come back for the 55th, but family stuff got in the way. Maybe he’ll be back for the 60th—“assuming he’s still on the right side of the grass!” He is still going to the office (as opposed to “working”). His almost 50-year marriage with wife Solange would probably end if she were to wake up on a weekday and find him still at home. They travel (Venice and a cruise down the Adriatic to Sarajevo in September), and of course they spend as much time as they are allowed with their grandchildren. Their annual New York City trip will happen in late October. ● In August Pat Richmond Stull and Jack Pallotta entertained ’59 classmates on Beech Mountain, located in the northwestern corner of North Carolina. Jocelyn and Tom “Toad” Connors and David and Jane Mills Conlan joined them for dinner. With three DKEs (David is a Dartmouth DKE) and two Sigma Kappas, much world-problem-solving conversation took place along with a great deal of reminiscing. ● Many at the reunion said they would send me news. I look forward to hearing from you and others when I send out my next request.

1960
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Colby was well represented at the Red Auerbach Basketball School. In attendance along with Steve Curley were Pete Cavari, Phil Shea, and Ray Berberian. All three displayed a high degree of absolutely no talent on the basketball courts. However, the camaraderie and the conversation were worth the price paid to have them there. It is truly wonderful that the bond of friendship that now numbers 59 years remains so strong. No friends like old (scratch that) longtime friends! ● August and Judy Allen Ferrelli had a wonderful trip to Scandinavia in late May and early June. They visited Norway, Denmark, Sweden, and Finland, staying in folk schools, which are unique to Scandinavia. They enjoyed meeting people who live in those countries, learning about their culture, history, politics, and education, and making new friends with their traveling companions, which is one of the many benefits of touring with Road Scholar, a nonprofit that focuses on lifelong learning. ● John Vollmer sends regards to his East Coast classmates. Their first West Coast grandchild, Conrad, was born in April. He and Diana toured Jasper and Banff national parks in Canada for 10 wonderful days, enjoying the fantastic scenery, river rafting, etc. They also spent 11 days with John’s nephew and his wife in their lovely house outside Nice in southern France. Monte Carlo was their best highlight as they stayed at a nice hotel in the harbor and saw the yearly fireworks. Then they traveled to Vienna to take in a Mozart concert in the original hall where Mozart actually performed. In September they planned to be at their farm in Missouri. ● Ralph Nelson and wife Kay recently took a one-month cruise to visit sites created by Vikings a thousand years ago in Scotland, the Shetland and Faroe Islands, Iceland, Greenland, and Newfoundland. Books and shipboard lectures described this prolific and aggressive culture that explored ways to govern and communicate with towns scattered over large territories—without a written language (except for commemorative rune stones). The scenery of restless seas, fjords, volcanoes, and glaciers was awesome. ● Ken Nigro has had a difficult few months as he was sick with diverticulitis. Fortunately, he has recovered and is doing very well. Due to the illness he was unable to attend the Johnny Winkin memorial. Ken played freshman basketball at Colby, and Winkin was the coach. ● For the last three and a half years Carolyn Webster Lockhart had been immersed in the world of ALS and then reassembling her world after Ted’s death a little over a year ago. An unexpected
compilation of the disease spared him from some of the ravaging effects of ALS, and for that they are grateful. You will also not be surprised to learn that Ted accepted his limitations with grace and his irreverent sense of humor. Ted’s family is so pleased by the tremendous success of the Ice Bucket Challenge in raising awareness. In the meantime, Carolyn’s work on the book Ted and she talked about for years, and finally started about a month before he died, will continue. During Ted’s illness their daughter successfully dealt with breast cancer, and her dad lived to see her recovery. • I, Jane Holden Huerta, will see Joanne Price Rockett in New York in October and hope to see all of you at our 55th reunion, which will see “Life’s short—play hard,” my motto.” • Jan Haskins Mandavalle has taken two trips this year with Road Scholar. In May she went on a Panama Canal transit on the Crystal Symphony, and in July a family adventure in Costa Rica. • Patsy Houghton Marr, wife of David Marr, reports from Bras d’Or Lake in Cape Breton: “Dave passed away in January, and the entire family was here for a July memorial. He fought a long battle with tremendous courage, optimism, and his ever-present sense of humor. Through attendance at services, we learned how many lives Dave touched in some special way. Strengthened by three wonderful children and eight grandchildren. My oldest daughter teaches music, and my youngest daughter is a special-needs teacher. Last year son Scott was voted by peers to be the best sports medicine doctor in Maine.” • Betsy O’Connell says, “Life after retirement gets more interesting daily.” She’s now level-two certified in Reiki with a Seattle teacher. She planned to travel to a wild animal sanctuary in Idaho for a retreat with the same Reiki master teacher and shaman. “I’m taking a basic shamanism course, which includes animal communication via the shamanic tradition. Finally, on to Milwaukee for the zoo and aquarium volunteers’ national conference, including fabulous extras to sanctuaries, museums, nature preserves—especially want to visit the International Crane Foundation.” • Penny Dietz Sullivan worked the primary polls. “Sad how few people came in to vote. The next election is very important, and everyone should get involved.” She plays golf, bridge, dominoes, and canasta and still works part time for Weight Watchers. Penny looks forward to our 55th in 2016. “Retirement is great!”

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Thanks for concern about my safety during Hurricane Iselle. No injuries to your correspondent or her ranch, just downed trees and without water or power for more than four days. Although my Hanakua Coast fared relatively well, Hawai’i Island’s Puna district had millions of dollars in losses when homes, along with macadamia, papaya, and banana crops, were decimated. I’d just returned from five fantastic weeks in Namibia when the storm struck. Great memories help during a crisis! • Don Clark writes, “Over 50 years since we shared a classroom together. I was that old Marine in the back of the room, furiously taking notes to catch up with the academic environment. Enjoyed my entire Colby experience—fond memories include meetings with President Bigler, Blue Key, and serving on Dean Nickerson’s liquor control committee. The traveling concert choir provided a much-needed break from studies. Opportunities to sing with the Boston Pops and perform at New York’s Carnegie Hall were especially exciting. Highlight was meeting Linda Levenson ’60. We’re celebrating our 55th anniversary! After a 30-year career in federal law enforcement and living in nine different states, we found our retirement home in Birch Bay Village. Our Camelot is a gated community with 1,130 properties and multiple amenities. Our hillside house has views of snow-covered Mount Baker and the San Juan Islands. I’ll be 80 in December, and I still compete in 10 and 15K runs. One advantage of being old: stay in shape and you outlive your competition. Have had more ‘age group’ wins in the last few years than in the previous 50. Can’t wait until I’m 80!” • Richard Fields sends news: “Still working: strategic planning, marketing, and sales for four clients in fine jewelry and for Reactor Watches, where I’m on the board. Wife Kathy owns the Crafty Yankee, an artisan gift shop in Lexington. Spend much time at our retreat in Oquossoc, Maine, 45 minutes from Sugarloaf. Kathy gave me a 75th in May; we partied with friends Mike Silverberg ’60 and wife Gale. Daughter Ali Fields Bates ’95 and husband Dan (on teaching sabbaticals), along with 5-year-old twins, in Chile and Denmark for organic farming. When Ali co-captained Colby soccer, team T-shirts read ‘Life’s short—play hard,’ my motto.” • Jan Haskins Mandavalle has taken two trips this year with Road Scholar. In May she went on a Panama Canal transit on the Crystal Symphony, and in July a family adventure in Costa Rica. • Patsy Houghton Marr, wife of David Marr, reports from Bras d’Or Lake in Cape Breton: “Dave passed away in January, and the entire family was here for a July memorial. He fought a long battle with tremendous courage, optimism, and his ever-present sense of humor. Through attendance at services, we learned how many lives Dave touched in some special way. Strengthened by three wonderful children and eight grandchildren. My oldest daughter teaches music, and my youngest daughter is a special-needs teacher. Last year son Scott was voted by peers to be the best sports medicine doctor in Maine.” • Betsy O’Connell says, “Life after retirement gets more interesting daily.” She’s now level-two certified in Reiki with a Seattle teacher. She planned to travel to a wild animal sanctuary in Idaho for a retreat with the same Reiki master teacher and shaman. “I’m taking a basic shamanism course, which includes animal communication via the shamanic tradition. Finally, on to Milwaukee for the zoo and aquarium volunteers’ national conference, including fabulous extras to sanctuaries, museums, nature preserves—especially want to visit the International Crane Foundation.” • Penny Dietz Sullivan worked the primary polls. “Sad how few people came in to vote. The next election is very important, and everyone should get involved.” She plays golf, bridge, dominoes, and canasta and still works part time for Weight Watchers. Penny looks forward to our 55th in 2016. “Retirement is great!”

1962
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Greetings, Class of ’62! It appears from your notes that you’ve had a busy summer. • Pat Farnham Russell calls her time at the lake “a revolving door,” with rarely fewer than 12 mouths to feed on weekends. She has also entertained her “German family,” the relatives of her exchange student of four months, Monika, with whom she has had a friendship for nearly 30 years. In November she will head to Morocco and embark on a Sahara odyssey. Hard to keep you down, isn’t it, Pat? • Irina and Ceylon Barclay spent May in Stockholm, where Irina culminated her postdoctoral research on Scandinavian influences on Russia. Ceylon also finished his mystery, The Taxol Thief, based on his years of work in Russia and China. • Peter Duggan stopped by the Colby campus on a trip home from Nova Scotia. He recommends the Lunder Collection, noting the many paintings of the Hudson Valley, his neck of the woods. He recently reminisced with David Thaxter about their years with Coach Winkin and Dave’s college high of 29 points in a basketball game against Dartmouth in 1962. Peter spent August in Phippsburg, Maine, next door to his fraternity brother and Navy pal Bruce Marshall, and he has a yearly visit with Rich Simkins in Byfield, Mass. • Susan Bishop says, “Jim and I love retirement. Between golf and seeing the grandchildren, we are busy.” • Dave Jacobson had a successful knee replacement in May and has begun to travel again, go to San Francisco and Denver, with plans to visit Santa Fe and the Big Island of Hawaii. He says he’s “back on the tennis courts” but limiting himself to doubles. • Whit Coombs writes, “Nancy and I are empty nesters living on a farm outside of Gettysburg, Pa.” He continues to work four days a week and participates as a judge at AKC dog shows. • Brenda Philips Gibbons says that she and Bob are moving back to Stuart, Fla., an easier climate for Bob’s retirement. • Peter Leofanti writes that Jay Webster’s sons recently threw a surprise retirement party for Jay and his wife, Diane, in Falmouth, Mass. Peter attended with Kim O’Byrne, John “Spud” McHale flew in from Colorado, Peter Jaffe “stopped selling corrugated for a day,” and Malcolm “Ferry” MacLean III “opted to have lunch in a new venue.” Private joke, Peter? • Peter and Brenda Wrobleski Gottschalk attended the Santa Fe Opera on Fourth of July weekend and exclaimed over the “stunning setting.” In November they will fly to South Africa to see Cape Town and the wine country and to go on safari. Brenda related that she has now seen 86 countries and hopes to reach 100 soon. • Roey Carbino recently had a 10-day visit to her hometown of Greenwich, Conn. At the time she wrote, she was hoping to see Marge Brown York and Jean Gaffney Furuyama. • As many of you know, Michael and I finally decided to “tie the knot” this summer. (John Chapman, one of Michael’s best men, said “It was about time.”) The wedding was very small, but ably representing the Class of ’62 were Ginny (Murphy) ’61 and Ed Cragin, Debby Price, and John Chapman. Michael and I want to thank the many Colby friends who have expressed their congratulations. We’re overwhelmed by your kindness! Best wishes, Nancy MacKenzie Keating (I’m keeping it, Roey.)

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Rosemary Blankenship Hubbard is running for the North Carolina Legislature as a Democrat against the local head of the Tea Party. She’s out almost every evening, going door to door. “My husband, Al, makes it all possible for me. We’re doing this together.” • Anne Quirion Connaughton, still in France battling French bureaucracy who had worked with Ron and Bunny Read McDowell in 1976! Anne frequents the hardware store so much, they think she’ll hire her soon. • Bill ’62 and Barb Haines Chase will be in Friendship, Maine, for two weeks day sailing. Barbi’s been in touch with Mary Michelmore Hayes and Sally Morse Preston. • Don and Betsy Doe Norwat cruised from England to Iceland, then to Oslo, Copenhagen, St. Petersburg, Helsinki, and other cities. Betsy will teach two college classes this fall. They recently showed Ruth Prattley Madell around. • Cile Tougas Nix called with the sad news that Betty Johnson Rayle died in May after a long illness. Betty is included in this issue’s obituaries, and you can read her full obituary at southwhidbeyrecord.com. • Susan (Sawyer) ’64 and Brian McAlary attended Susan’s 50th reunion. They walked down the aisle of Lorimer Chapel again, celebrating their 50th anniversary. Brian’s great aunt, JoJo Pitts McAlary ’44, was there. They’ve moved to Culpeper, Va., and built a “green” house. • Monte and Cindy Richmond Hopper moved to Millsboro, Del. They’re 10 miles from Lewes and Rehoboth Beach and would love to see us if we’re in the area. • Walter and Connie Miller Manter are looking forward to seeing Colby classmates in the Venice/ west coast Florida area next spring. Connie will present at the National Council for Social Studies Annual Conference in Boston. • Rob and Edie Sewall Thompson have been tent camping in New York state parks for the first time since before they were married. They’re enjoying nature and the outdoors. They also plan to spend two weeks in Derby, Vt., a new area for them to explore. • Jeannette Fannin Regetz and her son, who works for the Forest Service in Alaska, explored Ketchikan, Juneau, and Sitka; they saw glaciers and went whale
watching, and from a float plane Jeannette was able to see a bridge her son built years ago without power tools. Dick ’62 and Joan Dignam Schmaltz visited Bonnie Brown Potter, Bill Chapin ’59, and Joe and Jane Melanson Dahmen in New Harbor, Maine. Joan and Dick planned to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary and attend Colby’s new president’s inauguration the same weekend. Joanna Buxton Gormley is hardly at home. She’s traveled to Barbados, London, and D.C. A collector of wooden puzzles, she also attended a Puzzle Parade in Salem, Mass., where the speaker was Steve Richardson ’61, owner of Stave Puzzles. Fall plans include a cruise from Paris to Normandy. Nancy (Godley) ’65 and John Wilson have moved to Deer Isle, Maine. Nancy is on the Stonington Opera House advisory board, and John was in a production of The Last Ferryman, Morocco and Nancy’s 50th lie ahead. Lilian Waugh is featured in a YouTube video called Better with Age. It opens with Lilian playing the cello, followed by her doing yoga. It’s wonderful to see how much yoga has helped her. To watch it, go to youtube.com/watch?v=4WPQFy1C7ZE.

John and Marsha Palmer Reynolds took the Queen Mary to London. They attended onboard theater workshops that explained how plays are selected, how to design sets, and more. In London they toured theaters and saw plays. A thrilling, exciting, educational experience.

Don and Mary Michelmore Hayes visited their son and family in Alaska. The highlight was a 10K race on the summer solstice, Fairbanks’s version of Mardi Gras. The race ended at midnight, and it was still light!

Paul and Susan Schaef Pineo “have survived another year without a medical emergency. So, all is good.” Watch Peter Vogt’s video made in 1982 for Colby, a wonderful 18 minutes of presidents Byker, Strider, and Cotter sharing their perspectives on liberal arts education and their experiences as Colby presidents. Google “Colby: three presidents.”

Ruth Pratley Madell takes Osher Foundation classes for seniors at UK (available at many universities). Ruthie works part time, leaving her time to do other interesting things. She’s on her way to Maine to visit her niece, Debbie Wathen Finn ’74.

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After more than a year of preparation, our 50th class reunion became a reality that seemed to go by in mere hours. Our strong connections to one another were evident, in spite of the passage of 50 years. Many, many thanks to the Alumni Relations Office for the gift of a fabulous reunion. Sara Shaw Rhoades, our class historian, has shared some statistics: Some 200 (including guests) attended our 50th reunion. There were more than 160 entries in our 50th reunion yearbook. Our graduation class numbered 274, and three graduated later. A total of 40 classmates have died. Karen Knudsen Day has been living in Montgomery, Ala., where she rediscovered her singing voice, not used since Greek Sing, 1964. She enjoys being a first soprano in a 160-member choir.

Karen is a certified travel agent with an online business, packaging trips for clients. She is relocating to Charleston, S.C.

From her home in Illinois, Joyce Arnold Kottra has enjoyed the reunion yearbook, with all the notes and photos. She writes, “Our Colby years and experiences were life-enhancing, and how wonderful that so many could make it to Waterville to renew and remember.” Judy Milner Coche observed that “returning for the first time in half a century, I was struck by how similar the feel of the campus was despite upgrades. Colby remains as hail-fellow-well-met as I remember it, providing a lovely foundation for young adulthood.”

In July Steve Schoeman performed the Romance from Carl Stamitz’s Third Clarinet Concerto at the historic First Presbyterian Church in Springfield, N.J. Susan Sawyer McAlary celebrated more than just our 50th reunion. She and her husband, Brian ’63, marked their 50th wedding anniversary by walking down the aisle of Loring Chapel just as they had in 1964. “Super nostalgic,” Susie noted. “The reunion itself was wonderful, blessed with good weather. Grand to see classmates looking hale and hearty. We’ve aged pretty well.” The McAlays moved to Culpeper, Va., last May and are building a “green” house with a wood boiler, solar panels, and geothermal pumps.

Barbara Krepz is now back home in Italy and wants “to encourage anyone who gets to Pisa to look me up. I will be happy to show classmates the parts of Pisa and its surroundings that tourists frequently miss.” John Oaks wrote, “It was great to see everyone at the reunion and catch up on the fascinating lives we have all led.” John is an etcher with Crooked Line Etching Studio in Madison, Wis., and he reports that he took many photos during the parade of classes and is looking for a way to post the images for classmates to download.

Sue Lockhart lives in Virginia after many years of interesting and wide-ranging experiences. After graduation Sue worked in Washington, D.C., for the NSA for seven years. She moved to Reno, Nev., where she skied and signed on with the Nevada State Fairgrounds, arranging rodeos and rock concerts. Staying in Reno, she completed a master’s in political science at the University of Nevada, then went on to the University of California, Davis, where she earned a Ph.D. Sue has spent her teaching career at a small liberal arts college in Lynchburg, Va., retiring in 2012. She has also had a longtime interest in basket hounds and currently owns five, three of which are champions. Our new class president, Lee Scranton Bujold, reached out to all of us this summer: “Kudos to Colby for creating a wonderful reunion for the Class of 1964! We were able to relax and enjoy a very special time to reminisce with our friends and classmates. I want to personally thank all those who helped with the bountiful collections of photos, trophies, and memorabilia highlighting our time together. It was especially gratifying to see that we have changed very little! Let’s all try to stay in touch as much as possible.”

