Students Talk Sexual Conduct

Tanya Sheehan Blends Art and Medicine

Waterville and Colby—a Center for Jewish Life

Phone Addiction? Maggie Zhao '16 Intervenes
Snow Day

As the Miller clock approaches the hour, students hustle across the quad to class (or lunch) through a gleaming blanket of fresh snow. Frequent storms forced schools across the region to exceed their budget of snow closures in January and February, and, for the first time since the 1998 ice storm, Colby shut down Jan. 27 during a blizzard.
The last chill of winter blew across Bill Alfond Field yesterday as our talented women’s lacrosse team opened the season by beating the nation’s second-ranked team. Our students won because they worked hard, played smart, and were guided by an incredible coach, Karen Henning, who nurtures and surfaces the deepest talents of our students. I shared the sideline with Colby faculty, students, parents, and alumni, enjoying the thrills of the game and wishing spring a hastened arrival.

The arrival of spring, while cause for celebration, also creates unease on campus. The unease is rooted in the knowledge that commencement is within sight for our seniors. One professor at the game pointed out a student who had invigorated his entire class with her determination to not just learn but master the course material. Another spoke of a student who had grown over the four years to become a highly skilled researcher. We relish their achievements, and we are not ready to have them say goodbye.

Taking leave of Colby is also an unwelcome thought to many of our students, even to those who have appealing jobs and graduate school placements secured. The Colby experience—deeply intellectual but never pretentious, created out of transformative and lasting relationships with faculty and friends, and enriched by a spectacular natural setting—is a singular opportunity. It is tough to let it go.

I have realized recently that our seniors are hardly alone in wanting to hold onto the magic of Colby. Their parents, while welcoming the end of tuition payments, are not ready to have the Colby experience end either. I feel the emotions of parents as they attend their child’s last collegiate performance or competition (or both). These events are the culmination of two decades of remarkable love, sacrifice, and support.

I meet parents who drive 400 miles every Friday to attend a game. Others tune in to every webcast available, watching their children perform from afar. They are fueled by the growth and accomplishments of their children and replenished by the community of parents who organize meals on the road, who share the burdens and costs of travel. One father told me that he has gone through four cars and hundreds of thousands of miles traveling to his son’s high school and Colby games. And there was little doubt that he would do it all over again if he could.

These parents give notice that no student makes it to Colby on her or his own, and no student makes it through the rigors of the College without regular support and an occasional push in the right direction. Achievement in the classroom and in life is a team sport at Colby, where every success lifts us all. That is a wonderful attribute of our community that persists across seasons and ties us together long after diplomas are distributed.

David A. Greene
Lunch with the Gov.

When Maine Governor Paul LePage (center) visited campus to address the Global Financial Markets Jan Plan course, he asked students for ideas on how to keep graduates in Maine, and he invited them to Augusta to discuss their suggestions. On Jan. 28 more than a dozen students and John Atkinson ’72 (far left), a former investment banker who taught the course, accepted the invitation and discussed economic policy, immigration, and tax reform with the governor over lunch at the Blaine House.
Breathless

Members of the women’s and men’s swimming and diving teams took a break from their practice schedule to don Colby scarves and assemble on the bottom of the pool. After hanging out in the deep end, the swimmers went back to the way they usually spend time in the pool—training.
It’s not easy to run four hundred meters in fifty-nine seconds, teach second graders to read, and work as a photographer.

But I wouldn’t want to be anyplace else.

Giving their best in competition and the classroom, Colby’s athletes have a lot on their minds. You can help them out with a Colby Fund gift for financial aid, athletics, student activities, or anything else to make their time at Colby as rewarding as it is challenging.
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The book is one of the most notable accounts of life in a German concentration camp written by a Jew in the years of the Holocaust. Van Pelt, the editor of the book, was born and educated in the Netherlands. He is university professor at the University of Waterloo in Canada, where he teaches in the School of Architecture. He has published widely on the story of Auschwitz, the Holocaust, and Holocaust denial.

I retired from the Kosciuszko Foundation in New York, where I was cultural director for a period of time. For over 20 years I have been involved in Polish-Jewish Holocaust issues. I am currently interviewing Holocaust educators for Radio Wisla, Seattle, an Internet program.

Vanda Mikoloski Solomon ’55
Seattle, Wash.

I found the article “Hidden No More” quite interesting and disturbing. I would like to add another book to your awareness of this most disturbing time in humanity’s history.

The Yellow Star by Gerhard Schoenberner was published by Bantam Books in 1979. The book was originally published in German as Der Gelbe Stern by Schoenberner. The book is graphic in the extreme and the stuff of nightmares.

Glenn Wing
(husband of Joyce P. Horvath Wing ’66)
Independence, Va.

Having just read Gerry Boyle’s article “Hidden No More,” I was impressed by three things: The first is the content of the story—absolutely fascinating and well worth telling; the second was the labyrinthine verbiage through which I had to wade in order to get that content; and the final blow was the lack of design expertise which pervaded the entire article, evident most strikingly in the cropped photo of the three children, complete with Ms. Juhlin’s head being lopped off at the top of the picture. (Interesting to note that such is not the case in the photo as displayed in the online version.) Gee, what happened, guys? Was this truly your best effort, worthy of the benchmark Colby (I hope) still represents?

Brad Muscott ’68
West Redding, Conn.

On Library Books and Strider’s Serendipity

First of all, I wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed reading your article “Hidden No More,” a beautifully written and a remarkable story!

Secondly, I wanted to share my thoughts regarding the removal of the library books from Miller Library.

As I read the letters about the removal of the books and President David Greene’s possible re-evaluation of the decision, I would suggest that he read a significant speech given by President Robert E. L. Strider to all freshman students in 1971 regarding serendipity.

President Strider told incoming students that serendipity would be the theme of our time at Colby, and, indeed, for our lifetime. He very eloquently pointed out that we might explore one thing at Colby, only to be inspired by the discovery of something else along the way which might impact our lives forever. Looking for one book and finding another, even a more interesting or challenging one, might well be that serendipitous moment Dr. Strider was imagining.

I think all of us who heard that speech have thought about it since. When I Googled to find the exact text of his speech, I indeed found notes from other Colby alumni referring to that very speech and how serendipity had impacted their lives.

I would hope that you or someone else at Colby could find a copy of that speech and present it to President Greene as part of the documents he reviews in making his decision.

One of the great things about Colby is the chance to take comparative classes where perhaps an art class is combined with philosophy, or music with biology... true serendipitous learning. This happens
in great libraries and in great art museums. Colby has both.

Paul A. Bennett ’71
Chicago, Ill.

Recognize Journalists Killed by Terrorists

The recent and tragic terrorist attacks in Paris have again caused us to re-examine what is most important to a civilized Western society. As evidenced by the reaction of Parisians and people from around the globe (including most of the free world’s leadership), freedom of the press and personal expression remain one of our most fundamentally important rights.

Colby has formally recognized this through the annual granting of the Lovejoy Award. I believe that candidates for the award must be living individuals and wonder, in light of the French killings, if dispensation should be made for a group of journalists killed because they refused to be intimidated by dangerous radicals. The award has been an important part of Colby’s history and its heritage has never been more important throughout the world than right now.

Harold Rider ’88
Winnetka, Ill.

Colby Conversation via Social Media

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On Professor Tanya Sheehan and “The Anatomy of Art”

Jqa Oaks ’64 I feel as though that link between art and medicine, and my freedom to explore that linkage while an undergrad at Colby College, brought me to my career. I am proud to have been a faculty member at UW-Madison where scientists and artists directly interact at the Discovery Center, and faculty are free to explore the links between any of the educational disciplines.

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Like Casey Coulter’s photos? You’re not alone. Coulter, a member of the Class of 2016, has more than 39,000 followers on Instagram, testimony to the quality of his photography and savvy marketing. Coulter, a film and media studies independent major, has been on Instagram since his first year at Colby.
Perhaps it was because two of the professors featured here, Elizabeth McGrath and Dale Kocevski, are extragalactic astronomers, but in the process of preparing this issue of Colby Magazine I began to think of faculty office doors as portals. Pass through that portal and you enter a new and fascinating world. And there are hundreds of these portals on Mayflower Hill, each with the potential to broaden your experience and knowledge and enrich your life.

I say this having had my English-major mind boggled by McGrath’s and Kocevski’s cutting-edge research on the ways galaxies are born—and die. (P. 24). The images beamed down by the Hubble Space Telescope, including a batch downloaded as I sat in Kocevski’s office in the Mudd Science Building, contain clues as to how the universe evolved hundreds of millions of years ago.

This issue is full of such Colby portals—and this is just a small sample.
The number of days in the entire rehearsal schedule for the Colby Jan Plan production of *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, adapted and directed by teaching artist Bess Welden.

Twenty-two students working as actors, designers, technicians, and stage manager each worked for 132 hours to go from start to stage. The show went on Jan. 23. Pictured are Chandler Smith ’18 as Lysander and Claire Muscat ’17 as Helena.
The number of Colby men’s basketball players who have reached the 1,000-point mark.

The latest? Chris Hudnut ’16, who reached the milestone in a 75-70 win over Hamilton Jan. 16. Hudnut scored 26 points against Hamilton, with 16 rebounds. Partway through the season, Hudnut, from Chevy Chase, Md., had twice earned NESCAC Player of the Week honors. Prior to being sidelined by an injury, he led the conference in scoring (20.2 points per game) and was tied for third in rebounding.
How did it happen?

- Strategic efforts to seek out the most academically qualified students in all parts of the country.
- Additional staff to increase the number and effectiveness of high school visits.
- Emphasis by admissions officers and in materials on the College’s rigorous, individualized academic experience.

Total applicants rose 47 percent over last year. Steve Saunders, interim vice president and dean of admissions and financial aid, said the pool was strong by nearly every measure of academic preparation. The percentage of students of color increased by 62 percent, outpacing overall growth.

Applications from first-generation students, those who would be the first in their family to go to college.
Students Reflect On Six Professors Newly Tenured

“Future art students can rest assured that they will have a professor who, in being committed to their education, searches out engaging and creative ways to teach.” —Veronica Vesnaver ’15, about Associate Professor of Art Tanya Sheehan (see P. 54)

“What Colby gets is an academic who for many years has actively worked to close the gap between academia and filmmaking, celebrating alternative ways of producing and acquiring knowledge.” —Milton Guillen ’15, about Assistant Professor of Global Studies Maple Razsa

“Professor Bhimull’s teaching style is transformative. She celebrates the diversity of thinking within the classroom and allows students to express their knowledge of course work in traditional and creative ways.” —Tionna Haynes ’15, about Assistant Professor of Anthropology and African-American Studies Chandra Bhimull

“Professor Soto’s authentic curiosity and commanding intellect are contagious. I am convinced that he could step up to a whiteboard, spontaneously, and write out an entire research design off the top of his head; he really is that good at what he does.” —Molly Wylie ’15, about Assistant Professor of Psychology Christopher Soto

“Professor Brunetaux not only leads students to deepen their understanding of the subject matter at hand, but also enhances their cultural and intellectual consciousness.” —Annie Kramer ’14, about Assistant Professor of French Audrey Brunetaux

“Scott Taylor exerts an incredible effort to contribute to his students’ Colby experience beyond the classroom, from attending and encouraging attendance at every Mathematics Colloquium to helping students organize a trip to a conference in mathematics over Jan Plan.” —Erin Lavoie ’17, about Assistant Professor of Mathematics Scott Taylor

These accomplished professors received tenure in February. To learn about their scholarship and teaching go to colby.edu/mag.
New to Colby, Not to Success

As President David A. Greene works to further diversify the student body, increase alumni engagement and support, and bolster experiential opportunities for students, two new vice presidents position the College for success in these areas.

Daniel G. Lugo, currently vice president and dean of admissions and financial aid at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa., will be the vice president for College and student advancement beginning in April. In a newly configured role, Lugo will oversee development, alumni relations, and the career networking that will allow Colby to expand students’ experiential opportunities.

Matthew T. Proto, who leads Stanford University’s admissions marketing and communications efforts, will be Colby’s vice president and dean of admissions and financial aid beginning in June. At Stanford Proto is assistant dean of admission and oversees a marketing and communications strategy that led to the university’s largest applicant pool in history as well as the largest-ever percentage of admitted students who chose to attend.

Colby could soon be the first college in NESCAC to have synthetic turf fields for baseball and softball.

The project, which now is in the fundraising stage, calls for a combined facility that would include a pavilion-style hitting tunnel and improved viewing areas for spectators. Because the synthetic surfaces can be cleared of snow and the pavilion-style hitting tunnels can be used year-round, these improvements would extend the home-field practice and playing season.

When not in use by Colby students, the fields would be made available to youth and community athletes. If fundraising targets are met, the facility is expected to be ready for the 2016 season.

More information about the project and giving opportunities can be found at colby.edu/baseballsoftball.

At the Head of the Class

Colby alumni are returning to the classroom, this time as instructors. Jan Plan each year offers alumni a chance to come back to campus and share their own expertise with current students. Here’s who arrived on Mayflower Hill to sit on the opposite side of the desk this January.

John Atkinson ’72 (Global Financial Markets) retired from Morgan Stanley, where he advised central banks in Latin America and Southeast Asia on investment of foreign exchange reserves.

Ken Eisen ’73 (The Image of Women and Men in American Film) is cofounder of Railroad Square Cinema, programming director of the Maine International Film Festival, and cofounder of Shadow Distribution, a film distribution company.