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Busy Having Fun. With the confusion of an incorrect reply-to-address in the request of class news, I’m not sure I received all the news that you sent. Apparently the class is very busy having fun now that we are mostly retired. As a result, I have very little news to report. Neil Clippingham and his bride of 50 years, Jean Hoffmann Clippingham ’66, celebrated that monumental wedding anniversary with a family cruise in Hawaii. They included their two sons, two daughters-in-law, and two granddaughters to make it a memorable family outing. They swam at Waikiki, visited the battleships Arizona and Missouri, cruised the islands on the Pride of America, and helicoptered around Kauai. “The most idyllic scenery I’ve seen,” reports Neil. “Now it’s back to vegetable gardening, model railroading, and basement woodworking projects.”

Sunny Coady advises us to visit the Colby art museum to see works curated by her niece Hannah Blunt in the exhibition Bernard Langlais. Read all about the exhibition in the summer 2014 issue of Colby Magazine. Linda Stearns has been taking print classes at the University of Maine at Orono. She spent the summer working on watercolors and charcoal drawings, and she traveled to Monhegan Island and other Maine sites with an artist’s group. She continues her silk-scarf painting, as well—look for her work in Maine gift shops. Husband Tom is retired and works on Gravely walk-behind tractors as a hobby.

Lew Krinsky and Ellen attended the Class of ’64’s 50th reunion in June. Lew started with them and finished with us. Back in Houston Lew and Ellen hosted a send off barbecue for the Posse Foundation (possefoundation.org) Houston Scholars. Ten new students from the area have been awarded four-year scholarships to Colby.

Class president Harold Kowel had a 50,000-mile checkup on a pair of partial knee transplants. “Check back with me when you’re 80,” was the happy news from the knee doc. Harold and Ruth spent a month driving around Switzerland and western Austria in early summer. They took many hikes, enjoying the phenomenal scenery, flowers, pastures, and Alpine beauty. Now comes the task of editing the 1,000 photos.

Linda Cotton Wells and her companion, Jerry, spent six weeks touring Florida in their RV last winter. She saw 11 of her 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren at a family reunion in South Carolina. She reports “retirement is the best job I ever had.” She enjoys genealogy and is a “search angel” helping adoptees to find their birth families.

Nancy (Mitchell) ’64 and Norm Miner also attended the ’64 reunion. “If I can go to my wife’s class reunion and have an invigorating weekend, then every one of our classmates can expect to have a memorable reunion weekend too.”

John ’63 and Nancy Godley Wilson moved from Lexington, Mass., to Deer Isle, Maine, where they’ve had a year-round house for six years. The vibrant community is full of cultural offerings such as art festivals and the Stonington Opera House, where Nancy volunteers. They planned to head to Morocco in October. Your correspondent just returned from a fabulous visit to Ecuador. I spent five nights in Quito, took the long-distance bus south through the Andes villages to Cuenca, spent three days seeing the sights, and then took another bus ride west to Guayaquil. Next I took a flight to the Galapagos Islands for a five-night cruise on the Encantada yacht. We visited four major islands, went snorkeling, and had beach visits with walks among the sea lions, iguanas, Darwin finches, and lava lizards. Circling above were Frigate birds, pelicans, herons, and blue-footed boobies. On the final day we visited the Darwin Research Center to see the huge tortoises—the biggest, at 440 pounds, looked like small, gray Volkswagens. This is a true natural paradise.

Jan Wood Parsons and Marcia Harding Anderson are coeditors of our 50th reunion yearbook. Watch for news and requests from them this fall. Hail, Colby, Hail!
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Britt Carlson Anderson is an avid traveler and sailor, having obtained her USCG captain’s license in 2007. She lives in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Recently retired Janna Vaughan Kasarjian is trying to reinvent herself as she suddenly faces unstructured free time. Children and grandchildren to visit, books to read, friends, travel, aerobics, yoga, New Hampshire (still home), and NYC await her. “Not sure where the road will take me, but I intend to relish the ride.” • Help wanted: Mary Gourley Mastin is looking for a non-shedding puppy. • Peter Fellows and his wife, Cathy, are awaiting the late October arrival of two recently born Bichon puppies, Emma and Colby, who will fill the void left by their Bichon predecessors, Teddy and Cricket, who lived good, long lives. Pete and Cathy retired from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg (N.C.) Schools in 2012, where Cathy was a principal and Pete taught middle-school children with autism. They moved to a fifth-floor oceanfront condo in North Myrtle Beach, S.C., a year ago and are loving the quiet life there: beach-watching, reading, sightseeing, being active in their church, and enjoying their six grandchildren when they come to visit. Pete is still an avid Red Sox fan. Attending our 50th reunion is on his bucket list. • Rob Sears of the Philippines is into brevity: “What’s new? The most important thing is that I’m still alive.” • Bob Adams survived a recent mini Tau Delta Phi reunion hosted by George Cain at George’s home in the Berkshires, attended by eight brothers from seven states. George and Bob were joined by John Eisenman, Stu Wantman, Ed Burrell, Howard Kowal ’65, Bernie Davidson ’68, and Alan Crosby ’68. Two others canceled at the eleventh hour for fear their Jan Plan advisors may still be trying to track them down. • We send our sympathies to the family of Tom Hodson, who passed away in February after a long illness. • “Happily uneventful” is the way Linda Mitchell Potter describes her life these days: volunteer work, seeing old friends, gardening, skiing more than 60 days last winter, raising two kittens, traveling to Boston or NYC to see grandchildren. She and Lee ’67 will take an autumn Caribbean cruise. Linda is one of many classmates involved in our 50th reunion planning, which is well underway. • Peter Lax sends greetings from Oregon, where he is still a board member of L’Arche Portland, a community for people with and without disabilities. He’s still working “part time,” which doesn’t interfere with his Columbia River fishing. “Okay—I sit in a boat and watch the river flow by. Looking to sell vintage hockey equipment. Watched the World Cup with Mandy and Fran Finizio. My condolences to good friend Ken Mukai ’68, whose wife passed away this past spring.” • A letter written by a teacher in 1931 to her mother 150 miles away was delivered 83 years later to the teacher’s niece and mother’s granddaughter Annie MacMichael of Cornville, Maine, after it turned up in the Pittsfield, Maine, post office. The writer apologized for not writing sooner! Read the whole story, picked up by many papers and CBS and ABC TV stations, by Googling “83-year-old letter.” • I love your news. Keep it coming!

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Jean Blye returned to Mayflower Hill last summer on two occasions. Her grandmother from Georgia attended a soccer camp on campus, and Jean walked around Johnson Pond and watched him on the playing fields. Then she brought her nephew and his teenage son and daughter to a college information session. During the session, Jean’s nephew mentioned that his aunt was an alumna and the youthful guide inquired about the year of Jean’s graduation. “Wow!” was the guide’s response. Jean points out that would be like being with a graduate from 1918 when we would have been visiting campus in our high school days. That is very sobering. • Phil Kay has moved west. Leaving his longtime home on Boston’s North Shore, Phil now resides in the mountains of Colorado. But don’t fear. Phil has kept his Red Sox tickets, his sailboat in Manchester-by-the-Sea, and his house at Sugarloaf. You can take the boy out of Boston, but you can’t get the Red Sox hat off his head. Phil attended a Tau Delta Phi reunion last year at the Samoset in Rockland, Maine, and had a great time. • Lou Champagne raised a tribute to Zeta Psi as he, Eric Meindl, Bill Walker, and Ed Scherer met at the home of Steve Ford ’68. Lou retired from Pfizer last year and found more time to ski and play hockey. In the spring Lou hangs up the skis for cleats and coaches his son’s Little League team and attends his other son’s Babe Ruth League games. Come summer Lou rides his mountain bike around his home in Kennebunkport. • Nick Haggis welcomed another Nicholas into the family with the birth of his grandson in May. Nick says that even though his granddaughter is named Alexandria, the family has not become Russian; they remain true to their Greek roots. Nick plans to retire in June 2015. • Mike and Pam Cooper Picher recently returned from a biking, kayaking, and hiking tour in Newfoundland. • Sally Rae Bennett may be our only classmate who still has her beanie—the blue one we had to wear until the first touchdown in the fall. Just out of curiosity, I would love to know if anyone else has that sartorial relic. Sally discovered hers as she was unpacking boxes when she and Charlie moved to their new home in Virginia. • As I write this column in mid-August, in Boston, the streets are running like rivers as an intense storm brings a deluge. All this as I read a note from Rev. Brian Kopke that he spent the winter building an ark—yes, an ark, as in Noah and the ark. Brian carved the wood and more than 60 animals for a Maloof Foundation show in Alta Loma, Calif. The effort took him more than 700 hours. He asks if anyone knows of a home for the exhibit after the show closes. • To keep with our animal theme, Roland Connors writes about a trip he took on, of all beasts, a mule. And what is more, the mule was white—yes, white. He neglected to say if the mule was named Aristotle, but he did write that she was very hard working and willful, which is a polite way of saying stubborn. One more interesting detail of this yarn is that Roland earned his graduate degree from the Colorado School of Mines. Do you want to guess the mascot of the Colorado School of Mines? Bingo—a white mule. What are the chances that one person would earn degrees from the only two schools in the country having a white mule as mascot? Any of you who had Homer Hayslett for statistics can figure this out, and I will publish the results in the next column. This mule trip was in Montana, and Roland and his wife enjoyed great views.

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Glenna White Crawford spent the summer at her beach house on the Oregon coast. Boise is just too hot for her in the summer. She plans to be in the Boston area for her 50th high school reunion in November. (Your correspondent) haven’t seen her since our graduation from Colby, and we are planning to get together for lunch while she is on the East Coast. • Nancy Short Hall finds it hard to believe that she’s been retired for 10 years. She stays much too busy. She recently returned from a family vacation in Alaska, where she was truly amazed by the grandeur of the glaciers and mountains. They saw Denali on three separate days from both the north and south sides. She and her husband are back in Vermont, where they keep busy remodeling their home and attempting to keep up with their gardens. In November they will return to their winter home in Plant City, Fla., and to their square-dancing life. She invites classmates to drop by to see them in either place. • Ted Sasso and his wife were off to Alaska for a week and were looking forward to whales, huskies, marmalutes, and more. • Skip Fucillo says hello to everyone. During the past year he and Linda have split their time between Key Biscayne, Fla., and the coast of Maine. They visited with Martha Luke ’70 and Robb Habeshian, Gerald Ogus, and Peter Fitzzellik. The 2013 Red Sox blessed the Cask ‘n Flagon with another World Series, and he is looking forward to Colby-Bowdoin hockey this fall. • Arthur Brennan experienced that old back-to-school feeling. He’s teaching as an adjunct at York County Community College this fall. He has a full roster of students, so this experience may be more work than he had planned on! • Mike and Olive Niles Shu sold their house in Holiday, Fla., and moved 17 miles farther south to a condo overlooking the marina in the Gulf Coast town of Dunedin. They had just settled in when it was time to drive north to their summer location in Wellfleet, Mass. They enjoyed their summer in Wellfleet with visits from family and friends and spectacular weather. This fall they will return to Florida and explore their new town. They are especially looking forward to NOT having to fuss with maintaining their little patch of St. Augustine grass. • Lynne Oakes Camp (your correspondent) has been keeping very busy as well. I traveled to Riviera Maya in Mexico last spring with my mother and two sisters to celebrate my mother’s 91st birthday. Last summer I attended my 50th high school class reunion in Gloucester, Mass., and had a wonderful time. I’m active in town government and serve as a trustee of the Trust Funds in Newton, N.H. I have been an alternate trustee of my local library for a couple of years and plan to run in the next town election for a regular library trustee position. I’m also very active in my condominium association. My husband, Howie ’69, and I will be in Maine for a week in October, and I will travel to Las Vegas with a friend for a week in November. We have really enjoyed living in New Hampshire the past couple of years. If anyone is in the area, please feel free to drop in and see us.

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Hi, everyone! I hope you are all having a great fall as you prepare for another winter. • Jane Chandler Carney is “living the dream.” She and her husband, Owen, spent two months skiing at Sugarloaf, returning to Arlington in time for cherry blossoms, then traveled to North Carolina, where their older son “married a lovely girl in a magical
wedding.” ♦ Doug Kant and his wife, Joy, were in Los Angeles during reunion weekend visiting their new granddaughter, Eleni Drew Yetwin, and her proud parents. Doug says she is a little sweetheart but wishes that she and her parents lived closer. ♦ Gus Browne promises to attend our 50th reunion and remains employed by Fresenius Medical Care. In February he and his wife, Lorraine, celebrated their 30th anniversary. They have three children and three grandchildren, and they recently had a visit from his old roommate Moses Silverman and his wife, Betty. Gus was looking forward to seeing Anne York Samson during a business trip to Portland, Ore. ♦ Laurie Killoch Wiggins finds that life in Fairhope, Ala., offers a huge variety of activities. Laurie serves as curriculum development chair for the Institute for Lifelong Learning and has helped build the organization to more than 100 instructors and a program of 60 subjects. She would greatly enjoy hearing from friends, especially her Chi Omega sisters. ♦ Donna Massey was delighted to receive a photograph from Craig Stevens during his presentation at reunion. Donna says it was wonderful to have time with Kristen, Anne, and Jane in Harpswell and praised the lobster feed at Eddie Woodin’s, which “was excellent as always.” “It is always so good to be in the company of my Colby classmates; I wish it could happen more often and am looking forward to the 50th.” During a family vacation this summer Donna tried downhill mountain biking, enjoying it until she broke her leg. After a challenging summer recovering, she is heading back for a final year of work. ♦ Don Clark sent greetings from Senegal. He wishes he could have been at reunion, but he was in Nepal on a six-week job and moved on to Senegal for another six-week assignment. Don “unretires” for four to five months a year as USAID continues to invite “oldies” back to fill in here and there, but otherwise he is in New Hampshire enjoying a very rural life. He plans to stop unretiring in a couple years and hopes to be at our 50th, “where coats and ties should be banned!” ♦ Don Caouette really enjoyed getting together at the home of Eddie Woodin, “who was a wonderful host,” and enjoyed spending Saturday on campus talking with classmates, some of whom he had not seen in a very long time. Don is looking forward to our 50th. ♦ Peter Shearston headed for his first reunion with mixed feelings. Once there, Peter says, “Time sort of stood still as we reacquainted with each other. Leaving was a bit bittersweet. We have some very talented, accomplished, and funny, salt-of-the-earth classmates, some of whom I am honored to call friends.” Peter left Colby a “shave tail with a restrained hippie spirit” heading off for adventures that could have included Vietnam, but he ended up in Cheyenne, Wyo., where marriage ensued and a son shortly thereafter. After a 24-year Air Force career with assignments in Canada, England, and throughout the United States, he now resides in Colorado Springs, Colo., and is a senior program manager providing support to the Missile Defense Agency CIO’s office. His son and wife live in Denver, and two grandchildren live in Washington. ♦ Gary Austin and his wife, Judy, were on an African safari during reunion. It was an “incredible trip. One of those once in a lifetime events!” Gary sent me a beautiful photo (one of 1,400 they took) from a cruise on the Chobe River in Botswana with the sun setting over Namibia in the background. ♦ I also heard from Jeff Coady, Chris Christensen, Stephen Fisher, and Ines Ruelus Altemose, who didn’t make reunion but, along with others, commented on the class picture. Keep the news coming, and keep our 50th in mind— it will be here before you know it!

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Jeff Parness is a professor at Northern Illinois University College of Law in DeKalb. He recently signed a contract with the American Bar Association to publish a book titled The Top Ten Misconceptions About U.S. Parentage Laws. ♦ Steve and Laura Struckhoff Cline welcomed their newest grandson, Dallas Cameron Miller, June 14. Dallas is their fourth grandson... all girls! ♦ Barrett “Barry” Hurwitz reports that at age 55 his young wife just took early retirement from teaching art to pursue creations of her own, mostly three-dimensional art. She has displayed her work at galleries and several museums along the East Coast. Barry continues to practice law, and he still plays acoustic guitar daily. He has a collection of 14 guitars, including one hand-carved in Bali that he purchased from a small Canadian company called Blueberry Guitars. Barry recently had some professional dealings with classmates Alan Cantor, who continues to practice law in Boston and is doing well, too. ♦ Debbie Anderson retired from her 39-year career in geriatric social work in April. In June she had a wonderful visit with Joan Katz, Anne Pomroy, and Donna Webber Burkart in Boston and Maine. It is one of the joys of being retired that she at last has time for visits with old friends. Her husband, Michael, still works as a software engineer at Sonosite. This fall they leave for Scotland to visit daughter Kim, who is finishing graduate school and living with her longtime boyfriend in Edinburgh. Debbie will also be going walking for a week with her sister and Kim in the Cotswolds in England and then to the Yorkshire Dales. She will then meet her other daughter, Holly, in London, and they plan to visit an old friend in Arusha, Tanzania, and hike in the Usambaras. Debbie looks forward to this special time with her daughters and plans to be back for the reunion next June. She invites everyone to come visit them in Seattle. ♦ Bill Aldrich is looking forward to our 45th reunion. While he cannot bike to Colby this time, he is looking for a contact at Colby to help organize a group of bikers who would like to cycle to reunion. ♦ My husband, Bob, and I have had a fairly quiet summer, spending most of our time at our home on Lake Winnipesaukee, Tuftonboro, N.H. Our grandchildren, Caroline, 7, and Riley, 5, spent a fun week with us in July without their parents. Caroline attended a day camp down the lake from us. Bob had hoped to teach Riley how to row and sail, but unfortunately Bob broke his elbow the first weekend of their stay. Best to all, and THINK REUNION!

1971

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Many of you wrote that you enjoyed your summers with grandparents and great-grandchildren and in summer homes on beautiful lakes, oceans, and mountaintops. I, too, enjoyed summer, mostly on Lake Winnipesaukee and in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. ♦ Laurie Trippett and his wife, Katie, recently retired and have been enjoying trips in their RV with their motorcycle. They’ve been to Idaho and will be venturing to Denver and Southern California to visit children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.3 What? Laurie is frequently in touch with Jerome Layman and is active with his Rotary Club. ♦ From France, Jacques Hermant writes that he is a grandfather for the third time. He’s been invited to conduct a seminar in strategic management at Johannes Kepler University in Linz, Austria. ♦ Val Thibeau Yates loves her work with the United Way of Greater Portland (Maine) and reports that she is “considering” following her boss to Florida. We’ll find out what she decided to do in time for the next column. Val sees Kathy Woods Fawcett often and Kathy Stoddard Pepe when the latter is in town. Val visits her sons, one in Boston and the other in Virginia Beach. ♦ Ruth Moore Barningham writes that she enjoyed summer at their cottage on Lake Champlain. ♦ After returning from a family vacation to Kitchener and Waterloo, Ontario, Nancy Neches Dumart reported that she, Bruce Dumart, and their son had a wonderful time visiting family and friends. They just missed seeing John Boyer and his wife, Susan. They made the mandatory stop at Niagara Falls on the way back. ♦ Marilynn Fish Core sent a wonderful photo from a wedding in Vermont. In the picture were Carreau Mueller ’05, Keyen Farrell ’07, Caitlin Blodget Pingree ’07, Peggy Shepard McLean, Sarah Hall Gibson, Shelley Luck Cross, Megan Cassella Hand ’02, Marilynn Fish Core, and Paula Drozdal Connors. ♦ Bill and Carolyn Addison Anthony continue their travels around the world. Carolyn speaks about public libraries, and Bill is director of study abroad at Northwestern University. They enjoy having their granddaughter nearby in Chicago. Both their daughters and husbands came to visit their cottage in Edgecomb, Maine, this summer. ♦ Heading back to Portland, Maine, in October, Leslie Anderson has

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Susan Hoy Terrio ’72 will have her third book, Whose Child Am I? Unaccompanied, Undocumented Children in U.S. Immigration Custody, published in May 2015. A professor of anthropology and French studies at Georgetown, Terrio received a 2012-13 fellowship from the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, allowing her to write the book. ♦ After nearly 30 years as a defense attorney in Somerset County, Maine, John Alsop ’74 crossed the aisle in June to prosecute criminal cases as an assistant attorney general. In addition to running a private practice since 1986, Alsop served as probate judge in Skowhegan for 17 years. ♦ On Oct. 7 in Portland, Maine, the Maine Development Foundation presented Tim Hussey ’78 with the Kenneth M. Curtis Leadership Award. Hussey is president and CEO of Hussey Seating Company, located in North Berwick.
been very busy hauling her art around to galleries all summer. She has a solo show coming up in Blue Hill, Maine, as well as a singing gig. Her book, *Summer Stories*, has been doing very well. She spent a few glorious days with Debbie Messer Zlatin and Pat Trow Parent. Although I did not venture out of the country on concert tour this summer, I found myself busy with lots of activities resulting from an exciting and uplifting experience with a summer program in Concord, Mass., called the Village University. It was rather like a free university for the people, and it included programs and presentations on a wide variety of topics. There were 90-minute sessions, and everyone had to participate and discuss the topic at the conclusion of each session. It was harder in many ways than the courses I took at Colby.

### 1972

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Gilvan Marcelino is retired from the civil service and works as a consultant. His expertise is in science and technology management and international cooperation, as he worked for 22 years at the National Research Council in Brasilia. He has a master’s in public administration from the University of Québec. He lives just outside of Brasilia in the satellite city of Guará with his wife, Maria, two daughters (Patricia and Adriana), and two grandsons.

- Doug McMillan had dinner and drinks recently with Martha (Hamilton) ’74 and Joe Benson (“They were barrel dancing and looking pretty good!”). He received a couple of e-mails from Steve Self, who was proud of the Canadian Olympic team wins in both men’s and women’s hockey. He also talked to Mitch Fox, who will retire next July after a very successful career in hospital administration. Mitch has a home in the California wine country that he and his wife, Martha, enjoy immensely. Dana Fitts is also doing very well in the furniture sales business, which he’s been in for nearly 40 years. Doug and his wife, Ann, sold their house of 30 years in St. Paul, Minn., and moved permanently to their renovated cabin in Hudson, Wis. (He’s still a Vikings fan, but now he’s surrounded by Cheeseheads!)  
- Barbara Senges began her third year of retirement in April and enjoys her free time. She lost her mom in March, and as the oldest she felt compelled to take on the role of family communicator. She’s also become involved in town politics in East Lyme, Conn., where she’s lived for 24 years. She continues to be deeply involved with her synagogue, serving on several committees. She

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recently saw Judy Spitz, who still teaches at Solomon Schechter Academy, where Barabara’s son was a former student. (And Judy will be happy to hear that Barbara thinks she still looks exactly as she did at Colby!) I heard from Susan Hoy Terrio, whom I believe has never sent news before. She and her husband, Steve ’71, have two wonderful daughters, one granddaughter, and three grandchildren who all live in the greater Washington area. Steve retired in 2009 and has been enjoying family time at their beach house in North Carolina.

Joni and Bill Alford enjoyed summer with activities at their camp in Belgrade, sharing days with family (they are the proud grandparents of six!) and friends, including classmates John Bunker, John Koons, Tom and Ellen Sidar, and John Atkinson. They attended the memorial service for Coach Winkin, which brought back many memories. At the memorial service they visited with Brian Cone ’73, Don Borman, and others. Bill welcomed and spoke with new president David Greene. In May Janet Veasey McLeitchie and Nancy Round Haley flew to Bethesda, Md., to spend a weekend with Ma-Li Liang (a student at Colby until 1971) and Stina Reed. Norma Ouellett O’Reilly was unable to join us. We stayed at Ma-Li’s home and toured the Washington, D.C., area. It was a wonderful mini-Colby reunion—and how wonderful that we still enjoy each other’s company after 40-plus years. Enjoy fall, Class of 1972—winter will be here before you know it!

### 1973

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This summer I enjoyed an amazing four-day trip to Cherryfield, Maine, staying at the guesthouse of our president and first lady, Norm and Pat Flanagan Olsen, and their son David ’04. My grandson Max and I enjoyed their gracious company, did tons of fishing, and fell in love with their spectacular property. Pat is enjoying her work in northern Virginia while Norm takes on assignments that appeal to him. The Olsen family keeps busy with recent trips that include fly-fishing in Alaska and Ohio, son Matt’s wedding in Hawaii, and visits to Libya, Las Vegas, Big Sur, Florida, and Kuala Lumpur. Both Joe Mattos and Alex Wilson wrote about a wonderful gathering on the Belgrade Lakes this Fourth of July. This year marked the 36th annual Lambda Chi gathering, which featured a special week-end event: Joe Mattos’s daughter Emily was married on Great Pond in the company of forever Colby friends. Guests included Patty (Kelly) ’75 and Bob Landsvik, Ron ’71 and Linda Howard Lupton ’72, Ken Bigelow ’71, Jennifer and Duncan Leith, Signe and Brian Cone, Lloyd Benson, and John Krasnawage, Liz and Phil Ricci, Alex Wilson and friend Judy Holden, and assorted children. Former class president Mark Serdjukian, who hung up his Colby men’s soccer coaching whistle last fall after 38 years, has been named the 2014 recipient of the Carl Nelson Award for career achievement in athletics. Debbie Mazel Mandino shares her happy news of the upcoming wedding of daughter Michelle to her middle-school sweetheart. She and husband Tom have promised “American Pie” for the Colby women to dance to. Debbie continues to teach writing and literacy at Newbury College and is excited about receiving a Davis Education Foundation Grant to turn the Newbury writing sequence into a mastery model. She enjoyed her summer and went up for a quick Hampton Beach chat with forever friend Lisa Kehler Bubar, who is recovering from shoulder surgery. Debbie still becomes energized with the beginning of school in the fall and figures she has a few more years before retirement. Betty Robinson has retired and sent a neat picture of herself at a cattle ranch in Wyoming where she went for riding and cattle driving! Ted and Sue Yovic Hoeller and two rat-terrier/Chihuahua-mix dogs moved to Tampa in July 2013 to be closer to her mother and brother Bill ’77. Sue took and passed the Florida bar exam and began practicing there in 2014. She’s also a member of the 2015 Leadership Pasco program, continuing her lifelong commitment to community involvement wherever she is. She recently met up with Janice Johnson Peterson and her husband in Chicago. Sue sends her regrets over missing our 40th reunion. Geoff and Janet Shea Legg live in Tewksbury, Mass., and travel to San Francisco three times a year to visit their daughter, son-in-law, and three grandchildren. They hope that maybe one of the children will apply to Colby. Geoff, eight years older than most of us, joined a small R&D company, where he uses his talents in electronic and electromechanical design. He advises us, as we approach retirement age, not to retire but to cut back and make job changes because “the best security is an active mind.” Lisa Kehler Bubar shared the sad news about Dean Eaton’s loss of his mother, whom he cared for over an extended period of time. My thoughts are with you, Dean. Norm Olsen shared more sad news about the July passing of classmate Blair Janes while Blair was on a four-month bicycle tour in Newfoundland. Thank you all for staying in touch. I look forward to hearing more news in the year ahead.

### 1974

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Be sure to visit our new Facebook group page, Colby College Class of 1974, administered by Dennis Delehanthy. You’ll find photos from reunion and from our glorious Colby days. Join the group and send him more photos at donnagha@gmail.com. Laura and Jim Heald were off to Italy to enjoy hiking, architecture, and some vino after getting together with Kathy and Ray Mazurek in Pennsylvania over Labor Day. The Healds spent their 31st anniversary in Playa del Carmen, Mexico, enjoying too much food, drink, sun, and warm water. Jim expects to release his new CD, Dark Night, Bright Sun, shortly, and we thank him for performing for us at reunion.

This year Diana Stork toured Ireland and Alaska with some of her students who have followed in her footsteps as a professional harpist. She recently completed two albums of traditional and original music and is currently working on another.

Ted Field lives with his partner in Portland, Maine, seeing its raw underbelly of poverty and substance abuse. He reports being robbed and having an attempt made on his life, prompting his wry comment, “Ah, Maine: The Way Life Should Be.” A serious illness included a nursing home stay followed by a hip replacement and four bouts of pneumonia, but Ted recovered sufficiently and was ready to enjoy a cruise on the Queen Mary 2. He is writing a second volume of poetry and working on memoirs he hopes to see made into a movie.

Jane Dutton and some of her former graduate students at Ross School of Business, University of Michigan, started a company focusing on how people can make their jobs more engaging by re-engineering them from within. Both of Jane’s daughters and her 90-year-old mother also live in Ann Arbor. Jane awaits her first grandchild, due in December. Prior to playing his first Southern Maine Seniors Golf Tournament, Artie Bell wrote, “I am devastated! How can I be so old? I have classmates who are grandparents. This is all very troubling… Please HELP!” Terri and Rob Burgess, empty nesters now that son Ian started at Springfield College and daughter Jenny is a junior at Emmanuel College, are entering into “the dreaded period of double tuitions.” Rob heads the commercial workout function at Bangor Savings Bank in Portland. He feeds his astronomy habit by using his backyard observatory to host star parties for school kids and other groups. He invites classmates to stop by anytime for beer-infused stargazing.

Tutomu and Priscilla Allen Ishiguri have been married 39 years and have three children and one grandchild. Before settling in New York, where Tutomu worked at the UN, they lived in India, Japan, and Switzerland. Priscilla taught ESL for many years and worked as an RN for 10 years, retiring recently. She spends time in Japan (where Tutomu teaches international studies), visits their son in London, and babysits their granddaughter. Grandchild number two is on the way. Kent and Cindy Vliet Koehler live in Houston, where their handful of pets is often joined by foster animals. She is a certified wildlife rehabber. Cindy, who taught for 10 years in various cities, has three grown children and remains in touch with her Colby roommate. Jen Goff Goodspeed ’73. She and Kent enjoy foreign travel and were vacationing in France during reunion.

There’s MORE if you visit Colby Magazine online (colby.edu/magazine)—including a whopper of a lie about one particular classmate, told to inspire him (and the rest of you slackers) to contribute to the next Class of ’74 column! You’ve been warned...

### 1975

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When Jay ’76 and Marguerite “Mugzie” Nelson Sarson initially thought about how to spend their retirement years, they didn’t realize they would have nine grandkids under the age of 41! Pandemonium is the new norm when they all get together.

Marty Womer spent two weeks vacationing in Europe with his sister this summer. They departed from Dover, England, on a Baltic Sea cruise. Ports of call included Copenhagen, Denmark; Berlin, Germany; Tallinn, Estonia; Petersburg, Russia; Helsinki, Finland; Stockholm, Sweden; and Aarhus, Denmark. Stephen ’76 and Marian Hartman Rogers continue to enjoy life in Ithaca, N.Y., with their golden retriever, Mac. Marian is a longtime freelance editor. Her company, Bibliogenesis (bibliogenesis.com), specializes in scholarly editing for authors and publishers in classics, religious studies, food and wine, and many other fields. Husband Steve buys and sells Americana and Civil War and other military items. Marian and Steve look forward to the 2015 wedding of their daughter, Oona, who is a clinical psychologist in the Philadelphia area. Charles Bolger plans on attending our upcoming 40th reunion, especially since his daughter, her husband, and Charlie’s new grandson, Henry, live in Oakland, five minutes from campus.

Michael and Kristine Bowen Lynes also plan to be at our 40th reunion, and hopefully their son and his wife, both Class of 2005, will join them. Last June Michael
stopped by Colby during Reunion Weekend and had breakfast with Byrd Allen, who was visiting the Class of 1974. Byrd is putting together a 40th reunion committee for our class; he would definitely like some more volunteers. Sue Conant Cook discovered a wonderful article about Bar Harbor on a budget, written by Nancy Helser. Check out the website mainetoday.com and click on the Travel-Travel Guides link for some great tips and ideas. In addition to working as a psychologist for two medical groups in the Bronx, Lisa Turtz Birnbaum finds time to enjoy a “smorgasbord of activities,” including Israeli folk dancing, Torah discussions, trips to NYC for museum exhibitions and ballet performances, and walks to nearby Manor Park on the water in Larchmont, N.Y. Lisa’s older daughter, Zoe, is in her second year of medical school at NYU. Her younger daughter, Rose, recently graduated from Mount Holyoke with a double major in English and art history; she is working regularly for website Intuitive Accounting and provides training and support on billing, accounting, and practice management through her business (timeandcents.com).

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Seán Drummey sent me a terrific photo from his visit with Ed Harvey last August in Burlington, Vt. Barry Rabin has been practicing ophthalmology in Syracuse, N.Y., since 1987, and is on the faculty of Upstate Medical University. His daughter, a clinical psychologist in Cherry Hill, N.J., was married over Labor Day weekend. Barry caught up with Mark Fishbom ’77 at the reception. Barry’s son is a product manager at Legrand in Harrisburg, Pa. I was very happy to hear from old friend Nancy da Silveira, who teaches Portuguese and tutors international students at the Claremont Colleges. She also provides tutorials via Skype for executives in Japan preparing to work in the States. Nancy’s documentary film Flight of the Dove is now streaming on folkstreams.net. Remember to circle the reunion date, send me news, donate to the Colby Fund, and call an old Colby friend you haven’t spoken to in more than a year.

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First, circle your calendars for June 2-5, 2016. Our next reunion is less than two years away—calendars have a funny way of filling up. Now for news: Jim Morgan traveled to Kenya this summer to visit his daughter and her family, including grandson Henry, whose parents work in the U.S. Embassy. Jim thinks Henry is an aspiring Maasai warrior; he shows great dexterity with anything of a spear-like design!

Joy Sawyer Mulligan combined a Maryland trip for her goddaughter’s wedding with a “Butter Bards Reunion,” this time including Wendy Swallow, Heather Finney Eng., and Julie Stewart. There were lots of simultaneous conversations, and fine cooking by Wendy and Heather was matched by equally fine eating by Joy and Julie! Joy was named chair of the English department at her school, attributing it to “slim pickin’s,” but we know better.

Martha Bell is the College Board’s director of assessment publications, supporting the redesigned SAT for 2016. Rab Bell travels everywhere—from Singapore and New Zealand to rural Ontario and Louisiana—providing lectures and workshops for his Intelligent Community Forum. Martha and Rab, whose younger daughter is getting married this fall and moving to D.C., spent two weeks in Maine at a family cabin on Frenchman Bay (“a slice of heaven”), visiting Sue and Paul Kueffer on their way home. Paul said he saw Martha and Rab the same day he and Sue were kayaking with Caren Starr Schwartz. Caren was named one of the top 10 QuickBooks Pro advisors in the country at a Scaling New Heights conference in June. Caren writes regularly for website Intuitive Accounting and provides training and support on billing, accounting, and practice management through her business (timeandcents.com).

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Carter Newell is still living in Damariscotta, Maine. Carter earned his Ph.D. in marine biology in 2005 and is president of Pemaquid Oyster Company and Pemaquid Mussel Farms. He has been developing a submersible mussel raft with a Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant from U.S. Department of Agriculture, and he developed an aquaculture GIS system (shellGIS.com). Carter still plays the fiddle with Jeff McKeen ’76 and recently played some tunes with Bill Tieman on bagpipes and Paul Fackler ’78 on fiddle. Bill bought a house in Maine and still teaches physics in Colorado; Paul was up at the Maine Fiddle Camp and continues to teach economics in North Carolina. Carter’s oldest daughter, Maisie, 30, has two kids with another on the way, and all four of his children play music in a family band.

Janet Josselyn is now an empty nester, as her son has left home to attend Union College. Her novel, Thin Rich Bitches, is doing well on Amazon, and she invites everybody to check it out.

Ken Colton thinks his former chemistry professor Wayne Smith might be surprised to learn that Ken was recently quoted in the American Chemistry Society’s weekly magazine. Find it online. As many of you know, our classmate Mike Bolduc passed away May 29 at his home in Sandy River Plantation, Maine. See his obituary on dailybuilder.com. His friend Charlie Burch sent this to me soon after: “On May 29, the Class of 1977 lost a great classmate, teammate, fraternity brother, and friend when Mike Bolduc passed away after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Mike was a lifelong teacher, coach, father, and partner. He left us way too early, but as Bruce Springsteen said on the last track of his Magic album: ‘Brother when they built you, they broke the mold.’ The world will be a lonelier, quieter place with Mike no longer in it.”

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The youngest of Gary Winers’ four girls went directly from her camp counseling job to her freshman dorm at Allegheny College in Pennsylvania on her own, as logistics made it impossible to accompany her. Gary’s rueful description: “We’re like, ‘Yeah, we’ll see you at homecoming in October and take you shopping for your room then.’” John Breedlove’s financial services business, the Moody Street Group in Newton, just celebrated its third anniversary, and he and his wife, Nga, are up to five grandchildren. Doug and Marjorie Gonzalez Blackwell’s daughter Courtney got married in August, and Doug joined the wedding band to sing “I Will Wait”—captured on video posted on Facebook! Lisa Klein Boldt’s eldest son graduated from Colby in May, and she will dearly miss the lacrosse weekends in Maine, “no matter how bone-chilling.” Lisa is grateful to Janet Santry Houser for her guidance during graduation weekend festivities. Steve Jacobs had a wonderful time visiting his daughter Emily in Philadelphia this summer and touring the outstanding Barnes Museum and Amish country. After taking my daughter to Emerson in Boston last week I met up with Bob Woodbury for “pops.” Woody is weighing his exciting career, retirement, and unemployment options. In August he joined Ben ThordMike at Fenway, where, Ben writes, “Woody and I drank less than we used to (thank goodness!) and caught up on family and friends. I am certain that we thought we were much funnier than others around us did, confirming that the more things change the more they stay the same!”

Miguel Browne traveled through South Africa, Botswana, and Zimbabwe with Lindy Williams ’79 and their families—and had to cross the Kalahari desert to the U.S. Embassy when their tents burned. Backstory, please?

Sally Pearce retired in 2009 after 30 years with the state of Colorado. She still volunteers as co-executive director of the National Scenic Byway Foundation, and she recently returned from South Africa and Zambia.