David Epstein ’86 (Meteorology) has spent 30 years as a meteorologist. He is also a horticulturalist and founder of growingwisdom.com

Chad Higgins ’97 (Legal Writing and Legal Argument: Through and After Law School) is a counsel for the law firm Goodwin Procter in Boston. He works in the firm’s litigation department and is a member of its products liability and mass torts group.

Greg Lusk ’06 (Views of a Changing Planet through Film and Fiction) is a doctoral candidate in history and philosophy at the University of Toronto.

Aine Seitz McCarthy ’06 (Policy and Methods in Global Development) is a doctoral candidate in applied economics at the University of Minnesota and a member of the Minnesota Population Center.

Lucas Penney ’97 (Sustainable and Socially Responsible Business) is founder and CEO of LEAP Organics, a USDA-certified organic, sustainable, all-natural soap and skincare company.

Catherine Zweig Worsnop ’08 (International Politics of Health and Disease) is a doctoral candidate in the department of politics at Brandeis University. She studies international relations and comparative politics, specifically international organizations and global health.

For more ways alumni can connect with Colby, visit colby.edu/engage.
It’s a Plan—for Performing Arts and Athletics

Planning is underway to improve spaces on campus for performing arts and athletics.

A planning committee got to work this winter, and the College hired Pfeiffer Partners, based in New York City and Los Angeles, to oversee planning for expansion and improvement of teaching and performance spaces for music, theater and dance, and cinema studies. The firm has done performing arts planning studies for more than 50 colleges and universities across the country.

Similarly, the College launched a planning study to develop options for improving and replacing elements of the athletics facilities. The international design firm Perkins+Will is overseeing the planning process. The firm has decades of experience developing athletic and campus recreation projects at institutions across the NCAA Division I, II, and III.

Both projects involve planning groups comprising administrators, faculty, staff, and students. In February and March members of the Colby community participated in sessions with architects to discuss needs, goals, and aspirations for the future of athletics and performing arts programs.

Planning efforts follow the College’s initiative that secured $101 million in debt financing to invest in strategically important areas including performing arts and athletic facilities, financial aid, career programs to dramatically enhance life outcomes of Colby graduates, academic programs of acknowledged or emerging excellence, and community redevelopment efforts in Waterville.

“Colby’s strong credit rating, tradition of prudent fiscal management and effective governance, and the attractive interest rate environment make this an ideal moment to utilize debt financing as one element of a larger plan for Colby’s future,” said President David A. Greene. Story

Robert Redford to Speak at 194th Commencement

Robert Redford, the iconic independent filmmaker who founded the Sundance Film Festival, will deliver the commencement address at Colby’s 194th commencement ceremony Sunday, May 24, 2015.

Redford, who was recently labeled the “Godfather of Indie Film” by Time magazine, will also receive an honorary degree.

The address will cap a weekend of events for members of the Class of 2015 and their families. More information is at colby.edu/commencement.

New York Times Quote of the Day:

“I see this as a call for action to close the gap between conservation on land and in the sea.”

Colby’s Elizabeth and Lee Ainslie Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies Loren McClenachan, quoted in the New York Times regarding a study that says environmental damage to the world’s oceans could soon cause widespread and unprecedented damage. McClenachan, featured with the Times quote of the day Jan. 16, said, “Marine species are not immune to extinction on a large scale.”

How do you get to Carnegie Hall? Through Mayflower Hill and the Colby College Chamber Choir.

Eighteen students under the direction of choral director Nicolás Alberto Dosman performed in Carnegie’s Weill Recital Hall in New York March 9 as the only ensemble on the bill. Story
The time posted by Jeff Hale ’15 as he won the 5,000-meter run at the Open New England Men’s Track and Field Championships Feb. 27 at Boston University.

Hale bested a field of Division I, II, and III competitors, including a trio of Northeastern runners who set the pace for 3,000 meters before falling back. Brian Sommers ’17 placed third in the 400-meter dash.

The number of Colby women alpine skiers in the top 11 in the slalom at the Eastern Championships at Whiteface Mountain in Lake Placid, N.Y., Feb. 28. The team finished in second place overall, behind the University of Vermont. Mardi Haskell ’17 was fourth, Sierra Leavitt ’16 was eighth, and Paige Whistler ’16 was 11th.
Sahan T. M. Dissanayake
assistant professor of economics

As a scholar, I see teaching as a way to share the thrill of finding answers to research questions. When I see a light bulb going off in a student’s mind—be it in the classroom when I try to explain a concept like how having zero pollution is not economically efficient because cleaning up the last few units of pollution can be very expensive, or when a student finally figures out how to set up research data after struggling for weeks—it is one of the most rewarding things I encounter.

As a member of the Colby faculty I strive to create learning environments that stimulate students to ask interesting questions and also motivate them to learn the methods to answer the questions. Sometimes the learning environment is the classroom or my office, but at other times it’s students working in the library or in a dorm or presenting to their peers or sharing their research at professional conferences.

At the 2014 Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association annual meeting and workshop in West Virginia and the 2014 Heartland Workshop in Illinois, where the Colby students were the only undergraduate participants, colleagues from other institutions came up to me and said, “I just saw one of your students present and I thought he/she was a graduate student and his/her work was really impressive.” Those are moments that make me amazingly proud and thankful to be working with the brilliant students that we have at Colby.
By Adrian Blevins

I often rouse students in my poetry classes through hypothetical exams. Sometimes the subject of the exam is quite narrow: Is this image of something “falling light as a thistelbloom” effective in Heather’s gritty Manhattan poem? Or the question is vast, universal: What is the purpose of poetry? Why are we sitting here doing this? Shouldn’t we cease our literary indulgences right this instant and find some hungry kids to feed?

The purpose of the exam that I don’t give and don’t grade is just a way to generate discussion, of course, but the fact that it is imaginary could not be more important. I say out loud and in public that I teach students how to get in touch with their own sensibilities so they can use these sensibilities—to which I mean just their awareness of their own obsessions and current preferences and leanings—to generate original poems. This is true. I also say that the purpose of an arts education overall is to learn how to describe what you see in the museum hanging there “like an ache on the wall”—to go beyond the blasphemy of I don’t like it to something more figurative and associative like it is like unto tiny rabbits biting their own tails in the grass.

The movement or jump or leap—yes, the leap—from a basic description of any work of art to the comparison of it to other things in the world is what I am really interested in teaching, since education by poetry, as Robert Frost says in his famous essay on the subject, is “education by metaphor,” that amazing little trick of the mind and tongue that enacts correspondences between one object or idea or sensation or feeling and another. Metaphor is central to all learning because it develops, as Colby’s own Ira Sadoff says, “a sense of relation in students, a capacity to see the connection among things.”

So: I could write you a little story of insight in which Heather, my student, learns by way of her poem that she really loves her Uncle Jack, imbicilic thingamabob though he may be. Or I could regale you with a hundred stories of students who have decided, thanks to some deep-felt thing they shook loose by writing a poem, to work for the benefit of others.

Such poems do get written, and students do learn about themselves by writing them. But, as therapeutic as writing poetry might be, self inspection is not the purpose of studying poetry. Instead, the main purpose of poetry inside the classroom and out is to make a space for one to learn to live inside and with and among and via metaphor. Education by poetry is a process by which students can learn with work they write themselves (and so have a genuine investment in) that thinking itself is thinking in metaphors, which can be understood—for another way to put it—as little puffs of like unto energy that tie the world of the spirit, as Frost would say, to the world of matter, so that the world of the spirit (or what we commonly call the soul) can be perceived and maybe even learned from and acted on.

In other words, of course the abovementioned hypothetical painting in the museum is not static, not dead or flat, but like unto tiny horses breathing in anticipation in a little box of yellow lines. Or like unto my child’s heart running to the creek that day in June when I grasped for the first time that the longing to take in and to understand—to try to know: to constantly ask—must be the very purpose of my life.
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—Adrian Blevins

Like unto a little brain of flames.

Like unto the whole body emerged in the big library of the universe!

And so learning is joy; the students, leaning in, do not hypothetically ask. A surrender but also an opening? A way of not only thinking, but of being?

Yes, Frost and I and all the poets say. It is.

Adrian Blevins is associate professor of English (creative writing). Her most recent book of poems is Live from the Homesick Jamboree (Wesleyan University Press, 2009).
Extragalactic Explorers

Professors Elizabeth McGrath and Dale Kocevski divine the mysteries of the universe

By Gerry Boyle ’78 Photos by Irvin Serrano
From their offices on the fourth floor of the Mudd Science Building, Elizabeth McGrath and Dale Kocevski enjoy a view that takes in the terraced lawn of the academic quad, the rooftops of Lovejoy and Cotter Union—and distant galaxies as they appeared when the universe was young.

McGrath and Kocevski are extragalactic astronomers, tied to the far reaches and earliest epochs of the universe via computer links to the Hubble Space Telescope, and they are key members of teams made up of some of the world’s most highly accomplished scientists in their field.

From high atop Mayflower Hill, Clare Boothe Luce Assistant Professor of Physics and Astronomy McGrath is studying how galaxies form and evolve. “It’s exciting to try to understand where we came from. Yeah, you can do that in other sciences, but this is the grand picture.”

Assistant Professor of Physics and Astronomy Kocevski studies black holes and how they may regulate a galaxy’s life and death. “This is probably the biggest question in astronomy,” he said. “What quenches the star formation activity of a galaxy?”

Answering that question is the goal of two NASA grants that awarded $400,000 to Kocevski in July. The first will enable the Colby astronomer and others to use newly available X-ray imaging from the Chandra Space Telescope. The second funds observations on the Hubble Space Telescope that capture images of the black holes of colliding galaxies.

McGrath, meanwhile, will expand her groundbreaking research, which contradicts a long-held explanation of how the most massive galaxies are formed. She made the startling discovery as a graduate student at the University of Hawaii in 2008, and now her team has additional data to consider.

Colby student researchers will be actively involved in both projects, McGrath and Kocevski said, attempting to answer what McGrath describes as “this big-picture question. How did we get from the very beginning to the present day?”

It’s important scholarship involving cutting-edge research by elite astronomers, including a large team at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Both McGrath and Kocevski—they are married—did postdoctoral research fellowships there after receiving their doctorates at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. (Both universities’ observational astronomy programs are among the best in the world.) McGrath arrived at Colby from UC Santa Cruz in 2012, Kocevski in 2014 after a stint at the University of Kentucky. Their addition to the Colby faculty has connected the College to astronomy work more typically confined to the largest and most prestigious research universities.

It’s no accident. McGrath did her undergraduate work—including astronomy—at Vassar, and she longed to teach in a similar system and setting. “I really like the environment at liberal arts schools,” she said. “I feel like it’s more nurturing, not just for the students but for the faculty as well.”
AURORA KESELLI '13
STUDIES WITH THE STARS

Aurora Keselli ’13 just needed a course to fulfill her physics major requirement. She ended up with a potential career.

The course was Introduction to Astrophysics, taught by Murray Campbell, the William A. Rogers Professor of Physics, now emeritus. “That really opened my eyes,” Keselli said. “Everybody has this interest in outer space and the way the universe was formed, and you can answer those questions with physics you’re learning in college physics class.”

Which is just what she did, in two National Science Foundation-funded summer internships at the University of Wisconsin and in a senior honors thesis project overseen by Clare Boothe Luce Assistant Professor of Physics and Astronomy Elizabeth McGrath. Keselli expanded research done by McGrath earlier, looking for correlations between the shape of galaxies and their age. The senior project concluded that there were more disk-shaped galaxies in the early universe than in galaxies formed later, a finding that challenges what had been conventional wisdom on galaxy creation.

“It was great,” Keselli said, “at the college level to feel I was contributing to a field.”

She’s continuing to contribute as a graduate student at Boston University, where she is working on a project that considers the initial mass of stars, whether every galaxy is formed with a similar number of stars, and whether the environment can cause variations in that mass.

Keselli said the work pulls from research she did at Colby and at Wisconsin, creating model galaxies and applying templates of stellar data. “It’s really cool,” she said.

In fact, Keselli was well prepared by her undergraduate astronomy, though one challenge came early on, she said. She hears all the time that her first name is perfect for an astronomer. But until she got to graduate school, the name wasn’t a distraction.

“At BU the program is space physics and astrophysics together,” Keselli said. “I never work with the aurora [borealis and/or australis] but a lot of my friends who do space physics specifically study the aurora. I have to desensitize myself from hearing the name ‘aurora’ and responding.”
There are still two-thirds of the lifetime of the universe where we don’t know what happens. We only know what this galaxy was doing seven billion years ago.”

—Clare Boothe Luce Assistant Professor of Physics and Astronomy Elizabeth McGrath
The Hubble Ultra Deep Field is the deepest image ever taken by the Hubble Space Telescope. It is a compilation of 10 years of observations studying the same region of the sky, equivalent to a continuous exposure of two million seconds. This image shows large galaxies that are relatively nearby, including spiral galaxies, similar to our own Milky Way, and large yellow-orange galaxies whose star formation ceased long ago. In addition, there are thousands of faint galaxies imaged in the very distant reaches of the universe. The new infrared imaging obtained by the CANDELS (Cosmic Assembly Near-infrared Deep Extragalactic Legacy Survey) team, of which McGrath and Kocevski are members, is instrumental in detecting these distant galaxies and aiding studies of how galaxies form and evolve through cosmic time.