Theanna Pateropoulos is working toward her Ph.D. in clinical psychology in San Francisco. Over the summer she visited Maine for a “luxurious one-month vacation” that included time with several classmates including Mary Rolerson Hebert and Kathy Jackson Gitten.

Tim Hussey’s son Philip is now a fourth-generation Colby grad. Tim was privileged to be on stage, along with John Devine, for the graduation ceremony, which included Bro’s final address. Bob LeFeber visited Colby several times last year—his son is now attending—and was impressed with all the improvements on campus.

Wayne Collin is an ear, nose, and throat and head and neck surgeon in Lexington, Ky. He encourages anyone suffering from sleep apnea but intolerant of CPAP to check out his website, osasurgery.com.

Abi Rome runs an ecotourism business from her home in Maryland and invites classmates to join the next tour to Chile and the coast of the Andes—you can find her at tierra-venta.org.

Anne and Tom Gilligan moved back to the Boston area two years ago and love being able to see Colby friends frequently, including classmates Jim Gagne, Jim Crook, and Ronnie Dawids. Tom says, “We continue to add great memories to those we made at Colby. Still a lot of laughs, and the people just seem to get better as they get older.”
80s NEWSMAKERS

Roy Hirshland ’85 received the 2014 EY Entrepreneur of the Year Award for the New England region June 10 in Boston. The award recognizes entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in areas such as innovation, financial performance, and commitment to their businesses and communities. Hirshland is president and CEO of T3 Advisors, a global real-estate consulting firm. • Conservation International appointed Meg Galloway Goldthwaite ’88 its chief marketing officer in August. Goldthwaite previously served in positions including senior director of strategy and innovation of Women for Women International and vice president for marketing and communications of the Clinton Bush Haiti Fund. • Carolyn Lockwood ’89 was named director of Main Street Bath in August. Most recently a bureau director at the Maine Department of Labor, Lockwood is a Bath city councilor and former community development coordinator for the city.

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Anne Hussey ran into Elliott Pratt and Fred Madeira when she was on Mayflower Hill in May to watch her nephew, Philip (son of Tim Hussey ’78) graduate. Anne’s daughter is already talking about being a member of the class of 2027! • Brian Neligan and his family moved to Charlotte, N.C. Brian, Elizabeth, and daughters Margot and Larkin have been exploring the area, playing tennis, and taking in a minor league baseball game or two. Brian likes to check out the bluegrass scene while the girls shop. • Joy Crafts McNaughton’s son, Nicholas Cantrell, graduated from Emory Law in May and has a fellowship in the Cobb County (Ga.) district attorney’s office. Joy is in her 15th year as a staff attorney at Hanover Insurance. She and her husband went on a cross-country trip on the California Zephyr from San Francisco to Chicago with stops in Yosemite and Denver. • Bob Bower’s daughter, Maggie, is a Colby senior this year. She stepped away from her longtime summer job as a Maine canoe guide to intern at NBC’s Late Night with Seth Meyers. • Jane Dibden is a pastor in the Oklahoma Panhandle. She has two kids in high school, two in college, and one who is a pastor and librarian in Maine. Jane writes that she found being the mother of the bride a life-changing experience. • Echoing this sentiment was Lynn Collins Francis, whose daughter Beth was married on the Cape this summer and settled in Acton, Mass. • Sue McLeod moved back to Maine in 2011, spending winters in Bath and summers on Southport Island near Boothbay Harbor. In addition to her work in leadership development, Sue is Big Sister to an 11-year-old future engineer, serves on the board of the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust, volunteers with Main Street Bath, knits, gardens, and spends time on her boat. Oh, and she’s a notary public who officiates at weddings! • Carol Sly completed her 28th Pan Mass Challenge (two days, 192 miles) and vacationed with her family in Rhode Island afterward. Her son, John, will be a freshman engineering student at UVA this fall, and her other son, Neal, will be a tenth grader. Patty Valavanis Smith joined Carol in Rhode Island for a day of kayaking and visiting. Carol also saw Cornelia Armbrrecht Brefka, whose son Paul landed a job in the next town over from Carol’s home in Virginia. • Barry ’79 and Liz Yanagihara Horwitz spent a week in Paris this spring. Their daughter was just accepted into a master’s program in architecture at Northeastern, and they’re thrilled that she’ll be close to home. Liz had a busy summer playing her bass with the MIT Philharmonic and the Mercury Orchestra. • And don’t forget that our 35th reunion is coming up next June. Plan to be on Mayflower Hill the weekend of June 4-7, 2015.

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Leave it to the Boston Red Sox to go from worst to first to worst. Mark Bloom gives his perspective: “Twenty years ago, in 1994, the Red Sox were about as bad as they were this year. However, the bigger baseball news was the players’ strike, canceling the World Series for the first time since 1904. The bigger personal news that year was my marriage to Deborah Gibson. We got married in a small, original, unorthodox ceremony on New Year’s Eve. Despite the strike, my bride, in her vows, promised to attend at least four games a year with me. Now that we live in Asheville, N.C., we go to minor league games and love it. And this New Year’s Eve marks our 20th anniversary. That’s a lot of baseball—and love!” • Twenty for Boomer and also for Phil Hough, who in April married his longtime partner, Deb Hunsicker, in a very small ceremony with just family and two close friends. “After 20 years together we figured it was time.” • No baseball love for Tom Betro, who broke out his Patriots cap in early July, put his Red Sox cap in the closet, and canceled his MLB.tv subscription. • Victor and Ginny Bufford’s youngest daughter, Veronica, started her senior year at Colby. Following in her mom’s footsteps, Veronica completed a semester at the Williams-Mystic Maritime Studies Program. Middle daughter Valerie ’13 began the accelerated nursing program at Johns Hopkins, where she will complete a second bachelor’s degree in 13 months. Son V.J. ’11 is an economist for Compass Lexecon and recently relocated to Denver. Ginny has her own business providing administrative support virtually throughout the United States. Victor manages sales and marketing for PAR Springer-Miller Systems, a supplier of software to the global hotel and spa industries. He created a Class of 1981 Facebook group, facebook.com/groups/colbycollege1981. • Gary “Grog” Rogers writes that after 33 years, fellow Dekes got together when he and wife Linda were en route to see Colby’s art museum and campus renovations and stopped in Portland to visit Joel Harris and his wife, Talie. See a great photo of Grog and Joel on the Colby alumni “Stay Connected” page.
bumped to first class for our trip home. Can’t wait to go back to Ireland when my nephew graduates ... or maybe sooner.  
• Diane Zawotzky and her husband returned to Maine after 10 years out west in Washington and Idaho. Diane works as an inpatient hospitalist physician at Down East Community Hospital in Machias, enjoys exploring the coast, and is close to both daughters. Hayley started law school in Vermont, and Tess is a sophomore at Thomas College in Waterville studying criminal justice.  
• Paul Maier had a busy summer but was able to reconnect with a few of the old “ frat bros” and with Vicky Crouchley ’84 and Tom Dougherty. Also Jets (Marc Jeton), Schwartzy (Jon Schwartz), and Paul caught up with Charlie Smith ’82 during a father-son summer outing in Marblehead.  
• Scott Sophos returned to London after seven years living in Colchester. He’s curriculum leader of drama at the Loxford School of Science and Technology in Ilford.  
• As for me, clearing out and selling our house and settling into a new home took several months, so sponsored a wonderful French exchange student, Lavinia Stefani, whom I last saw in 2002. Lavinia and I spent a lovely August weekend with Doug and Kim Smith McCartney at their camp on the Belgrade Lakes. Lavinia is a psychotherapist in Paris and looks just the same.  

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Deb Nader joined a racing sailboat crew with only the desire to learn and be out on the water ... no actual knowledge or experience! She races on Lake Champlain and hoped to sail in an Etchells sport boat race off Portland, Maine, in September. Deb and her daughter, Dana, a high school senior, toured the Maine college loop this summer. Dana especially loved Portland and the potential busking opportunities with her accordion.  
• From Barbi Failows Ives: “A bunch of us from Foss-Woodman got together in July for a music festival near our home in Cornish, Maine. Various Fort Weird grads came and went, camping in the yard and staying in the house. The music festival was good, but the company was much better!” Attendees included Bruce Allsopp ’80, Sue Hatch, Bruce McClure ’81, Eric Broadbent ’84, Sara Hill Caperton ’84, Alastair Caperton ’83, Brian Garnick, Chris Blass ’79, Pam Bembridge Murphy ’80, Susie Macrae ’83, Finn Murphy, Amy Sims ’83, Geoff Ives ’81, Susie Blunt ’81, Sami Yassa ’84, Laura Byrne ’81, Phil Glouchtitch, Jean Appelof Segal, Jamie Engert, Fletcher ’84 and Katie Lyons Kittridge ’83, and, via Skype, Kathy Kaufman ’83.  
• Deidre Duffy Donohue sends this update: “This news” is a bit delayed because my husband, Joe, and I have been so busy with three kids, two dogs, and two law practices. We’ve been in Andover, Mass., since 1992. Daughter Kate is a senior at Boston College; daughter Ellie is a junior at Colby (but spending fall semester at University of Edinburgh, Scotland); and son James is a freshman at St. Lawrence University. We’ve had many great times on Mayflower Hill and throughout the NESCAC watching Ellie play field hockey. Amazingly, some beloved professors are still favorites—Ellie had both Cal Mackenzie and Sandy Maisel last semester. We’ve crossed paths with lots of Colby alums and hope to connect with more!”  
• Brian Kelley writes, “A few days after we graduated, my grandmother Helen Cummings Kelley brought me to Ireland as a graduation present. It was an amazing time touring the beautiful countryside of our ancestors, and we met some of our relatives who still lived in County Mayo. This June I brought my nieces to the Emerald Isle for their graduations, tracing some of our steps from 1982. We pub-crawled in Dublin and Galway, hiked the Aran Islands, toured the Dingle Peninsula, and learned the history of Kinsale. We topped off 12 days of perfect weather (no rain in Ireland!?!) by getting four miles high!), or that my knees and feet would withstand the downhill, but we all made it! Seven days up, two days down. It was a powerful force that we encountered at the top, made us all sob and hug each other. From now on, I can always tell myself, “If I can climb Kilimanjaro, I can do this too.””  
• Amy, girlfriend! Eric Broadbent showed up at Maria’s recent birthday party; doubly cool since she writes that she and husband Greg ’81 are going to put solar panels on the cabin that Eric ’84 and Susie Macrae sold the Leedeses almost 20 years ago. Maria’s second child, Zander, is just off to Colorado College. Zander was warmly hosted during a tour of Colby provided by the daughters of Becca Cunningham ’84 and Adam Weiss.  
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While the rest of us have been watching the retracting backs of our adultish fledglings, Phineas Gay and his wife are in the, um, preadolescent phase with Parker, 9, and Bowden, 7. On a trip to Colby, Phin’s boys found the game room most interesting. Bowden asked if you can go to the game room anytime when you’re in college, and Phin said yes, “to which he replied, ‘I’m going to love college.'” Phin’s team has made it! Seven days up, two days down. It was a powerful force that we encountered at the top, made us all sob and hug each other. From now on, I can always tell myself, “If I can climb Kilimanjaro, I can do this too.””  
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Ben Lowry recently attended a red-carpet event and premiere of the movie The Giver, based on the book by his mother, Lois Lowry. Ben spent time with many of the stars, including Jeff Bridges and Meryl Streep. His mom worked closely with Jeff, who had been trying to get the movie made for 18 years. Ben reports, “After 45 books, it was fun for me to share in my mother’s big night.” Photos of the event are on the “Stay Connected” tab at colby.edu/alumni.  
• Gretchen Bean Bergill dropped her son, Nik, off for his first year at Bowdoin. She plans to sport lots of blue and gray at any and all Colby-Bowdoin athletic contests!  
• College roommates and longtime friends Chris Murphy and Steve Reed both have sons, Tanner Murphy and Carter Reed, who are freshmen at the University of Miami.  
• Tom Menzies’s youngest son is a freshman at the College of William and Mary, and their oldest son, Matt, graduated from James Madison University. Their middle son, Chris, headed off to study abroad “and pub-crawl” in London, “just like his old man did 30 years ago.”  
• Chris Lebherz sent his twin girls off to college: one at Suffolk University and one at Quinnipiac. His older daughter is 21 and also attends Suffolk. Chris has been trying cases and playing golf and plans to take his father, George Lebherz ’52, to Paris this October.  
• Rick and Kathryn Clarke Anderson’s daughter, Emily ’14, graduated from Colby in the spring and celebrated with her grandparents, including Dick ’55 and Jean Hawes Anderson ’55. Rick and Kathryn joined Ann-Meg White and Sean Padgett and Stefan and Gretchen Bean Bergill at the Sturbridge lake house of Steve Reed and his wife over Labor Day weekend. Sean and Ann-Meg’s daughter, Cat ’17, is a sophomore and helped Kathy Hughes Sullivan move her son, Slater ’18, into his dorm at Colby.  
• Kevin Bruen’s son, Connor ’17, enjoyed playing football and baseball at Colby despite the fact that his first five home baseball games had to be played away due to snow!  
• Carolyn Currie released her fifth CD, Echolocation, in June. The CD, recorded in Nashville, hit number seven on the folk charts for the month of August. It was played on NPR and won songwriting awards at the Wildflower Music Festival and the Rocky Mountain Folks Festival. Carolyn lives in Cumberland, Maine, with her husband, Doug, and two kids. Her son is a junior at Kenyon College, and her daughter is a senior in high school.  
• Barb Knox teaches English as a second language to adults at Alameda Adult School and City College of San Francisco. Barb’s daughter is a high school junior, and her son, Dylan, is a junior playing DI soccer for Santa Clara University.  
• Julie Briggs’s husband, Brent, has played men’s volleyball against
Vlad Dorjets ’98 and his team in the Chesapeake Region of USA Volleyball for several seasons. Julie no longer plays but serves on the board and is adult program director for the region. Melinda Griggs Underwood is a vision rehabilitation therapist covering southeastern Vermont. She ensures that those who have lost or are losing their vision have the skills and equipment they need to function independently. “It is a challenging and rewarding job.” Matthew Smith is starting a nonprofit, gap-year program in Park City, Utah. The organization, Park City Scholars (PCS), is centered in national parks, uses experiential pedagogy, and focuses on science, mathematics, humanities, arts, leadership, and service.

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Dave Epstein may be our class meteorologist, but I just learned we have a “storm chaser” in our class—of a very important sort. Dave Mace dropped a note from an airport while traveling and caught up with Slide Robertson while in Newport Beach, California. “Recently I chaperoned a service trip to Nicaragua with 19 teens including my son, Spencer. We built a cinder-block home for a single mother and her children, slept in an elementary school in cots with mosquito nets, no running water, and lots of screaming roosters!” [That basically describes my Saturday nights.] Jennifer Shackett Berry started year 28 at New Hampton School in New Hampshire. “I shifted to director of college counseling and teach Theory of Knowledge for all IB diploma candidates. My college counseling brought me back to Mayflower Hill in March, confirming my desire to recommend Colby to students.” [For a whopping fee, I hope!]

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In the immortal words of Robin Williams, “Life is good! My daughter’s a junior at U Colorado Business School, proclaims, “Life is good! My daughter’s a junior at U Colorado Business School, and focuses on science, mathematics, humanities, arts, leadership, and service. Program participants strengthen their sense of self, citizenship, and leadership within a framework of academic rigor, collaboration, and exploration. Matthew will pilot the program this fall and begin full programming in 2015. Tom Claytor’s team won the King’s Cup Elephant Polo Tournament in Bangkok, Thailand. The tournament raised more than $1 million for elephant conservation. Photos are on the alumni website. It was so great to see and catch up with Mary Beth Boland Haut and Kathy Sullivan Hughes as we dropped our kids off to start their first year at Colby. The campus looked as beautiful as ever. Class president Swing Robertson aims to contact each classmate personally to encourage attendance at our 30th reunion. He’s challenged the Class of 1990 to another softball game, not forgetting that our class won the game at Reunion 2010. “I can’t wait to take them down in 2015!”

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Betsy Lockhart Carey and family moved to Cape Cod in August 2013. The Cape is a special place for the Casey’s as they were married there and Betsy’s parents live nearby. Kids Peter, 13, Emma, 9, and Ryan, 7, are growing up quickly. Peter just completed his first summer job, raking seaweed at a private beach. Betsy remembers her first, not-so-
While in Maine, Margot stayed with her daughter's boyfriend, who took her to Colby for a trip. The cool summer brought the family her daughter's boyfriend took the Colby family to Montauk, Mass., and occasionally running into other Colby alums. Steven Masur invites classmates traveling through New York during a weekday to come out sailing with him in the harbor before it gets too cold. He said the surf in Montauk, where he lives, is good, and he said the view is beautiful. The Colby alums there are working on our 25th reunion and are planning a trip to Puerto Vallarta next spring. The Colby alums there are also working on a reunion page on Facebook.

Marty Cuthbertson passed away in August. His wife, Marty's sister, was also a Colby alum. They had two children, and Marty's son, Ian, is a Colby alum. Marty was a policy wonk, and a prolific writer and editor. His death is a loss for Colby. His family is creating the Mill District, an arts/entertainment destination just north of UMass Amherst. The first mixed-use building is completed; a fine-foods store in a reborn barn follows next summer.

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90s NEWSMAKERS

In May the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth appointed Jeannette Riley ’90 dean of its College of Arts and Sciences, the largest of its eight schools and colleges. With the university since 2002, Riley was interim dean for two years and prior to that served in several roles including chair of the English department and director of the women’s studies programs. Jim Condron ’92 completed an artist residency at the Edward Albee Foundation in July and exhibited his work with the Fireplace Project in Montauk, N.Y., in August. His work is scheduled to be shown at PULSE Contemporary Art Fair in Miami Beach in November. This spring Adam Cote ’95 was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his service in Afghanistan. Awarded for bravery, acts of merit, or meritorious service in a combat zone, the Bronze Star is the fourth highest award a military person can earn in combat operations and the ninth highest military award overall. Having previously served in Bosnia and Iraq, Cote deployed to Afghanistan in September 2013 and served nine months as a company commander. He is cofounder and CEO of Thermal Energy Storage of Maine. In June economist Drew Matus ’95 was interviewed on Bloomberg Radio regarding the economy, including the unemployment rate, minimum wage, inflation, and the Federal Reserve. Matus is deputy chief U.S. economist and managing director at UBS Investment Bank.