Image credit: NASA, D. Kocevski and E. McGrath
The galaxies shown were at varying distances, the large one closest to Earth. “The tiny little guys are basically back when the universe was a fraction of its current age, so we’re seeing them in super position. ... The ones that Elizabeth McGrath and I study are so far away that you can barely see them.”

—Assistant Professor of Physics and Astronomy Dale Kocevski

Illustration of the depth by which the Hubble Space Telescope has imaged galaxies in its deep field surveys, in units of the age of the universe. Due to the finite speed of light, looking at distant galaxies provides a glimpse back in time, when galaxies and the universe itself were substantially younger. The goal of surveys such as CANDELS (Cosmic Assembly Near-infrared Deep Extragalactic Legacy Survey) is to peer back further and get a wealth of images of galaxies as they existed when the universe was a quarter of its current age. Illustration credit: NASA and A. Feild (STScI).
And working with researchers around the country?

“With weekly telecoms, I’m in constant contact with all of these people,” said McGrath, who wrote a blog post for her professional research team’s site about the experience and rewards of teaching astronomy at a liberal arts college. “Here I feel like what I do matters. The teaching—people appreciate that.”

McGrath and Kocevski teach physics and astronomy and already have seen students go on to graduate work in astronomy [see sidebar P. 26]. At Colby, McGrath said, advanced students help upcoming students, a dynamic similar to that found in a consortium of postdocs and graduate students. And, she said, interesting and surprising observations come from students in introductory classes as well. “They’ll ask a question about something, like black-hole physics, that I never really thought of before. And it turns out to be a really insightful question.”

There are more questions than answers in a subject that McGrath describes as “a big unknown” despite astounding advances in technology in recent years. It was one of those technological leaps—the Hubble—that enabled the then graduate student to poke a hole in accepted theory of how the most massive galaxies in the universe were formed.

This was in 2008, when some astronomy theories were still just theories because scientists had no way to see the most distant parts of the universe up close. The theory was that massive galaxies (10 times the size of our Milky Way galaxy) formed by absorbing smaller galaxies, a process that continued for billions of years. Scientist believed that small disk-shaped galaxies collided with other disk-shaped galaxies, disrupting the galaxies’ rotations and transforming them to a rounder, spherical shape.

Enter McGrath and her colleagues—and the fresh images from Hubble.

She studied the new evidence from the early universe and found that there were massive disk-shaped galaxies that had gone through their life and death cycle (“death” occurs when a galaxy is no longer forming stars). They had grown to massive size and hadn’t gone through the structural changes expected in the merging theory.

“We weren’t expecting to see this at all,” McGrath said. In fact, “it took a long time to actually get traction in the theoretical community. These results were at such odds with the merger picture, and people were sort of holding onto the merger picture. And I was just one grad student saying this.”

McGrath wasn’t entirely dispelling the merger theory, but the evidence did suggest other processes were at work that could be just as important. The knock on her conclusion was that she’d only studied six galaxies—that maybe they were just some weird anomaly? It is, after all, a big universe out there.

So now McGrath and Kocevski are involved in a project that widens the field of observations for studies like this. CANDELS (Cosmic Assembly Near-infrared Deep Extragalactic Legacy Survey) is a massive effort that uses images gleaned by a new camera installed on Hubble in 2009. Like handing someone the first pair of binoculars, the near-infrared camera enables scientists to see farther into space, nearer to the Big Bang than ever before.

And the new information has produced more evidence that backs McGrath’s original observations, so much so that theorists are developing new models to reproduce that reality that we now see. That reality, she points out, is already dated,
representing a period in the evolution of the universe that is long over. Observations made of the state of the universe when it was a third of its current age (an estimated 14 billion years) leave a big part of the story still untold.

“There are still two-thirds of the lifetime of the universe where we don’t know what happens,” McGrath said, gesturing toward an image on her computer screen. “We only know what this galaxy was doing seven billion years ago.”

So little time and, for extragalactic astronomers, so many billions of years to cover.

But with each passing week, each new image from deep space, more mysteries of the universe are being discovered. Kocevski continues to study data from the Hubble that is the fruit of a NASA grant he received while at UC Santa Cruz in 2009, while new data from last summer’s grant pours in.

“Actually, I just got observations,” he said, in his Colby office recently. “They’re relayed to the ground today and then processed. I’ll get an e-mail probably tomorrow or the next day. Pull it, download it, analyze away.”

Observational astronomers like McGrath and Kocevski are wholly dependent on what is referred to as “Hubble time,” the use of the Hubble’s cameras, which are so in demand that grant awards are measured, not only in dollars, but in seconds.

For the past two years, Kocevski has served on the selection committee for guest-observer grants for the Hubble. Of the thousand proposals received, only about 10 percent are selected to receive Hubble time, he said.

And what does that get you?

“I’ll show you,” Kocevski said.

He pulled up an image of a field of about 50,000 galaxies. Each galaxy looked like a fuzzy star, and like stars they showed different colors. The galaxies shown were at varying distances, the large one closest to Earth. “The tiny little guys are basically back when the universe was a fraction of its current age,” Kocevski said, “so we’re seeing them in superposition. … The ones that Elizabeth McGrath and I study are so far away that you can barely see them.”

Colby students will have a chance to take part in this peek at the farthest reaches of the universe, including visual classification of the galaxies being scrutinized, studying morphology, and looking for evidence of galaxies that are merging.

“The best method? Giving a student a picture and saying, ‘What does this look like?’” Kocevski said. “Your eye is still the best pattern recognizer that we know of.”
Professors Elizabeth McGrath, right, and Dale Koczenski, left, confer with, from left, Jianing Yang '18, Ryan Cole '15, and Max Jennings '15.
Kocevski studies the massive black holes that are at the center of most galaxies, typically a billion times more massive than individual stars like our sun. Some of the black holes are more than just supermassive. They are absorbing gases and even stars, emitting vast amounts of energy and becoming what astronomers call an active galactic nucleus.

How active? Some AGNs outshine the starlight of their entire host galaxy. And if an AGN really gets going, it can actually suppress the galaxy’s star formation and halt its growth, Kocevski explained. “We think that one of the outcomes of having these black holes at the center of the galaxies is that they regulate the life and death of a galaxy,” he said.

**Stop a galaxy’s star power and it’s dead.**

But in a science of unknowns, more questions remain about the connection between the evolution of galaxies and their central black holes. Kocevski’s two NASA grants should help to get closer to the answers.

One grant allots observing time on the Chandra Space Telescope, which, along with the Hubble, is one of what are called the four “Great Observatories.” It uses X-rays to survey deep space, which, it is hoped, will allow the team to detect gas from growing black holes—at a time when black hole growth was at its peak. The observations are expected to provide a glimpse of the earliest black hole ever detected, Kocevski said.