1992

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Scott and Christy O’Rourke Habetz live in the East Bay of San Francisco. She writes, “Piper Dee Habetz was born June 7 in Atlanta and is now our California girl! Jenny Alford Seeman graciously flew down to Atlanta from Boston to meet Piper and impart her motherly wisdom for a couple of days.” On Aug. 10 Warren Claytor welcomed a second daughter, Ash Canby Morris Claytor. Congratulations to you both! In July Anne Maddocks Michels, Lyz Makely Best, Jen Nehro Patriarca, Amy Selinger Elefante, and Diana Dresser Nehro ’97 met for dinner at wd~50, Wylie Dufresne’s NYC restaurant. “We had a decadent dinner, many laughs, and a special tour with the chef. Amazing to think that the first Wylie dishes we tasted 22 years ago were outdoor grilled cheese, Colby eggs, and cream cheese, and Spa food. So proud of him!” Kimberly Kennedy checked in from Sarasota, Fla. “I continue to work as a physical therapist and recently earned my certification in plant-based nutrition from Cornell University. I’m still running and have fallen in love with Pure Barre, the perfect complement workout to running. This summer I was honored to be the client of the month for Pure Barre Sarasota. In October I’ll have a Colby reunion with Jill Vollweiler ’90 and Roxann Greenaway ’93, spending a long weekend with Jill in Westchester County, N.Y., and meeting up with Roxann in NYC to see the Broadway musical Kinky Boots.” Tricia Baldridge Wickliffe wrote from Virginia, “I stopped teaching nine years ago when I had my first son, Charlie, and I have been a stay-at-home mom ever since. My husband, David, and I also have a second son, Andrew, who is almost 7. About five years ago, we moved from the New Hampshire coast to northern Virginia—a huge change. Although we miss New Hampshire, we love the diversity, shared communities, and good schools here. We have also enjoyed catching up with Karen Wu and her wonderful family.” Alice Johnson Handwerk is “enjoying living back in New England in the historic village of Amherst, N.H. I’m beginning my 12th year working at the Derryfield School, where I have taken on a new role as director of alumni development, so I’ll be overseeing things like class notes and reunion giving. Life is busy and fun with Lillian (third grade) and Phoebe (first grade) and two dogs, Scooby and Greta. Love living up here—lots of skiing, hiking, biking, and swimming. This August we had a getaway to Acadia with a stop at Colby and Big G’s!” And John Cook contributed the following: “I’ve ‘gone native’ in San Francisco, having now lived in California longer than anywhere else. Though we had a wedding in 2004, Gabe Speyer and I were able to marry legally this past August thanks to recent Supreme Court rulings. Katie Morrison ’94 officiated, and Nicole St. John was kind enough to travel all the way from NYC to attend. My work as an environmental consultant goes on; as of late, I’ve been working on a major bus rapid-transit project in San Francisco and railroad projects all around the state. One of the great surprises of middle age is that I discovered a real love of trail running. I don’t think I ever ran the three-or (perish the thought?) five-mile loops at Colby, but I have been increasingly drawn to long trail runs.” Happy fall, everyone. Keep the ’92 news coming!

1993

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Kris Balser Moussette spent many weekends with husband Jon and kids Jack, 12, Casey, 10, and Colin, 6, at their camp in Alfred, Maine. She says, “Our whole outlook changes once we go over the bridge and into Maine—it’s like homecoming every weekend.” For the 12th year running, Kris and family spent a week in Chatham, Mass., with John ’92 and Jen Larsen Darken and their kids, Sydney, 13, and Andrew, 10. “We mix in a bit of the beach, mini golf, and beer die.” Kris spends her work week as a lawyer in Boston and Providence specializing in municipal bonds. She occasionally sees Susan Sarno Mihalidis, who works across the street. Susan and husband George have two kids, Stella, 3, and Eli, 1. Mark Muir recently found a new software gaming studio named White Mule Studios and has launched his first product: Draft Sherpa. “It is an interactive guide for players of Magic: The Gathering designed to help veteran players learn how to play the drafting variant of the game. If any of our classmates (or more likely their kids) play Magic, they can check it out at draftsherpa.com.” Mark would love to hear from classmates in the gaming industry.

Ginny Fowles Ward finished her 14th summer working with the Upward Bound program at Bowdoin College. The program helps low-income, first-generation college-bound high school students prepare for and succeed in college. Ginny enjoyed a visit at Bowdoin from John Poirier and his family (wife Jen, daughters Genevieve and Annika, and baby son Callum). The Poirier family was headed south from a five-week summer road trip. Ginny says, “His kids are absolutely adorable and enjoyed checking out the taxidermied polar bear on campus.” Isabelle Gagnon Johnson changed jobs in July; she’s director of operations for DC Volunteer Lawyers Project, which provides free legal services for victims/survivors of domestic abuse in D.C. As a 20th-anniversary gift to themselves, Zach ’94 and Karyl Brewster-Geisz are headed on a seven-day bike trip from Paris to London.

1994

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What an incredible 20th reunion! Many thanks to Carolyn Hart and Rebekah Freeman-Schulze for organizing. Our class had a great turnout and proved we don’t feel any older by hosting the biggest party on campus Friday of reunion weekend. Christy Jordan Everett made the trip all the way from Alaska. The requisite stops—including Joka’s and Big G’s—were made, the Colby Eight sang, Professor Mark Muir spoke at our dinner, we were wowed by the expansion of buildings—especially the art museum—and of course late nights at the student center were had. We missed those of you who couldn’t make it and ask that you put the 25th on your calendar. Getting to Maine and the beautiful campus is always a treat. Laura Keally Heywood said it perfectly when she wrote, “I didn’t realize how much I missed everyone until I got there!” And then, “Only see your name in bold?”

Keep the ’92 news coming!
May 23. She has temporarily retired from exotic adventure travel, teaching preschool, and dive bars. They currently live in South Bend, Ind., where her husband is a chemistry professor at Notre Dame. Rachel saw Elizabeth Moody last Christmas in Connecticut. Elizabeth lives in San Francisco with her husband, a son, and a daughter.

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Jennifer "Jaye" Gennaco and her family traveled to Canada this summer to visit their relatives and see the city of Ottawa. They especially enjoyed the changing of the guard at Parliament and the Canadian Museum of Nature dinosaur exhibit. This fall Jaye's son entered second grade. Her daughter attends preschool. Jen "Hank" Anker Whelen gave birth to her second child Aug. 20. Theodore "Diddy" Dillon Whelen weighed in at 10 pounds, 1 ounce. "Diddy's big brother, Henry, 2 1/2, is very excited to be a big brother!" Jen caught up with a number of classmates including Bruce Mason, who still lives in Brooklyn and Rhode Island; Laura Finn, who lives in San Francisco; Meghan Scheck '97 and Josh Burker, who live in Connecticut; Anna Redmond Zable; Erin Vogel, who visited Jen with her husband and two children, Jordan and Lincoln; and Jen's sister-in-law Beth Whelan Thut, who lives in Concord, Mass., with her husband and three kids. Jen has also been in touch with Madelyn Meyn and Alice Tilson Koehler. "I'm really looking forward to our reunion next year! Dalton Street circa '94/95 will be representing!" Jen was happy to report that my wife, Lindsey, gave birth to our second child, Saya, Sept. 4 and our whole family is doing well. Mia, 3 1/2, is doing a great job being a helpful big sister. Save the date for our 20th reunion: June 4-7, 2015.

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Linnea Basu writes, “One of the lasting legacies I received from Colby is my friendships, most of which are now passing 20 years.” She's seen Nancy Huynh—a research director at Congress Asset Management in Boston—who took her out to dinner for her 40th birthday; Zahid Chaudhary '97—a tenured English professor at Princeton—during a recent trip to New York; Hacho Bohossian—a father of three and physician at Beth Israel in Boston; and Jess Taphorn, Nozomi Kishimoto, and Kate Lawn Chouta '97 during a mini reunion in California. In October she's visiting Kaushik Sen '98, CEO of Healthspring in Mumbai, while he's in Boston on business. Linnea is still at Northeastern running a co-op program for economics students. The inimitable Jeff Sklarz recently opened his own law firm, Green & Sklarz LLC, in New Haven, Conn., representing businesses and individuals in complex financial disputes involving bankruptcy, tax, and litigation. He cannot believe his two daughters, like their father before them, are huge fans of Ren and Stumpy. Gregg LeBlanc had an Alex Talbot sighting! Alex lives in New Hampshire. As an aside, I bought Alex's cookbook Maximum Flavor and made the lime doughnuts last Christmas evening. Yum. Frank Favaloro and wife Michelle welcomed daughter Lily Agnes on Frank's 40th birthday (Feb. 12). Casey McCullough and his wife, Andrea, are Lily's godparents. Kevin Hausmann and his wife, Marlene, attended the baptism. Keith Albert appeared with his wife, Pam, in an issue of Maine Home + Design, whooping it up with artist and former Colby admissions great Matt Russ. Keith was not in KISS makeup on either occasion. Aaron Schlechter has a new job as project manager for Hunter Roberts Construction Group in New York, where he's managing a major chunk of the largest green infrastructure project in the world, overseeing an engineering team and construction by five contractors of 1,100 bioswale projects in Brooklyn. He'll also manage a project of similar scope in da Bronx and does triathlons on the side when he's not chasing around his two kids. Fuhgeddaboudit! Jess Taphorn and her husband, Chris, hosted a mini reunion in Sacramento with Nozomi Kishimoto, her husband, Brent, and two daughters (8 and 3) (all flew in from Tokyo), Linnea Basu, and Kate Lawn Chouta '97, who brought her husband and daughter (18 months) from Fremont, Calif. Peter Agolasto writes that he graduated from Colby with an independent major in archaeology, digging on Mayan ruins in Honduras. That experience apparently prepared him for a career running a recording studio, working with digital media, and writing code. He says Colby helped him see the link between material culture (archaeology) and media culture (Bob Dylan). Peter lives with his wife, Sara, on a small farm outside Charlottesville, Va. Kristin Drake Patterson finished her second master's from Johns Hopkins with a focus on women's reproductive health. As of August she’s a senior policy advisor with Population Reference Bureau, a nonprofit in D.C. promoting the connections between human health and ecosystem health in African countries. Her husband, Dan, and two boys (4 and 8) are doing great. She saw Emily Graham and her new baby girl at their annual meeting in Ocean Park, Maine. Load Team standout Sandler Passman’s family extended by two more this past June, welcoming twins—a boy and a girl. Mom, big brother, and babies are doing great—dad is hanging in there, but nobody seems to care. Though I tried and tried, Derek Scacchi was sadly unreachable. Nate Howell just became CEO of Claxton Hepburn Medical Center in Ogdensburg, N.Y. Kevin Rice received tenure last year as a Colby chemistry professor, and his wife, Stacey, took a job at Colby in development and alumni relations communications. Kevin also participated in the seventh annual Colby Undergraduate Summer Research Retreat, hosted by Robert Peabody and attended by Betsy Bowen, who works for Colby as a gift officer. As for me, I turned 40 this summer, still work at MIT, sent my youngest to kindergarten last week, and see as many Colby people as I can, as often as I can. Send more notes, please.

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We had a wonderful summer, including a week in New Hampshire with Kelly Hagan McCormack and family and a vacation to the Black Hills of South Dakota. When I was in Maine Labor Day weekend, I was thinking of the Colby first-years on their COOT trips and realized that we were on our COOT trips before these first-years were even born! That was a little much for me to handle, I’m afraid. Stephanie Mann Gabelnick moved to Houston, Texas, with husband Aaron and 6-year-old twins Dalilah and Micah. She enjoys life as a stay-at-home mom and is getting to know the area and local culture. Joe Corrigan left private practice in March and now works as general counsel and VP of strategic relations with Dining Alliance, the nation’s largest group-purchasing organization for independent restaurants and small restaurant groups, headquartered in Boston. He and his wife, Molly, are expecting their first child in January. Patty and Alec Rowe welcomed a son, Rodrigo, in May. They live in Fairfield, Conn., and Alec works in education administration in NYC. They enjoy seeing Colby friends Colleen and Josh Lippmann and their son, Samuel, as well as Judy and Jay Klein and children. Alexander and Elliot. Kara Hooper has been busy visiting with Colby friends. She and her boys traveled to Denver this summer to visit JJ Ecklund McGaw and family. She also recently saw Jennifer Atwood Lesky and Tanya Semels Brylinsky, both of whom had just moved into new houses. Kim Parker welcomed a baby boy, Elliott True Parker, in May. Congratulations, Kim! Jess Miller Fischler has been an event planner for the last nine years. Last October she traveled to Durban, South Africa, for a U.S. government meeting. The meeting was canceled shortly after she arrived due to the government shutdown, so she spent the next week negotiating 500 hotel room cancellations. While there, she was able to travel to Hluhluwe, where she saw lots of rhinos. She and her husband, Mike, welcomed their fourth son, Louis, in March. He joins big brothers Sampson, 7, Henry, 6, and John Thomas, 2. They live in Annapolis, where they enjoy seeing Bob Gimpel and Brian Dowling. This summer they visited family on Cape Cod as well as Claire and Brent Ryan in Newport, R.I. She shared, “We still host Maunigan every Labor Day with a bunch of Colby friends including Rich Morrissey, Brent, John Baptiste, Bow Stratton, Matt Logan, and many more. All Colby friends are always welcome to join us for a weekend of camping, beer die, and great food on my dad’s farm (kid friendly, even with the die).” This summer Jon Levin, his wife, Beth, and sons Nicholas and Liam went to Disney World, Hampton Beach, N.H., and York Beach, Maine. Becca Durham had a wonderful summer camping with her daughter and working outside as a botanist in Montana. She was planning a September bike ride in the Ovando Gran Fondo to raise money for the Missoula Symphony.

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Hilary White married Kirby Sunde in an outdoor ceremony in the mountains of Estes Park, Colo., last June. In attendance were Colby grads, including Elizabeth Castagneto Andrada, Meghan Falion Armstrong, Meg Greene Ross, Mila Rossi, and Tara Falsani Harkins. Hilary lives in Fort Collins, Colo., and is a physician assistant for Emergency Physicians of the Rockies, caring for patients in three emergency rooms. Class president Sandra Hughes Goff has joined the Economics Department at Colby for the 2014-15 academic year in a visiting faculty position. She is excited to be back on campus. Shannon Baker and her family are moving back to Salt Lake City, Utah. She lived there previously when she
was a family medicine resident in Ogden and her husband flew for the active-duty Air Force. They’re going back because they miss the mountains and want to raise their kids in a place where they can hike or ski every weekend. Shannon will work in a family medicine outpatient clinic in a Salt Lake City suburb, and her husband, Brad Klemesrud, will fly the F-16 there for the Air Force Reserves.  

Dagan Loisel started his third year as a biology professor at Saint Michael’s College in Burlington, Vt. He just finished mentoring two undergraduates who worked on summer research projects on immune genetics in wild bobcats and on the genetic diversity of sunfish in Lake Champlain. Dagan would be happy to see any Colby visitors who happen to be in town.  

Laurel Hart, her husband, Scott Willey ’96, and their daughter, Katrine, have moved to Scott’s hometown of Santa Barbara after spending 10 years in NYC. Laurel and Scott are both working remotely for their jobs in NYC. They love California living and the easy access to beaches and mountains.  

David and Nina Perkins Newman live in Ridgefield, Conn., with their three children, Lily, 11, Elise, 9, and Will, 6. Nina is assistant head of school for institutional advancement at School of the Holy Child, an all-girls Catholic school in Rye, N.Y. This spring Nina caught up with Lindsay McConchie at Lindsay’s baby shower. Derek Luke is still busy with Newport Storm. The brewery just finished an expansion, and the rum (thomastewrumns.com) is now available in 16 states. Derek is happily married and still enjoys surfing, kiteboarding, and fixing things.  

Brian and Kristolle Aherne Gill had a great vacation on Martha’s Vineyard and enjoyed having Lisa and Jon Foster, Pete and Sarah Eno Felmy, and Raja and Liz Hooper Bala and all their children as guests. Raja conquered his fear of carousels with his inaugural ride at the Flying Horses and was presented with an “I Rode the Horses!” T-shirt.

1999

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Our 15th reunion was a blast! Special shout-out to our wonderful class presidents, Matt and Katie Lawrence Sawatzky, for leading our class through this reunion and agreeing to stay on board for the next five years. Thanks also to our unstoppable class agents, Alex and Becky Thornton Leach, for taking the reigns on fundraising, and to the whole reunion committee. These are all volunteer jobs that require plenty of time and energy, and we are most grateful for all you’ve done.  

Oliver Griswold was bummed to miss reunion, but he had a good reason: his second daughter, Isobel, was born in November and took her time learning how to sleep more than a couple of hours at a time. But Oliver, mom Ellen, and big sister Amelia are so happy to welcome their smily new addition, who will definitely be ready for the 20th in 2019.  

On June 18 Jim and Randi Martin Bakken had a healthy baby boy, Jakob “Jake” Martin Bakken. Big sister Riley is thrilled with her new brother. Randi continues to work as science chair at Marin Academy in San Rafael, Calif. Life with two under age 2 is busy, but so much fun!  

And some news of my own: Lindsay Hayes Hurtley and her husband, Blaine, welcomed their son Roscoe Hayes Hurtley on Aug. 7. His big siblings, Penelope Kate, 3, and Patch, 2, are as proud as can be and love to “help.”

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Our 15th year reunion is happening in June! I’m going to plan some fun events, which could include a team scavenger hunt (this will NOT be your mom’s version) and other challenges/surprises throughout the weekend. Think about who you want on your team, stay tuned for updates, and get to Maine June 4-7, 2015.  

Scott ’02 and Kate Gardner Tucker and their three children (Wells, 4, Camilla, 1, and Shepley, 1) moved back to New Orleans, where Scott joined an orthopedic surgery private practice. They look forward to settling down in the Big Easy.  

Caitlin Nelson Merrill works at Mass General as a nurse practitioner with medically complex children, and she is active on the hospital’s bioethics committee. Caitlin and her husband, Josh, live in Hamilton, Mass., and love to bring their almost-2-year-old Claire and dog Teddy to local beaches and hiking trails.  

Benjamin Schlitt Ritz is an information editor for the South Texas Law Review and is interning with the 14th Court of Appeals in Houston.  

Krissy Swanson Yetman and her husband moved from Portland, Ore., to Boston last year and are expecting their next feature, Viviana are now putting a team together for their almost-2-year-old Claire and dog Teddy to local beaches and hiking trails.  

Ben Mackay ’00 started a private equity firm, Long Trail Holdings, in Jackson, Wyo., in June. A former partner at Dallas-based Evolve Capital, Ltd., Mackay has also worked as a collateral asset examiner for Wells Fargo and as COO of the Rosebud Group, a real-estate investment fund he founded.  

Holly Brewster ’02 completed her Ph.D. at Columbia this spring and was hired for a tenure-track position as an assistant professor of education at Washington College in Chestertown, Md.  

In June Ryan Connolly ’07 was named Volunteer of the Year for the Catholic Schools Foundation in Boston. Active with the foundation’s Inner-City Scholarship Fund, he co-chaired the ICSF Young Leaders Committee in 2013 and 2014, leading the committee to raise more than $200,000. He is a financial advisor with the Connolly Principe Group at Morgan Stanley.

2001

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On Sept. 6 I attended the wedding of Becky Munsterer and Jamal Sabky, which included special guest Preston the camel. It was fun to catch up with Colby friends including Rachel Rokicki, Jodi Dakin Loughlin, Mandy Cochrane Raser, Kim Condon Lane, and Martha Beebe. Rachel and husband Gilbert Cruz welcomed a little boy, Henry Emerson Cruz, July 5. Rachel is associate director of publicity for the Crown Publishing Group at Penguin Randomhouse. Kim and husband Mike were getting ready for the arrival of her second baby, joining their son, Charlie.

Martha had recently moved back to Massachusetts, and Jodi was getting ready to celebrate the first birthday of her youngest daughter, Alta.  

Evan Reece and wife Annie welcomed son Barrett July 1. Evan reported that Matt Cohen married Frances Cosico.  

Liz McGann Heald and husband Nat welcomed their firstborn, Thayer Heald, July 12. They’re enjoying every (sleep-deprived) minute!  

Kate Isley and fiancé Mark Vaughn had a baby girl, Oona Mae Isley-Vaughn, July 17. It’s their first baby, and the first few weeks were quite a whirlwind. Kate and Mark live in Somerville, Mass.  

Eric Lantzman, Maggie, Anabel, and Ziva will move back to Pittsburgh from Alaska to reunite with their families. Eric will start a new job as director of family planning for the Allegheny Health Network in June 2015. They’re working on the bucket list of Alaska adventures until then.  

April and Kyle Garry welcomed their third boy in October—Ryan joined brothers Owen, 7, and Connor, 4. Kyle works in merchandising at the TJX Companies, and they live in Natick, Mass.  

Stuart Luth recently returned from Slovenia, where he and his wife, Viviana Leo, were screening their feature White Alligator at the Bled Film Festival. The location was spectacular, Viviana won the award for best actress, and it was great spending time with Noah Charney ’02, who programmed the feature films. Stuart and Viviana are now putting a team together for their next feature, Blue for Bay, a comedy about reproductive rights. You can keep up with their projects at morningdovefilms.com.  

Jacqueline Johnson Mourot and husband welcomed a new addition to their family this spring, Aurelio, born April 4.  

Rob and Anna Randall Painter finished their first year living in and endlessly repairing their new house in Sharon, Mass. Rob started his second year as
a linguistics professor at Northeastern University in Boston, and Anna enjoys her dream job, teaching elementary science at the Lincoln School, an all-girls Quaker school in Providence, R.I. They've seen lots of Colby people including Kate Hughes '03, who works in the U.K., Liz Jackson '03, who just bought a house in New Zealand, and Amy Hirschauer '02, who is in the Foreign Service posted in Albania. They still talk all the time with Katie Stamac Mendelsohn, who lives in Washington and just had her second baby, Ezra, and Richard Hallquist, who lives in North Carolina and just earned his M.B.A.

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Andrea Pomerance married Eric Stangarone in Tiburon, Calif., just north of San Francisco, where the couple resides. Fellow alums Molly Van Campen and Amy McCallum were in attendance. Andrea is marketing lead at IDEO, and Eric is creative director at the Culinary Edge and a restaurant owner. • Bethany Record and her husband, Wes, welcomed their first child, Emmet, last May. • Josh Gerber was married this spring. In attendance were Bethany Record, Max Sadler, and Emma Hallowell. • Sean and Lydia Terry Flynn had their third baby boy, Spencer, in June. Two her other boys, Henry and Jack, love their baby brother. Lydia teaches third grade dual immersion. • Chris Cogbill and his family moved to Kalamazoo, Mich., where he works as a staff pathologist. His son, Grant, is in preschool, and daughter Evelyn is 1. Chris’s wife, Elizabeth, is medical director of CentraCare, a PACE program and clinic for geriatrics care. • Alyssa Severn moved to the Kansas City, Mo., area from Chicago after marrying her husband, Craig, whom she met through cyclocross racing. Alyssa is an account planner for a digital-marketing agency and earned a master’s in applied English linguistics in 2010 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Alyssa and Craig are avid cyclists, cyclocross racers, runners, and writers, and they share their home with their beloved rescue pit bull terriers. • Katie Dunn attended Alyssa and Craig’s courthouse ceremony. She works as a brand strategist for a small branding agency in Boulder, Colo., a job she took after finishing her M.B.A. at Presidio. • Bridget Duffy and her husband, Gavin, welcomed their second son, Killian Kimball, July 3. Big brother Finnegan just adores him. After Bridget’s maternity leave she’ll return to her pediatric practice in Atlanta, where she is a partner. • Noah Charney continues to write books and columns and to teach art history and art crime. He planned to teach a Guardian masterclass, How to Write About Art, in London in October. He will also teach other writing seminars this fall in Slovenia, where he lives with his wife, their toddler, Eleonora, and another member due in January. In 2015 he’ll have three books coming out. Stay tuned at noahcharney.com. • J.J. ’01 and Piper Elliott Abodeely expected a third child (a girl) in September. They continue to love life in Sonoma, and Piper is launching the G3 Women’s Conference in Sonoma in November (g3sonoma.com). • Rashad Randolph is now an upper school dean in Brooklyn, where Coy Dailey ’01 is a dean of middle school student life. For the second summer, Rashad worked for Gabe Duncan Roitman’s company, Walking Tree Travel, leading a group of students around Peru. Rashad said, “It’s awesome to be in business with a fellow Mule!” Rashad is in frequent contact with Victor Cancel, Greg Jakein, Matt Overton (who had a son, Brady, born this spring), and Denell Marsh. • Per and Catherine Benson Wahlen moved to Kampala, Uganda, from Malaysia, with their daughter, Emma, 1. Catherine completed her Ph.D. in environmental science in 2013 and does environmental and development consulting. She welcomes anyone to contact her about connecting in East Africa. • Sr. Madeleine (Sarah) Miller will be in Brazil for three months starting in January to work with Sisters in Olida, who serve the destitute and educate local children. She teaches at Norfolk Catholic High School and Wayne State College for now. • Tammie Sebelius moved to London and runs the regional office for EF Tours, where she manages the U.K. and Irish tour directors. • After seven years at the Securities and Exchange Commission, Carl Tugberk is now an assistant general counsel at the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. Carl attended the Colby alumni soccer game in September with Sean Skullley and Dave Friedman. • As for me, Sally Hall Bell, I direct professional development for the Oregon M.B.A. through the University of Oregon in Eugene. I spent a month in Nepal, India, and China this summer trekking in the Himalayas with my husband and running a business tour trip for my graduate students. 2003
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Lauren Bliss and Andrew St. Martin were married Aug. 31, 2013, in an intimate ceremony with immediate family. They live in Attleboro, Mass., and recently got a puppy. Last June Andrew passed the CPA Level III exam, the last in the series, so now his weekends are free from studying and he’s back to mowing the lawn! Lauren sees Thad and Jill Laramée Feeney and their two children, Maggie and Parker, often. • Patrick and Nicole Russo Evans welcomed a beautiful little girl June 26—Nora Stone Evans. • Kevin Smalley and his wife welcomed a new bundle—Meghan Emily—last June as well. Kevin and his family still live in Seminole, Fla., where Kevin teaches math and coaches football and wrestling. • Kyle Burke had a great time teaching at Colby last year and now lives in New Hampshire and teaches at Plymouth State. • Pete Chapia received his M.B.A. from Boston University in May. He started a job in the Boston area at Continuum, a design and innovation consultancy. One of his coworkers is Yuhgo Yamaguchi ’95. Pete recently spent a long weekend in New Hampshire with Danielle O’Steen and Etan Wenger. Pete has also visited with Colby roommate Mac Cathles and his new baby girl, Tegan, and freshman roommate Mike Lee. • Ben Tuff recently got into triathlons and joined the Timex Factory Team. He’s competed in about 20 triathlons, including the NYC Triathlon, in which he raised $4,500 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund. His wife, Gretchin Black Tuff ’04, also competed in and finished the NYC Triathlon. They both live and work at Rushem Hall School, a junior boarding school in Connecticut. • Sarah Walsh was just wrapping up five weeks in Paris at the Women’s Rugby World Cup when she wrote. It was an incredible experience and not a bad place to spend a month—she wasn’t looking forward to going back to the office full time! • Andrea Taylor Gavin moved to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, last September with her husband and daughter, Grace, 2, after 10 years in NYC. She’s working in communications for the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and expecting her first Colby visitor, Kate Hughes, this fall. • Speaking of Kate Hughes, she is now a British citizen! She recently moved to Bury St. Edmunds and is starting an M.B.A. program at Cranfield University in January. She still works in music sales and enjoys singing and sailing in her spare time. • Garrett Kephart leads the adult tripping program for Keewaydin Canoe Camp (where Garrett used to guide trips when he was at Colby) and joined the Keewaydin Foundation board of directors. This summer he led 10 adults, ages 40-70, on a two-week canoe trip down the Marten and Rupert rivers in northern Quebec. The route is the same trip he completed when he was 17 years old in 1998. He lost a canoe in rapids on the Marten that year and threw out four wannigans (wooden containers) worth of food to make space for the additional paddlers (Todd Hunsdorfer ’04 was a camper on the trip). Sixteen years later, they found the wannigans in the same place they’d left them … a bit weathered, but still very much intact. • My husband, Steve, and I welcomed a new addition to our family, Violet Tess Puglisi, on June 30. She joins a proud big sister, Anabelle, 2. We’re really enjoying being a family of four! 2004
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It was great to see so many classmates at reunion! I am proud to announce that Derek Taff and I have handed over the head class agent position to Kaitlin McCafferty and that Maura Myers Bisogni has taken the role of president. I know that Maura and Kaitlin will do an excellent job. It’s been great serving the class, and you can count me in for five more years as class correspondent. • In August Erik Lambert officiated the wedding of Natalie McKeen from and Todd Mannerz in Stowe, VT. Katherine Detmer was one of the “best people” among a significant Colby cohort: Josh Cleaver, Danny Donovan, James Logan, William Younker, and Jessie Zerendow. • Sari Gilbert Rudolph and her husband, Billy, had a baby boy, Jackson Scott Rudolph, March 31. He loves having play dates with Katie Sweeney Lepak’s son, Tyler. 2005
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Doug Summa married Elea Bravakis (Hartwick ’02) July 12 in Worcester, VT. Elea and Doug met while working at a law firm in New York. Class of 2005 attendees included Andy Warnecke, Dan Egan, Evan Allen, Jared Goldsmith, Jeff Lederman, John Pollakowski, Andrew Raser, Rob Mehlisch, Nathaniel Hulme, Cary Fridrich, and Park Ridill. • Cory Cramer and wife Kate Fox moved to Middletown, R.I., where Cory teaches English at St. George’s School. They enjoyed spending time with Sam Hoyle ’08, Brooke Baron ’09, and Sarah Stephens ’09 over the past two years in D.C. • Steph Pierce, Courtney Morris Drauschke, Nicole Wessen Cushman, Carreau Mueller, Maureen Sherry Lynes, and Katie Lynch ran the Old Port Half Marathon in August. Matt Lynes and Jared Cushman cheered them on with their children in tow. They saw fellow
runners Tara Studley and Carla Pollard at the finish. Allison Neumester Fry lives in San Francisco and works at Stanford Law School as director of alumni relations. She married Chris Fry, a Bay Area native, April 26 at Thomas Fogarty Winery in Woodside, Calif. Class of 2005 attendees included Emily Garwlock, Caroline Andresen, Haid Garrett, Sarah Ellefson, Elizabeth Curran, Alana Willhite, Katie Jones Couttemarsh, Nathan Quigley, and Isabelle Reining. Jared Gordon started a job with LL.Bean in June. Phil and Laura Miller Rios welcomed baby Madelyn Grace Rios June 4. Kathryn Austgen and Sean Murphy moved from San Francisco to Chapel Hill, N.C., where Sean started a new business, Boost Lacrosse, and Kathryn works at GlaxoSmithKline continuing her research in infectious diseases. Their daughter, Keagan, is a 1 1/2 year-old, and they’re excited to welcome their second daughter in November.

Nick Malick entered his second year as dean of students at Prospect Sierra in El Cerrito, Calif., and continues to live with wife Rebecca in Oakland. They celebrated Whitney Johnson’s wedding in Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 2. Melissa Mullen Davis started a three-year position at the College of Wooster as a visiting assistant professor of biochemistry and molecular biology and started her term as president of the Graduate Women in Science national organization. Lauren Wolpin Bruno enjoyed a mini reunion in New Hampshire with Jillian Parker Blakeslee, Lydia Durant, Amanda Restell Mand, and Amy Squires while Lydia was visiting from London. They were thrilled to meet Jillian’s, Amy Squires, and Lydia Durant’s bridal party at her wedding to Ben Nickerson on Southport Island, Maine, Aug. 9. The “Blue Fleece Mafia” will reconvene next year on the very same weekend to celebrate Lindsay’s wedding to Brendan Foley. Elizabeth Finn finished graduate school for speech language pathology at MGH Institute of Health Professions and will be doing a clinical fellowship as the SLP at East Bridgewater High School. Ta-Chung Ong graduated from MIT with a Ph.D. in physical chemistry and is at ETH Zurich for postdoc research. Krissy Thatcher Morin and her husband welcomed their son, Dominic James Morin, June 5. Laura Keeler married Vassar Pierce May 3 in Hilton Head, S.C. Colby attendees included Brittany Canniff ‘09, Megan Davis, Sarah Elbers, Deb Wathen Finn ’74, Stephanie Finn, Blake Foster, Ali Fulreeder, Anne Cuttler Hicks, Jennifer Hinson, Lucy Hitz, Chris lx ’00, Shari Katz ’06, Jamie Kline, Kristin Luber, Alison McCarr, Annie Mears, Jeff ’06 and Kendall Kirby Miller, Charlie Patton, Mary Huvane Patton ’08, Alisa Perry, Adam Salamon ’08, Jake Saliba ’06, Dan and Katie Maland Schupack, Lindsay Snyder, McKenzie Wessen, and Jamie Winterbottom.

Leslie Peterson married Christian Canning ’08 on a beautiful sunny day in Charlotte, VT. They celebrated with family and friends including Meg Corder Shafer, Chris Holcombe, Kate Dziedzic, Amit Gaind ’06, Adam Paine ’10, and Hannah Holbrook ’10. Sara Morgan and her fiancé visited Ryan Graumann and Mikaela Bolduc in Segovia, Spain. Sara also recently saw Nina Hoang and Jui Shrestha. Chris Zajchowski moved to Salt Lake City to pursue a doctorate in parks, recreation, and tourism at the University of Utah. Kelly Benvenuto left her job at Tufts University to pursue wedding photography full time: kellybenvenuto.com. Good luck, Kelly!

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After graduating from UVA in 2010, Tomasz T. Zajcza on moved to London and has been working at Deloitte Consulting. He enjoys his work, travels a lot both for work and pleasure, and plans to purchase an apartment soon. Dan Giuliani is the founder and CEO of Volt Athletics (voltathletics.com), a tech startup that provides more than 500 college and high school sports teams with affordable strength and conditioning programs. He also teaches a course in sports performance in the Intercollegiate Athletic Leadership program at the University of Washington.

Steph Atwood and Keegan Albaugh ’07J (though definitely a 2006 alum in our eyes) got married at Kingsland Bay State Park in Vermont Sept. 13. A few Colby folks helped them celebrate—including Steen Sehnert, who somehow managed to make himself their officiant. Keegan and Steen have been living in Burlington for the past five years and absolutely love it there; visitors welcome! Greyson Brooks now works at Housing Works as a case manager in East New York, continuing his work case managing and coordinating service provision for LGBT asylum seekers and asylees in New York City. Ellis Therrmasen Duffey and her husband, John, welcomed daughter Caroline Bauhan Duffey Jan. 30 in Minneapolis. Emily Boyle Westbrooks is excited to share the news that her e-book, Delightful Dublin, a guide to the best of her adopted city, came out in September. If you’re planning a visit to Dublin, make sure to check out delightfuldublin.com. Emily and husband Michael Westbrooks now live in London, continuing their work as expatriates in both the UK and Ireland.

2007

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was able to photobomb their photo with the Colby flag. Nate Stone, Stephen Planas, and Bennett Barnwell traveled to L.A. in August to visit Drew Moreland ’07 for their annual Colby reunion weekend. They had a great time including a game at Dodger Stadium, basketball, and time at the beach. Jessica Varnum is engaged to James Ellr (U.S. Air Force Academy 2006), currently a naval aviator. Still working at the Center for Nonproliferation Studies, she is also pursuing a part-time doctoral program with the Department of Defence Studies, King’s College London.

Antonio Mendez graduated from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law and started working as a political organizer for the Colorado Democratic Party.

Noah Balazs is learning to crab, fish, and shrimp in the estuaries of Charleston, S.C. Calt Miller, Eliezer Lehrauh, Melissa McNulty, Aine McCarthy, and Nate Stone recently traveled together for a week in Chamonix, France. The five had a blast hiking the French Alps, eating pastries and crepes every day, and competing in the prestigious 2014 Chamonix Lip Sync Challenge. I am sad to report that our classmate Maddy Horwitz Boccuzzi passed away after a six-month battle with metastatic melanoma. She was surrounded by her loved ones, including her husband, Ryan Boccuzzi ’05. Donations can be made in her honor by visiting uscnorris.com/support/MaddyBoccuzzi.html. I hope you take a moment to remember our dear friend and classmate.

2008

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Thanks for all of the updates, ’08ers! Katherine Koleski graduated from the Fletcher School at Tufts and moved to Washington, D.C., to work as a policy analyst on the U.S.-China Economic and...
Security Review Commission. • Rebekah Fasel is recently engaged to Adam Kiser, who is a 2009 graduate of the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Their wedding is planned for April 2015 in Charleston, S.C. • Kossi Nacheva is a marketing specialist at Vedra International, a company in the pharmaceuticals sector in Bulgaria. She recently finished and shipped her first big commissioned artwork to an art consultant in the United States. • On July 5, Kristin Weigle married Colin Roberts at Helwig Winery in Plymouth, Calif. She was happy that Stephanie Bowman Alvarado, Kit Clark, Sarah E. Clark, Katie Harris, Brian Lam, Luke LaViolet, Laura Perille, Ling U, and William Whitledge were all there to celebrate. • Ed Davis has joined a startup private equity firm called Renewable Energy Trust and has the good fortune of working with Justin Amiraull ‘01. • Patrick Sanders stayed in Los Gatos, Calif., with Katie Price ‘07 and Tom Testo ‘07 while in the Bay Area for work. On the same trip, Patrick had lunch with Courtney Johnson in Palo Alto. • Dori Smith was hired as visiting assistant professor of voice at Fort Lewis College, a liberal arts school in Durango, Colo. • Charles Frederick is working in a new job doing economic predictions for Prudential, living in Hoboken, and loving city life. • Kim Graves completed her Ph.D. in chemistry at Princeton this May and started as an assistant professor in the department of chemistry and biochemistry at the University of Delaware. She’s excited to work with the Blue Hen freshmen but still relies on analytics to make her heart happy! On July 26, Sarah Goldenstein and Evan Eshelman married in an intimate outdoor mountain ceremony in Whistler, B.C. Family, friends, and a group of fellow Colby alums were on hand to celebrate with them under beautiful blue skies.