Data from a second NASA grant provides additional observing time on Hubble, now equipped with an infrared camera. Kocevski and his colleagues want to find evidence of galaxies that have “just” collided, creating black holes still shrouded by gas and dust. Doing this means examining images of galaxies back when the universe was just three billion years old, sort of in its cosmic adolescence. “This is the first time that we can actually study galaxies at those distances,” he said.

McGrath’s and Kocevski’s work is full of “firsts” and “farthest,” as technology peels back the layers that lie...
McGrath’s and Kocevski’s work is full of “firsts” and “farthest”, as technology peels back the layers that lie between us and the birth of the universe.
Terry Winters made his first print in 1982, the same year he debuted a closely related group of paintings composed of imagery suggestive of elemental biological forms at the brink of emergence. Since that year, printmaking has been integral to his explorations of abstraction. In 1998 the Detroit Institute of Art recognized Winters’s accomplishments as a printmaker by presenting a retrospective of his fine art editions and by publishing a related print catalogue raisonné. Conceived as a second volume to this publication, Terry Winters Prints: 1999-2014 documents the last 15 years of Winters’s printmaking. Finch, the Lunder Curator of American Art at the Colby College Museum of Art, notes that Winters’s principal subject has not changed. It is still, as he has observed, “architecture, how form reflects ideas about life.”

Finch is coauthor of this important volume with Michael Semff. In addition to 50 reproductions, the book includes 26 brief essays Finch has written about specific artworks. She also compiled and edited the catalogue raisonné section of the book, which includes detailed descriptions of the 70 print editions that Winters has created since 1999.

The book’s publication coincides with the Terry Winters show at the Colby College Museum of Art, which runs through May 10.
MORE FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

Valérie M. Dionne (French)  
Montaigne, écrivain de la conciliation  
Classiques Garnier (2014)

Throughout the 16th century, the Wars of Religion set French Protestants and Catholics at each other's throats. Dionne's new book examines the conciliatory role played by Montaigne, the first modern skeptic, who embraced diversity and tolerance in his Essays. Montaigne called upon his readers to reform themselves as individuals, so as to create a sense of individual responsibility by espousing pluralism. Embracing skepticism and accepting Socratic recognition of one's own ignorance were key steps in the process. Only thus could France hope to re-establish mutual trust among her citizens as the essential foundation of a community.

Tariq Ahmad (Biology) with Jennifer Liao ’15 and Laura Morin ’14:  

Adrian Blevins (English, Creative Writing): “Explanation,” a poem, Vox Populi, 2015.

Michael Burke (English):  

“Carrots,” essay, ROUTE NINE, writers from the University of Massachusetts Amherst M.F.A. Program for Poets and Writers, December 2014.

Denise Bruesswitz (Environmental Studies) with Cayelan C. Carey, David C. Richardson, Kathleen C. Weathers: “Under-ice thermal stratification dynamics of a large, deep lake revealed by high-frequency data,” Limnology and Oceanography, 2014.


“Replacing Arts Appreciation with Arts Talk,” GIA Reader, winter 2015.


MORE FACULTY PUBLICATIONS


Loren McClenachan (Environmental Studies) with Travis Reynolds (Environmental Studies) and Grace O’Connor ’14: “Adaptive capacity of co-management systems in the face of environmental change: The soft-shell clam fisher and invasive green crabs in Maine,” *Marine Policy*, 2014.


“From Mary Cowden Clarke to Contemporary Young Adult Novels: (Re) constructing Gender and Sexuality in Adaptations of *As You Like It* and *Twelfth Night*,” *Borrowers and Lenders*, 2015.


Allecia Reid (Psychology) with K.B. Carey, J.E. Merrill, and M.P. Carey: “Social network influences on initiation and maintenance of reduced drinking among college students,” *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*, 2015.


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**Erika Mailman ’91**

**Haunted (The Arnaud Legacy)**


Writing as Lynn Carthage, novelist Mailman has created a neo-Gothic thriller for young adults. The book follows 16-year-old Phoebe Irving as she leaves home in San Francisco for her stepfather’s ancestral mansion in rural England. As the locals whisper about Madame Arnaud, the manor’s notorious original owner, stories emerge about missing children and vengeful ghosts. Phoebe must protect her little sister, and herself.

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**Susie Yovic Hoeller ’73**

*Lean on Jesus: Christian Women in the Workplace*

*WestBow Press* (2014)

Hoeller, an attorney, has written a guide for Christian women in the workplace. Many Christian women leave the business world for nonprofits and other humanitarian organizations, she writes. Her book is intended to help women transform the business world rather than leave it behind.

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**Tabby Biddle ’92**

*Find Your Voice: A Woman’s Call to Action*

*Amazon Digital* (2014)

Biddle, a recognized women’s rights advocate often appearing in national media, has written what she calls “a practical, courageous and urgent call to action for women of all ages.” The book includes personal stories, practical advice about how to start a blog and become a public speaker, and definitive steps to becoming an effective activist.
Confronting Sexual Conduct

Student-led Colby program demands honesty and accountability

By Stephen Collins ’74

With awareness about sexual assault on America’s campuses increasing, and with new federal requirements aimed at addressing the problem, colleges and universities are expanding their efforts to prevent sexual violence and to change campus cultures so coercion isn’t tolerated.

It’s a conversation that’s hard to start and even more difficult to keep percolating as students go about their lives in academic, social, and residential spaces on campus. After all, it isn’t easy to discuss sex with intimate friends, much less with random classmates.

But that’s what Colby first- and second-year students are doing as they participate in an intensive, peer-led program developed at Colby and implemented last fall. The mandatory program holds promise, organizers say, for student safety, for Colby’s campus community, and potentially as a model for other institutions serious about curbing sexual violence.

The key? Passionate, committed students taking ownership of the discussion. “If I stood up in front of first-year students and tried to say, ‘This is what we value at Colby in terms of consent; this is what we won’t tolerate in terms of coercion’—I’m really an outsider,” said Emily Schusterbauer, director of Colby’s Gender and Sexual Diversity Program. “But the peer educators are able to say that kind of stuff to first-year students and really be more impactful.

“For the peer educators … it’s about trying to set different cultural norms,” she said, “and that can only happen from someone who’s really inside the culture.”

Last year Schusterbauer outlined a curriculum for teaching students about sexual violence. She wanted to debunk the myth that rape usually involves a stranger in a dark alley, to show a range of behaviors that constitute coercion to have sex, and to have students brainstorm ways they can ensure mutual and enthusiastic consent at each escalating step of a sexual encounter. She wanted to teach students how to look out for friends and classmates and to provide techniques to intervene if red flags appear.