• Patrick Collins’s company has expanded into the Denver marketplace on a GSA contract. In August he was promoted to assistant general manager. • Steve Frechette earned his M.B.A. from MIT Sloan School of Management and joined a social enterprise in Myanmar called Proximity Designs. He is helping to lead the organization’s renewable energy business. He would love to connect with alums in Myanmar (he’ll be based in Yangon), those traveling through Southeast Asia, or those interested in visiting the country. • After living in Shanghai for six years, Zach Goodnough has started the master’s in engineering management program at Duke. He enjoyed attending Evan Phelps’s Austin wedding in September. • Over the summer Julie Wilson produced Leon Panetta’s audiobook memoir, Worthy Fights, which was recorded in Monterey, Calif. • I’m excited to share that in August, Justin DePre ‘06 proposed while we were vacationing with my family on Swan’s Island, Maine.

2009

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On Labor Day weekend Shafeek Mohamed went camping and hiking with Amy Kayw and Christopher Van Alstyne on Mount Washington in New Hampshire. • Dan Heinrich and Danny Wasserman went to Vegas with Sarah Switchenko ’08, Jen Li ’10, Ishan Singh ’08, Alex Pietroforte ’08, and Anuj Kapur ’10. • Lauren Pongan celebrated the wedding of Joshua Sadownik and Caitlin Coit ’08. • In July Adam Musial married Helen Chow at Seychelles in the Indian Ocean. Chao Zheng, Qiangmian Amiry, and Prabdeep Singh were groomsmen, and Irina Cazan ’11 also attended. • Garrett Hatton and Sarah Gordon got engaged in June a few weeks after reunion. • This spring Kirstin Miller Swenson passed her comprehensive exams in school psychology at the University of Iowa. She married Tyler Swenson on her parents’ farm in July. This fall she plans on proposing her dissertation and applying for internships. • Nicole Crocker married Dustin Villarreal in Rhode Island Aug. 2, Lydia Pardini and RT Torek attended. Dustin is earning his Ph.D. in geology from the University of Houston, and she’s working as a geologist at an oil company in Houston. • Kim Cohen married Christopher Neil ’07 last October in York, Maine—eight years after meeting him in Heights. Tali Savic, Rachel Baird, Magge Hayes, and Michele Chu were lovely bridesmaids, and they also celebrated with Rebecca Kamins and Zac Helm. Last fall Kim started a Ph.D. program in ecology and evolutionary biology at Brown, where she’s an NSF graduate research fellow. • Ruth Langton works at the Newton Montessori School teaching first, second, and third grade. She’s also coaching a high school diving team. • Danielle Crochiere, Caitlin Casey, Andrew Young, Steph Cotherman, Elissa Teasdale, Jason and Megan Schafer Hine, and Brad Cantor ’08 celebrated the wedding of Kristen Hitchcock to John Enright in Buxton, Maine. They ate lots of Maine lobster, danced their pants off, and ended the night roasting marshmallows under the stars. • Sally Drescher married Chris Pietrafita (Syracuse) Aug. 16, Elizabeth Eaton ’11 was her maid of honor. • Sam Hoff began his final year at Boston College Law School.

On Labor Day he and Alexander Richards were groomsmen as Josh Sadownik married Caitlin Coit ’08. The week before, Sam drove the Pacific Coast Highway from San Francisco to L.A. and visited Logan King, Travis Townsend, Henry Sears, Sam Wampler, Andrew Chelt, Mather Neill IV, and Charlie Moore. • Brittany Canniff started her M.B.A. at the Boston College Carroll School of Management. • Chelsea Eakin works for the Paulson Institute and loves living in Beijing. • Ben Hauptman and Elise Apantaku moved back to Waterville. Ben works at Winslow High School, and Elise works for the state in Augusta. • Kat Cosgrove ’10 married Wes Miller ’08 in Richmond, N.H. In attendance were John Chung ’08, Nolan Gagne ’08, Skylark Sutton ’08, Ronnie Wise ’08, Keane Ng ’08, Hang Chang ’08, Jim Kelly, Patrick Boland, Andrew Chernie, Elizabeth Zagroba, and Casey Lynch. • Ned Warner is teaching preschool and playing lots of music in Vail, Colo. • Abby Sussman and Devon Anderson tied the knot in Vermont July 5 with 28 Colby grads in attendance. • Dave Metcalfe was promoted to senior tax consultant at Deloitte, where he celebrates his three-year anniversary in October. • Elena Cogliano and Peter Perry-Friedman realized they both live in Brooklyn and have been sharing rides with each other ever since. • All Coughlin and Artie Cutrone got engaged in July on Martha’s Vineyard. They live together in New York City, where All works for Hachette Book Group and Artie works for the National Basketball Association. This May Artie completed a master’s in sports management from Columbia. We are heartbroken to have lost our classmate Eitan Green during an avalanche on Mount Rainier in April. He was fulfilling his passion for mountain climbing as a guide for Alpine Ascents. Chelsea Eakin wrote, “Eitan taught me the value of breaking the rules and taking risks in order to achieve the most elated moments in life.” Joanna Fisher recalled visiting Eitan at Mount Rainier and running into people he had guided who raved about having him as a guide. “One of them said, ‘I would follow this guy anywhere. He really believed in me, you know?’ Eitan had the distinct ability to make people around him feel empowered, supported, and cared for.”

2010

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Caroline Dickson is working in New York as an associate buyer for furniture at One Kings Lane. She married John Roberts ’09 Aug. 30. Anna Kelemen (just married Aug. 10), Jenny Gelda, and Megan Browning were the Colby bridesmaids. • Jordan Schoonover had a busy summer. She graduated from Lewis & Clark Law School summa cum laude with a certificate in environmental and natural resources law, took the Oregon state bar exam, and started a new job as staff attorney for Senior Judge Edward F. Shea at the Federal District Court in Richland, Wash. • Jevan Jammal visited Liz Neely on her year abroad in New Zealand. They met on the South Island and traveled for 10...
days camping and hiking. Jen Shribber has been on the move in the past few months. She left Washington, D.C., in May and embarked on an amazing road trip out west, rock climbing and visiting national parks. She made it to 22 states. She is now in Atlanta, starting on her master’s of public health at Emory. Kat Cosgrove is still in D.C., wrapping up her fellowship with the House of Representatives. Jessica Williams moved from Boston to Greenville, S.C., to start medical school at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine. This summer she traveled to Marrakesh, Venice, and Playa del Carmen, also finding time to visit Colby alumni in Philadelphia and San Francisco. She started school in August and, despite the intensity, loves every minute. Maya Ranganathan completed her second summer with the Middlebury Breadloaf Program in Santa Fe and took to the road afterward. Highlights included hanging with Caity Murphy in Jackson, Wyo., hiking up to Lake of the Crags in Grand Teton National Park, and visiting Glacier National Park and Banff. Ross Nehrt and Leigh Bullion are still in Cambridge. They had a grand time at the wedding of John Goods and Brittany Thomas. They are delighted that new lawyer Will Price is moving to Boston but dismayed that Miri Price ’11 won’t be able to visit this year. Karl Rivers is still a kindergarten teacher at the French School in St. Louis and began her master’s in elementary education at the University of Missouri, St. Louis. Kathleen Fallon graduated from Carnegie Mellon with a master’s of arts management and is moving to northern Michigan to work at Interlochen Center for the Arts. She’s the new charitable giving associate in the advancement office. This summer Chelsea was lucky enough to visit Sarah Dallas and Chelsea Nahill in the D.C. area. Caity Murphy continues to live in Neverland (Jackson Hole, Wyo.) and is taking prerequisites for nursing school at Central Wyoming College. Other courses of study include plenty of rock climbing, standing on top of mountains, and of course, skiing. Save the date for our 5th reunion—June 4-7, 2015. I hope to see you all back at Colby!

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After completing her two-year Teach for America commitment in 2013, Kendyl Sullivan stayed on for one more year before accepting her new position working as a math coordinator for Denver Math Fellows. She enjoys living close to Sarah Kirker, Megan Cornwall, and Meredith Fast in the Mile High City, and she recently married Connor Patterson (her longtime high school boyfriend) July 19. Preston Kavanagh works as a classroom teacher and tutor for Summit Educational, based in Newton, Mass., and passed actuarial exams P and FM earlier this year. Tasha de Sherbinin recently returned from a year of teaching English in Spain and will be attending graduate school for higher education in Boston this fall. In February Billy Pettengill started working at Fuel for Fire, a startup food company in Natick, Mass., that makes an all-natural fruit and protein “fuel pack” for on-the-go nutrition. Check out fuelforfire.com. On Aug. 2 in Malvern, Pa., Abbie Collett married Mark Ozarowski ’09. They celebrated with a large Colby crowd: Marda Sharkey Collett ’81, Michele Andrea Haley ’81, Alan Ozarowski ’07, Jonathan and Mallory Young Michaels ’05, Chris Bashow ’08, Max Williams ’09, Sam Hough ’09, Kevin Bird ’09, Denis Cronin ’09, Lauren Duval ’09, Megan Conroy ’10, Natasha Atkinson, Lizzi Fort, Liz Fontaine, Stefanie Solar, and Elise Ozarowski ’15. Abbie and Mark live just outside Philadelphia, where Abbie is entering her second year of medical school and Mark works as an investment analyst for Vanguard. Elizabeth Davidson and Michael Clark also took the plunge this summer, on July 26. Emily Finlay and Laura Miller were bridesmaids, Pete Buttaro was a groomsman, and Lizzie Poteet was maid of honor. Elizabeth’s parents also attended Colby, so they had some cross-generational Colby fun and took a Colby picture. Across the pond, James Violette and Jeanine Zwabien (“not a Colbyte, but still a fantastic lady,” according to Ally Seidel) got married in Zurich, Switzerland, Aug. 15. Kevin Baier was best man, and James “Jay” Violette ’81, Gordon Padelford, Michael Schwarz ’10, and Ally Seidel were among those in attendance. While they were on vacation in Nantucket this past July, Jonathan Roth proposed to Sarah A. Martinez. They couldn’t be happier that their Colby roots turned into something so special. In case you missed it, in May Austin Sutherland was on The Price is Right! where he got to play Plinko, meet Drew Carey, and win a new car. He and girlfriend Holly Mason ’13 were visiting Logan Hunter, who is a commercial actor in Los Angeles. In January Austin moved back to Portland, Maine, from London, where he had been working for Unum UK. He recently had a weekend reunion in the Pine Tree State with Logan, Kevin in the Pine Tree State, and Nick Van Niel ’10. Frances Nixon got engaged over Memorial Day weekend in Maine. Margot Apothaker, Hannah Laffeur, Judy Merzbach, and Leah Turino will be bridesmaids, and the wedding is set for next summer in Maine. Always happy to report that Ben Desmond, Dan Sidman, Matt Carey, and Nate Seibert reunited on the Canadian shores of Lake Superior, successfully making fire and bacon. Varsity indoor and outdoor track and field alumus James Bowe is running the NYC Marathon Nov. 2 for Catholic Charities, which addresses a wide array of needs regardless of religious background. Catholic Charities helps feed the hungry, provides job training and resources to help people get back on their feet, and offers children and youth better opportunities to learn. His fundraiser is at crowdrise.com/teammccatholiccharities2014/fundraiser/jamesbowe.

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Coco Cowan, Megan Wells ’14, and I braved the Sept. 1 moving mayhem and settled into a new apartment in Cambridge, Mass. Kayla Chen moved to Spain at the end of the summer and is working toward her master’s in international relations at the Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals. Emily Fleming completed her corps experience with Teach for America in Chicago and earned her master of arts in teaching in June. She decided to stay in the classroom for another year, teaching middle school special education and implementing a yoga program at a KIPP school on the South Side of Chicago. Michael Brophy, Raymond Rieling, and Stephen Erario ’10 moved into a house together in Arlington, Va. After returning from Korea and Thailand, Karen Abbas began an accelerated nursing program. She is excited to be studying and living in NYC. Matthew Cheever is working in federal law enforcement for the National Park Service at Gateway National Recreation Area in Sandy Hook, N.J. Bailey Girvan recently graduated from Johns Hopkins University with her M.A. in museum studies and is excited to be done with school for the foreseeable future. Anne “Mackie” Sewall recently relocated to Manhattan’s East Village. Her latest accomplishments include finally trying Spotify, learning to use a curling wand, and figuring out “Mackie” isn’t really a name and switching back to Anne for professional use. Mackie plays on a volleyball team with other NESCAC volleyball alumni; the six bonded after realizing their alma maters’ mascots were all equally ridiculous. Recently Mackie traveled farther north than she had ever planned and visited the now-famous Caitlin Burchill in her patelial Bangor, Maine, apartment. Mackie remains more unclear than ever on her career path, but she has finally come to terms with one great truth: she’s better as a blond.

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Congratulations to Lindsay Roberts, who’s engaged to Ryan Mitchell (Ole Miss ’13). Lindsay spent nine months teaching in South Korea, where Ryan was as well, and the two will reside in South Carolina prior to a spring wedding in Nashville. Following Reunion Weekend, Ben Brauer spent the summer coaching at football camps and taking a class at Tufts. Before returning to his job at Canterbury School, he and his mother took a weeklong golfing trip to Scotland. “I got to play the Old Course at St. Andrews as well as at Turnberry and Royal Troon,” he says. Becca Levenson lives in NYC and is publicity assistant for London-based Phaidon Press. She previously served as production manager of a new Off-Broadway show, Drunk Shakespeare, which was touted in the New York Times. Also in New York is Rachel Haines, who completed the Columbia Publishing Course after graduation and is now at Scholastic, working on the Scholastic teachers website. “I love it,” she says. Molly Hudson completed an advanced photography intensive course at Columbia over the summer. Erika Himan started classes at NYU Stern, where she’s in the part-time M.B.A. program. She’s also volunteering with nonprofit Common Ground, which tackles homelessness in NYC. Lindsey Prueitt started graduate school at the University of Chicago, where she’s studying international relations and public policy. Samantha Eddy was accepted into the Ph.D. sociology program at Boston College. Over the summer she coauthored a piece on paternity leave and the modern workforce with the Boston College Center for Work and Family that was utilized during the White House Summit on Working Families. Sammy, you’re making us fellow soc majors proud! Nice to hear from all of you, and please be in touch.
OBITUARIES

Helen Paul Clement ’30, Feb. 8, 2008, in Weymouth, Mass., at 99. She taught high school English in Milo, Maine, for several years and was a homemaker. She was predeceased by her husband of 57 years, Stanley Clement ’32, and sister Alice Paul Allen ’29. She had a daughter.

Martha Bessom Gorman ’38, July 19, 2014, in Marblehead, Mass., at 98. She earned a master’s from Radcliffe College and was owner and president of Tiny Tot Nursery School from 1945 to 1966. She then taught kindergarten in Topsfield, Mass., until her retirement in 1978. Active in her community, she was a lifelong member of St. Michael’s Church, a member of the Marblehead Historical Society and the Daughters of the American Revolution, and a former guide and greeter at the Lee Mansion. Predeceased by her husband, James “Chappy,” and a son, she is survived by two daughters, six grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Jeanette Drisko Rideout ’39, June 30, 2014, in Reedsburg, Wis., at 96. She earned a bachelor’s in library science from Simmons College and worked in several libraries, retiring as associate director from her favorite, the School of Library Science Library at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, in 1983. She organized a library in the UW-Madison Arboretum and volunteered there for 10 years. An avid gardener, she helped found the Wisconsin Hosta Society and planted several gardens at the Olbrich Botanical Gardens. She was passionate about birding and also enjoyed dancing and traveling. Predeceased by her husband, Walter B. Rideout ’38, and sisters Lena Drisko North ’26 and Marion Drisko Powers ’23, she is survived by a daughter, two sons, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Marjorie Cate Berke ’42, July 2, 2014, in Redding, Conn., at 93. During World War II she was a decoder for the Office of War Information in Washington, D.C. She followed that with work in public relations and public service campaigns in New York City before moving with her husband to Westport, Conn., where they lived for more than 50 years. She was a devoted wife and mother who enjoyed volunteering, traveling, reading, and swimming. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Arnold, two sons, a daughter, and a granddaughter.

Richard S. Jones ’44, July 12, 2014, in Waterville, Maine, at 91. He earned a degree in mechanical engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy and served in both the Navy and the Navy Reserve, retiring as lieutenant commander. He then returned to his hometown of Waterville and worked for Scott Paper in Winslow until 1980. A historian, he had a passion for fossils and rocks and played a key role in organizing and cataloging the fossil collection at the L.C. Bates Museum in Hinckley, Maine. A Boy Scout leader, trumpet player, and avid golfer, he loved nature and enjoyed hiking and camping with his family. Predeceased by two sons including Richard S. Jones Jr. ’72, he is survived by his wife of 67 years, Thelma, a daughter, two sons, 10 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

John M. Wood ’44, May 11, 2014, in Lancaster, Pa., at 92. He earned his medical degree at the University of Vermont College of Medicine and served in the U.S. Air Force as a captain and chief of medicine in Saudi Arabia. He lived for 34 years in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., where he was an internist at the Davis Clinic and chief of staff and chief of medicine at Central Michigan Community Hospital. He started a cardiac rehabilitation program at Central Michigan University and served as its director. Although he retired in 1987, he continued to work as a health center medical director until 1998, when he and his wife moved to South Carolina. Later they moved to Lancaster, Pa., to be closer to their family. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Norma, two daughters, a son, and four grandchildren.

Owen W. “Chick” Bailey ’48, May 31, 2014, in Scarborough, Maine, at 90. He served in World War II as a Navy musician and in Korea as a gunnery officer. He earned a master’s from George Washington University and taught there for several years before joining the CIA, where he was an intelligence officer for 20 years. A longtime resident of Camden, Maine, he served on the board of Camden Health Care Center, volunteered at Pen Bay Hospital, and was a member of the Lincolnville Band and the Stan Catell Jazz Band. Predeceased by his first wife, Ramona, he is survived by three children and seven grandchildren. His second wife, Grete, passed away June 6, 2014.

Virginia Ashley Porter ’48, Nov. 20, 2013, in New Sharon, Maine, at 86. She taught elementary school for many years in Dryden, Starks, and Madison, Maine. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Arthur, five sons, a daughter, eight grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

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Oren R. Shiro ’42, Aug. 25, 2014, in Southbridge, Mass., at 94. He joined the Navy during WWII and served in the South Pacific for 33 months. He was proprietor of Waterville landmark the Jefferson Hotel, where he interacted with customers and ensured the quality of food and service. An exceptional athlete, he lettered in four sports his senior year at Colby, won the Waterville Country Club championship 10 times, the Maine amateur crown in 1979, and the New England Senior Championship twice. In 1998 he was inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame. Predeceased by his wife, Jeanne, and a daughter, he is survived by a daughter, a son, and brothers Burton Shiro ’44 and Ted Shiro ’51.

James L. Hancock ’44, July 17, 2014, in Waterville, Maine, at 95. He worked as a mechanic and machine operator for G.E. and as a bakery route salesman. Predeceased by his wife, Frances, he is survived by three daughters, a son, and a grandson.

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Priscilla Pomerleau Fehm ’49, Aug. 20, 2014, in Hamden, Conn., at 87. She earned a master’s in nursing from Boston University and worked as a staff nurse and nursing instructor before becoming associate director for nursing education at the V.A. medical center in West Haven, Conn., where she served until her retirement in 1987. Active with the Connecticut League of Nursing, she also held faculty appointments at University of Bridgeport and Yale, served on health-related committees, and supported environmental causes. In retirement she volunteered with the Red Cross and Hospice. Predeceased by her husband, Sherwood, and a stepdaughter, she is survived by two step-granddaughters, three step-great-granddaughters, and special friend Gabe Gognata.

John V. Mahoney ’49, July 21, 2014, in Wayne, Maine, at 90. He joined the Marines at age 18 and served in the First War Dog Platoon in the Pacific during WWII, receiving the Purple Heart. He spent his career with the Fish and Wildlife
Service, conducting studies on the fishing industry in various parts of the United States. After retiring in 1979 he moved back to Maine. Charismatic, humorous, and generous, he was an avid fisherman who regularly tested Androscoggin Lake's water quality and advocated improving the water quality in all Maine's lakes and rivers. Predeceased by his longtime companion, Avis Stanford, he is survived by a son, two daughters, and six grandchildren.

Grace Rutherford Hammond '50, March 4, 2014, in Needham, Mass., at 85. A prolific reader, she worked at the Wellesley (Mass.) Free Library for more than 30 years and was active in the Wellesley Village Congregational Church. Predeceased by a son, she is survived by her husband of 61 years, Fred H. Hammond '49, a daughter, and two granddaughters.

Janet Haynes Lord '50, Sept. 11, 2014, in Carmel, Calif., at 86. She earned R.N. and master's degrees from Yale School of Nursing. A California resident for six decades, she worked in extended care at Beverly Manor and then as director of nursing at Natividad Medical Center until her retirement. She was a golfer, a member of the Carmel Valley Racquet Club, and an avid gardener who especially loved lilacs and roses. Predeceased by brothers Lowell B. Haynes '48 and Irving B. Haynes '50, she is survived by four daughters, one son, and four grandchildren.

William T. Doyle '51, Aug. 3, 2014, in Hanover, N.H., at 88. He enlisted in the Navy at age 17 and entered radio school, working as a radio operator in the Mediterranean during World War II. He met his wife, Barbara Grant Doyle '49, at Colby and followed her to Brown in 1949, earning a B.S. while she earned her M.S. He earned a Ph.D. at Yale and spent his career teaching physics at Dartmouth. He loved German, poetry, the writings of Henry David Thoreau, his camp in Maine, and family and friends. He is survived by his wife of more than 60 years, two sons, and five granddaughters.

Alan B. Mirken '51, June 12, 2014, in New York, N.Y., at 84. His publishing career began in 1943 when he started working for his uncle, who was chair of Crown Publishing. He served as president of Crown from 1951 to 1990 and held executive positions at Abbeville Press, Random House, Affinity Communications, and Aaron Publishing. A devoted philanthropist, he donated to such causes as Beth Israel Medical Center, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Holocaust Memorial Museum. He was also on a number of boards and was a generous supporter of Colby, serving as an overseer from 1992 to 2000, naming the art museum's Mirken Gallery, and endowing the Mirken Curator of Education Fund and the Mirken Coordinator of Education and Public Programs. Predeceased by his first wife, Barbara “Bobby,” he is survived by his wife, Joan, two daughters, and three grandchildren.

Barbara Jefferson Walker '51, Aug. 22, 2014, in Harrisonburg, Va., at 86. She completed postgraduate work as a Danforth Foundation fellow. An adventurer, historian, reader, journalist, and wildlife photographer, she traveled around the world, including to every continent. Predeceased by her husband, Willard, she is survived by three sons and six grandchildren.

Ruth Stanley Holmes '53, Aug. 6, 2014, in Deer Isle, Maine, at 83. She earned a B.S. in secondary education at Farmington State College and taught biology at Kingfield and Mt. Abram high schools, both in Maine. In addition to being a founding member of the Franklin County Animal Shelter in Farmington, Maine, she was a member of many organizations including the Maine State Biologists Association, Maine Genealogical Society, American Association of University Women, and Literacy Volunteers of America. She delighted in studying plants, birds, and insects and in singing. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, David, a daughter, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Ross S. Holt Jr. '53, July 1, 2014, in Camden, Maine, at 82. He earned a master's from the University of Maine and was principal of Camden-Rockport High School from 1967 until his retirement in 1985. He then worked at Coastal Workshop. Patient, kind, and jovial, he enjoyed spending summers at camp with his family, being involved with his grandkids, and following the Red Sox. He was predeceased by his wife, Mary, a daughter, parents Ross Holt Sr. '18 and Maude Herron Holt '24, and sister Addie Roberta “Bobbe” Holt Sachs '45. He is survived by two sons, five grandchildren, and sister Beverly Holt Wiegand '50.

Alan Douglas Rubenstein '53, June 12, 2014, in Paris, France, at 82. Known professionally as Alan Douglas, he was an international music and film producer notable for his work with such artists as the Last Poets, Duke Ellington, and Muddy Waters. He was most famous for the prodigious success of the Jimi Hendrix albums he produced following the musician's death. In 2012 he and two collaborators compiled Hendrix's diaries and notes to create an account of his life called Starting At Zero. He is survived by his wife, Lucia, two daughters, and three grandsons.

Gail “Penny” Pendleton Schultz '53, Aug. 11, 2014, in Portland, Ore., at 82. She had several occupations, including working on Wall Street and in executive recruitment, and she volunteered with the Girl Scouts, Oregon Library Association, and area schools. She always maintained her curiosity and zest for life. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Lyle, two sons, and two grandchildren.

Eleanor Johnson Palmer '54, July 2014, in Teaneck, N.J., at 82. She married, had a son and daughter, and volunteered at the Community Hospital at Glen Cove (N.Y.). She worked for IBM for seven years before having her children.

Barbara Burg King '55, July 12, 2014, in Roanoke, Va., at 81. A 58-year member of Edwards Church in Northampton, Mass., she sang in the choir, served on several committees, taught Sunday school, and volunteered at the church shop and fairs. She also volunteered at Northampton's Cooley Dickinson Hospital as gift shop treasurer and photographer of newborns. She loved spending time outdoors, especially at Fort Myers Beach, Fla., on the golf course and ski slopes, and in her garden. A staunch Red Sox fan, she enjoyed music, travel, and bridge. Predeceased by her husband of 50 years, Franklin King III '53, she is survived by two sons, two daughters, 13 grandchildren, and four great-granddaughters.

David L. Morin '55, June 3, 2014, in Concord, N.H., at 84. He joined the Marines at age 17 and was stationed in the Aleutian Islands. He taught high school history in New Hampshire and worked in the human services department of the New Hampshire Technical Institute. After retiring he tried skydiving and oil painting, purchased a motorcycle, and took a multi-month road trip around the United States with his wife. He was also an avid reader. Predeceased by a son, he is survived by his wife of nearly 65 years, Jacqueline “Jackie,” a daughter, a son, eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.
David Leigh “L.D.” Burke ’56, July 30, 2014, in Santa Fe, N.M., at 80. A successful graphic designer and architect, he worked in graphic design in Chicago and San Francisco and in suburban development in Houston before moving to Santa Fe in the 1980s. There, he designed distinctive buildings such as the Pink Church, which housed his L.D. Burke Cowboy Furniture business, and the dragon-topped Fortaleza Coyote building. He also created wood sculptures and collage-on-wood artworks, composed songs including “Sopapilla Song” recorded by Randy Travis, and enjoyed traveling and windsurfing. Known for his colorful work, he sought beauty in both urban and natural landscapes, and in recent years he loved retreating to his Heron Lake cabin. He is survived by his wife, Janine, two daughters, and four grandchildren.

John A. Delaney ’56, March 29, 2014, in Ontario, N.Y., at 79. At Colby he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha, the Newman Council, and the Outing Club, and he played baseball. He worked as a manager at General Electric and Xerox. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine, a daughter, a son, and three grandchildren.

Richard Elliott ’56, May 1, 2014, in Huntsville, Ala., at 82. He served in U.S. Army Military Intelligence from 1954 to 1956 and worked for Arnold Greene Testing Laboratories in U.S. Army Military Intelligence in Huntsville, Ala., at 82. Despite suffering a hockey accident at age 22 that left him a quadriplegic, he led a robust, meaningful life that included a family, a graduate degree in physics from Tufts, a career as a computer programmer and analyst, and volunteer work with organizations including the Massachusetts Association of Paraplegics, which he helped found. In 1977 he was appointed commissioner of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, and he continued in that role and as state director of rehabilitation for a combined 30 years, during which he helped establish a personal-care-attendant program and ensure the development and availability of assistive technology. Exuberant and optimistic, he was a life board member of Camp Agawam in Raymond, Maine, where he spent 10 summers as a child. He received four honorary doctorates, including one from Colby. Predeceased by his wife of 46 years, Mary, he is survived by a daughter, a son, and a granddaughter.

Betty Dean Johnston Rayle ’63, May 29, 2014, in Solana Beach, Calif., at 72. She loved cooking, entertaining, traveling, creating art, and volunteering. She and her family operated an old-fashioned ice cream shop in Del Mar, Calif., before moving to Whidbey Island, Wash., where she focused on her art, learning to make monotypes and etchings on a press in a studio her husband built for her. She created several lines of greeting cards and won accolades for her artwork. Predeceased by her husband of more than 40 years, Frank, she is survived by two daughters and a son.

Christopher M. Dakin ’65, June 11, 2014, in Salisbury, Conn., at 75. He served in the U.S. Navy for four years and earned a law degree at UConn. He opened his own law firm in 1973 and ran it until his retirement. Predeceased by his wife, Suzette, he is survived by a son, two daughters, and two brothers including Timothy Dakin ’63.

David K. Katz ’69, Aug. 7, 2014, in Palm Springs, Calif., at 66. He earned an M.B.A. from Cornell and held a variety of positions with the U.S. Department of Commerce, both in Washington, D.C., and in overseas assignments. In 1986 he joined the department’s U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, serving in several roles including commercial counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Ankara, Turkey, head of the Commercial Service staff at the U.S. Consulate General in Hong Kong, and minister-counselor for commercial affairs at the U.S. Embassy in London.

Lauren Schmidt Irvine ’70, Oct. 17, 2013, in Cobourg, Ont., Canada, at 64. She is survived by her husband, J. Richard Irvine ’70, daughter Amanda Irvine ’00, and son Michael Irvine.

A. Blair Janes ’73, July 6, 2014, in Newfoundland, Canada, at 63. He earned a master’s in chemistry at...
Michael G. Bolduc ’77, May 29, 2014, in Sandy River Plantation, Maine, at 58. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha at Colby, he enjoyed a 33-year career teaching high school math and coaching. From 1982 to 2009 he worked at Nashua (N.H.) High School, where he cofounded the School-Next-to-a-School alternative education program and created a lacrosse club team. He completed his career in his hometown of Fairfield, Maine, retiring from Lawrence High School in 2010. He was a member of the Rangeley Region Guides’ and Sportsmen’s Association, and he loved hunting, fishing, fly-tying, reading, cooking, and following New England sports. He is survived by two daughters, four granddaughters, and special friend Nancy Hilliard.

Richard D. Abrams ’78, June 15, 2014, in Lexington, Mass., at 57. As cofounder of educational software company Tom Snyder Productions (TSP), he was at the forefront of bringing technology into the classroom. He was a member of Temple Isaiah and served on several boards including those of Educators for Social Responsibility and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. Enthusiastic and steadfast, he had a proclivity for connecting and motivating people. His legacy in Lexington, Mass., is ACROSS Lexington, a network of trails designed to connect residents with each other and with their town. He enjoyed walking, and despite fighting terminal thyroid cancer for nine years, he walked almost until the end of his life. He is survived by his wife, Susan Kenyon ’78, sons Archie Abrams and Stanley Abrams ’12, and daughter Sydney Abrams ’17.

Samuel C. Koch ’79, July 20, 2014, in Hadley, Mass., at 39. He coached UMass men’s soccer for 23 years, leading the team to 12 conference tournament berths, three NCAA tournaments, and the 2007 College Cup semifinals. Originally hired for what was to be the final year of men’s soccer at UMass, he is credited with saving the program. He was named Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year four times, and the Colby men’s soccer program annually awards the Sam Koch Award for spirit and dedication. A proud mentor to his players, he had a wonderful sense of humor and loved spending time with his family. He is survived by his wife, Suzanne, three sons, and a daughter.

Alice Senev Lumpkin ’84, July 5, 2014, in Maryland, at 52. At Colby she spent a semester in Kenya, which deepened her lifelong passion for nature and animals. She earned a law degree at Widener University and a master’s in environmental law at Vermont Law School and worked for the Wilderness Society in Washington, D.C., and the Brandywine Conservancy in Pennsylvania. Always eager to encounter wildlife, she went on two African safaris, honeymooned in the Galapagos, and traveled to parks and zoos throughout the United States. She also enjoyed horseback riding, whitewater rafting, and vintage aviation. For the last 11 years she lived with her husband at a family farm in Worthington Valley, Md., where they grew Christmas trees and tended sheep and horses. She is survived by her husband, James Murray, and three beloved yellow labs.

Eleanor A. Burns ’85, Aug. 1, 2014, in Easton, Conn., at 51. A 22-year resident of Easton, she was a prolific volunteer, serving as PTA treasurer, registrar for American Youth Soccer Organization, coordinator of a summer living-history camp, and vice president of the Historical Society of Easton. She worked at Christ Church Nursery School and the New Academy and loved to read, quilt, knit, and spend time at the beach. Spirited and generous, she enjoyed being with her family most of all. She is survived by her husband, Kwok J. Eng, a son, and a daughter.

Cynthia L. Fallon ’86, June 14, 2014, in Florida, at 49. She earned a law degree from Northeastern and practiced law in New Hampshire for 13 years before moving to Florida, where she realized her dream of opening her own practice. She enjoyed trips to Reynolds Plantation in Georgia and time on the golf range. She is survived by her husband, Stephen Lux, and a son.

Andrew Ian Dodge ’89, Aug. 1, 2014, in Harpswell, Maine, at 46. He earned a postgraduate degree in British politics from Hull University in the United Kingdom. A writer whose work appeared in publications including the Huffington Post and Washington Examiner, he was also a tea party activist who ran for the U.S. Senate in 2012. He enjoyed music, especially heavy metal, and was a prolific music reviewer. He died of an incurable form of colon cancer and is survived by his wife, Kim Benson.

Christine Murphy Abbiatiello ’91, Aug. 4, 2014, in Hanover, N.H., at 45. She had a rewarding and successful career in human resources, serving as human resource manager at MBH Solutions in Teaneck, N.J., director of recruitment at Answerthink in Washington, D.C., and director of talent and recruitment at Human Capital Institute in Wilder, Vt. She enjoyed literature and horseback riding and loved spending time with her children. She is survived by her husband, Thomas Abbiatiello ’89, a daughter, and a son.

William L. Goodman ’91, May 31, 2014, in Cumberland Foreside, Maine, at 46. He had a career in the toy industry, working for Sega Toys and then succeeding as a consultant with his own firm for the past 15 years. In February Hasbro honored him for his career achievements at the Las Vegas Toy Fair. Despite battling brain cancer, he continued to live with optimism and humor. He relished the wonders of fatherhood and life on the Maine coast, and he enjoyed skiing, camping, biking, sailing, and kayaking with his family. He is survived by his wife, Hilary Robbins ’91, two daughters, his father, and his mother, Linda Nicholson Goodman ’62.

Madeline “Maddy” Horwitz Bocuzzi ’06, July 30, 2014, in Long Beach, Calif., at 30. She died of melanoma, and her cancer cells are being grown in a USC lab in the hope of finding a cure for the disease. She earned her master’s in global health from Duke and worked as strategic affiliations manager at Keck Medical Center of USC. A joyous woman with an infectious smile, she met her husband, Ryan J. Bocuzzi ’05, during her first week at Colby, and they were inseparable for the ensuing 12 years. The couple loved to travel, hiking and camping at parks worldwide. She is also survived by her parents, a brother, and many other family members.

Former baseball coach and athletics director John W. Winkin Jr., July 19, 2014, in Waterville, Maine, at 94. He served in the Navy during WWII and earned a bachelor’s at Duke and master’s and doctoral degrees at Columbia. From 1955 to 1974 he was baseball coach and athletics director, and in 1965 he was named National Baseball Coach of the Year. He went on to coach at the University of Maine (1975-96), leading the Black Bears to six College World Series, and at Husson University. He wrote four books on baseball, cohosted the first MLB pregame show, and wrote his doctoral thesis on ways to turn a double play. He was a founding editor of SPORT magazine. He finished his career with more than 1,000 wins, and when he last coached at age 87, he was believed to be the oldest active college coach in the United States in any sport. Predeceased by his wife, Christine Woodbury Winkin ’49, he is survived by a son, a daughter, and eight grandchildren.
Patrice Franko,
Grossman Professor of Economics

While on sabbatical last year I was invited to several academic programs in Brazil and in Chile, and I reunited with Colby friends—and friends of Colby friends—along the way. In Sao Paulo Mark and Sonya Abrams, brother of the late Rick Abrams ’78 and brother and sister-in-law of Susan Kenyon ’78, treated me to a fabulous Japanese dinner. The following night Rafael Campos, husband of Marina Grande Campos ’94, took me to a wonderful Italian restaurant while Marina and their girls were in St. Petersburg. In Rio, I enjoyed my evening with the consul general of the United States, John Creamer, and his wife, Liza, introduced to my husband, Professor Sandy Maisel, and I by Andrew Rudman ’87. I cheered Abbott Matthews ’13 as she placed third in her age cohort in the Rio half-marathon, and we caught up again in Brasília, where she is serving as a Fulbrighter. My other night in Brasília was with friends of Ted and Anne Clarke Wolff ’85. The embracing nature of the Colby network is truly amazing.

But I digress.

On very long trips like this one I enjoy both listening—I have become quite a fan of Audible on my cell phone, especially for the airport drives—and reading. My travels were made more pleasurable by:

- *Thinking, Fast and Slow* by Daniel Kahneman
- *Think Like a Freak* by Stephen Dubner and Steven Levitt
- *Brazil* by Michael Reid
- *Whiskey Tango Foxtrot* by David Shafer
- *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd
- *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr
First Person

“It was the seventh day of tracking, and we were beginning to really dial in our sound within the incredible live space at Hearstudios. The band and I were digging into what would turn out to be the first single on the album [“Fireflies”], while Jason [Hearst] arranged some room mics to capture both the energy of the band and the amazing sound of the room itself.”

—Musician Jason Spooner ’95 on his work at the Hearstudios in Camden, Maine, created and operated by Jason Hearst ’94. The CD is titled Chemical. (See P. 33)
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