But the key to turning it into a community discussion was assembling a corps of students, women and men, to customize her curriculum for their peers and then lead the orientation sessions. After taking an independent study course with Schusterbauer to train as peer educators, these students led their first training sessions—more than 60 in all—for 900 first-years.
and sophomores this fall. “We helped her think about different ways to present things for students—scenarios maybe we’d seen or we’d heard about at Colby,” said Michelle Boucher ’17, a peer educator who helped develop the program.

Added Chris Millman ’16, a peer educator and president of Mules Against Violence, a campus organization that works to prevent sexual violence, “Obviously this information is important for the rest of our lives, but we really wanted to cater to the Colby experience.”

The University of Illinois has run a mandatory program for first-year students for more than two decades and is recognized as a pioneer in peer-to-peer sexual violence prevention efforts. Molly M. McLay, assistant director of the Women’s Resources Center there, said Colby’s strategy can turn students into change agents. “Programs that focus more on risk reduction and escape strategies solely don’t get at the root of primary prevention,” she said. She favors multiple sessions that are peer facilitated and dialogue based rather than using a one-shot online model. “Hearing this information from peers lets them know that these are real issues they’re going to encounter; it’s not just adults telling them what to do.”

Colby Education Professor Mark Tappan, a national expert in boys’ development and education who studies gender-based violence education and prevention, said he’s been cheering on Schusterbauer’s initiatives. In response to this year’s new Title IX rules requiring sexual violence prevention training, Tappan said, many colleges and universities “took the path of least resistance, which was to require all first-years to do a sexual violence thing online or one big speech to all the new students. That would effectively meet the requirements.”

Colby’s program is exceptional, he said. “To commit to engaging in a peer-led conversation with all first-years and all second-years is way, way, way above the bar. … This is a place for Colby to be proud. Colby is taking the lead on this.”
PARTY WITH CONSENT FOUNDER NO LONGER “SWIMMING UPSTREAM”

Jonathan Kalin ’14 had just finished a phone call with students at Vanderbilt, Dennison, and Princeton universities. That came on the heels of an inquiry from a group in Kampala, Uganda. They were all looking for advice from the founder of Party With Consent.

Kalin, who started the organization in 2012 to counter sexual violence culture on college campuses, is glad to help, but he doesn’t pretend to have all the answers. Progress on the issue, he says, begins with honest and open dialogue. “Our goal is to … have it be the stories from the students that make change,” Kalin said from New York City, where he oversees the nonprofit. “There’s no better space than the peer-to-peer conversations for this to happen.”

The media began noticing Kalin when he was still a student and was featured in Time. In recent months he has been tapped by Atlantic Monthly, the UK’s Guardian newspaper, and others. He was to be interviewed on NBC’s Dateline program in March, the same month he had planned to join Mules Against Violence cofounder Eric Barthold ’12 (creator of the organization Man Up and Open Up) and Professor of Education Mark Tappan to present at the International Conference on Masculinities in New York.

Kalin sees himself as a facilitator, sharing his own experience and encouraging students to confront the issue of sexual assault. “What we’re trying to do is design something for students who want to be authentic and talk truthfully about sexuality and sexual assault and how it is manifested on college campuses,” he said.

When he and Barthold, both Colby athletes, began talking about these issues three years ago, Kalin said, he sometimes felt like he was “swimming upstream.” But even then he sensed that there were others who felt as he did—that “authenticity and honesty and truth connected to sex and sexual relations was so much more enjoyable and fun than acts of coercion and manipulation.”

The new openness surrounding the issue is connecting people, especially men, who were once silenced. “You have to get students to disregard that mask that they put on when a dean or an outsider comes to campus,” Kalin said. “You have to remove that mask and talk.”

—Gerry Boyle ’78
Real conversations generate a lot more discomfort than the passive listening that would fulfill the requirement. But anecdotal evidence says uncomfortable doesn’t mean ineffective. “It definitely was awkward at first,” said Adrienne Carmack ’18, who attended two required sessions for first-years. “I don’t want to go and leave my friends and have these discussions with people I don’t know. But I do think having it peer led was really good, because at least you’re not being forced into having a conversation with an adult who you feel no connection with.”

And the impact? Carmack said that although some students said the sessions were boring, she saw immediate results. “If people think something is boring, that isn’t a sign it was a failure,” she said. “Because, no matter what, that conversation is happening now, and people are thinking about it. I know friends who thought a lot harder before going out on the weekend. A lot more communication is happening. From the very beginning I was seeing my friends really looking out for each other and communicating and checking in.”

Boucher, who led discussions, echoed that. “We got feedback like ‘I really learned a lot,’ or ‘I’ve already used the skills, so thank you for teaching them to other people,’” she said. “I was amazed at how much more people were talking about it afterward.”

At Colby, confrontation of sexual violence begins right away. A didactic theatrical performance, “Speak About It,” during orientation week introduced the topic prior to the discussion groups. “The impression I got right from the very beginning was,” Carmack said, “This is a conversation we’re going to be having. You can’t really skirt around this.”

Millman, a cross-country and track athlete, said the Colby format adds a sense of accountability. “We are members of the community, we are the same as you. We live in these dorms, we go to these parties, we eat in your dining hall, and this is the kind of community we want to have.”

Another measure of the program’s success? People who couldn’t attend—juniors and seniors not required to engage in the discussion that Carmack labeled awkward—expressed disappointment. “Some upperclassmen were bummed and even asked if they could come to one of our sessions,” Boucher said. “People really wanted to be a part of this.”

“It is surprising,” Millman said, recognizing how unexpected the desire to join an difficult conversation might seem. “But I think that also says a lot about Colby as a place. Students just want to become more aware.”

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—Susan Stucker ’89

When as a sophomore Susan Stucker ’89 agreed to manage the Colby Symphony Orchestra, she didn’t know she was setting the course for her entire career.

Stucker is chief operating officer for the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. She joined the organization a couple of months after graduation and has been with it ever since—with no regrets and no lack of work to do. “Planning the season, hiring guest artists, being responsible for the players, getting the music together, making sure the piano is tuned,” she said. “Lots of details to take care of.”

That’s an understatement. The NJSO has six venues in the state, smaller roving ensembles, an active youth orchestra, an education program that works with area schools (violin instruction is a priority), notable guest conductors and musicians, and relationships with area university choirs, including Princeton’s. “I’m never bored at my job,” Stucker said.

In fact, she says, she’s loved every minute. And with a professional orchestra that rehearses nine or 10 hours and then performs the program, every minute counts. “Next week we rehearse Tuesday and Wednesday in Newark, and Thursday we’ll be in Englewood, Friday in Princeton, and then Saturday and Sunday back in Newark,” Stucker said. “It’s a lot of logistics.”

And a lot of fun, she said, when she finally sits down—in the concert hall. “I am at my most proud when I’m at one of my programs, hearing great music and being part of the audience,” she said.

Stucker wants the audience to feel close to the players, a recent trend in symphonies called “raising the invisible curtain.” Her orchestra offers a short introduction to the music from the stage, and musicians answer questions from concertgoers at intermission. Some concertgoers are musically sophisticated, she said, and others are at the symphony for the first time. “They ask basic questions,” Stucker said. “What was that instrument next to the bassoon. The really big one?” (Answer: contrabassoon.)

It’s all part of making the symphony accessible, finding fun ways to present and interpret music—and not just Mahler and Brahms.

Last year the symphony did a Beatles concert to mark the 50th anniversary of the group’s appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show. The audience was invited to come to the hall early to sing Beatles tunes. Stucker—who in addition to managing the Colby orchestra was a Colbyette and a member of the Colby Chorale—made sure to be there.

“It was amazing. We sang a dozen Beatles songs. We had lyrics sheets for those who wanted them, and had to run off more because more people showed up than anticipated. It was just a joyous moment.” —Gerry Boyle ’78
Shooting for the Sky

Martin Tengler is part of a team that wants to use drones to plant a billion trees a year

Martin Tengler ’12 can picture a time when aerial drones fan out to map vast reaches of deforested land and then plant thousands of seed pods that will turn wasteland into new forest.

In fact, he can show you the video.

Tengler is part of a startup called BioCarbon Engineering, formed last year at Oxford University, where he was earning his master’s degree in global governance and diplomacy.

In February BioCarbon took third place among 800 entries in an international competition, Drones for Good, sponsored by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, ruler of Dubai. The contest offered a $1-million first prize. Third place and the associated publicity, Tengler and his colleagues hope, will attract investors.

Raised in the Czech Republic, Tengler was a United World College scholar who majored in international studies—and he became involved in the Entrepreneurial Alliance. He was admitted to a master’s program in international business at Tufts, deferred to work for a year, then went to Oxford to study international diplomacy and on to Tokyo University’s master’s program in economics.

“That’s why I’m here,” he said, in Tokyo. “So I can add this into my skill set.”

It’s quite a set already. He is the policy and publicity person on the BioCarbon team, which shares entrepreneurial drive and a desire to improve the environment. “We are going to counter industrial scale deforestation using industrial scale reforestation,” says the company’s mission statement.

Part of Tengler’s job has been to help determine where the drone-forestation project might fly. He used his policy and research experience to determine which regions and countries would be best suited to BioCarbon services. The top two: Brazil and South Africa.

A grant from the Skoll Foundation enabled the team to buy drones and to begin design of the planting mechanism. A prototype arrived just before BioCarbon was to compete in the finals of the UAE Drones for Good Award.

He hopes what seems like a futuristic idea will soon become reality. “We get that a lot,” he said, “that ‘You’re too early with this.’ Well, Facebook, Google—they came along at the right time. We’re hoping that now is not too early. That now is the right time.”

—Gerry Boyle ’78

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Do you feel anxious when your phone battery is low? Check your messages more often than you'd like? You might be a nomophobe.

That’s the word, an elision of “no-mobile-phone phobia,” applied to people who have a fear of being out of mobile phone contact. It’s a fairly common affliction these days, and when Maggie Zhao ’16 began working with high school students in Tianjin, China, on a citizen theater project, it was a clear interest of theirs.

“I was trying to get people to discover their own voice and discover what they can do themselves,” said Zhao, who, along with Sujie Zhu ’15, spent last summer in China producing a socially engaged art project. “This methodology is to have the community members decide what they want to talk about and create a space where they can talk about it. The students chose nomophobia.”

Zhao worked with the students for eight weeks to pull together the play, which featured six vignettes about people’s struggles with technology-induced anxiety. After they finally performed the piece, on Aug. 1, Zhao said many in the audience told her they had experienced in their own lives many of the themes the play addressed.

Zhao is a psychology major with a concentration in neuroscience. She does research with Professor of Psychology Martha Arterberry, plays percussion in the Colby Symphony Orchestra, and works backstage at many Colby theater productions. That’s where she made the connections with Professor of Theater and Dance Lynne Conner that resulted in her nomophobia theater project.

Following her work on a production of Lysistrata, Zhao was interested in the application of theater to social change and signed up for Conner’s Citizen Artist course. Zhao’s nomophobia project is an excellent example of the research being done at Colby in the humanities, Conner said, because Zhao applied concepts and skills introduced at Colby to a socially engaging, real-world project.

“What’s really so exciting for me as a professor and as a socially conscious, socially active art maker,” Conner said, “is that you see this beautiful way in which students come into our world and ask for learning, ask for experience, and then take it out and make something with it.”

Zhao said her parents, an engineer and an accountant in Tianjin, China, initially thought that an internship or a laboratory job would be a better way for her to spend her summer, but that once she secured funding for her project through Colby’s Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement they were on board. She’s planning to study Butoh, a modern dance style, in Japan. Until that time she’ll be here on campus, where she said she checks her phone a bit more often than she’d like.

—Jacob McCarthy
The only way [the work] matters,” Wynn said as museumgoers streamed by, “is if they can recall it later as something dear and special.”

—Omar Wynn ’74
Ebullience on Exhibit

The Smithsonian was preparing for the 50th anniversary of the National Museum of American History—a story to be told through photographs, a model of the 1964 New York World’s Fair, and a sparkling ’64 Ford Mustang. In the lobby Omar Wynn ’74 moved away from a group of colleagues and carefully ran his fingers over a plate of Plexiglas hung by metal cables.

His fingers detected an imperfection, and the plate—which could have marred visitors’ experiences in the smallest of ways—was removed.

Wynn is director of the museum’s Office of Exhibition Services, responsible for translating the vision for an exhibit into a three-dimensional experience for visitors. Only when Wynn’s team has finished does the collections staff move artifacts into place.

“It’s an emotional experience,” he said, explaining that he can actually see his work reflected in the eyes of visitors viewing his installations for the first time. “The only way [the work] matters is if they can recall it later as something dear and special.”

He recalls an exhibit so special that it set the direction for his career: Treasures of Tutankhamun, which was presented by New York’s Metropolitan Museum of Art in the late 1970s. He tells people about that exhibit even today, remembering details about the presentation and even the lighting. A poster he bought at the exhibit is now mounted in his office.

The poster is displayed along with plaster figures of a family from another special exhibit, Field to Factory, which depicted the Great Migration of African Americans in the first half of the 20th century. When an exhibit is uninstalled, the artifacts are stored, but the other elements—signs, models, etc.—may be destroyed. The figures created for Field to Factory, which was on view from 1987 until 2006, were based on actual individuals from the Great Migration. “I couldn’t let them go,” Wynn said.

Wynn is known for his eagerness to share his experience and his willingness to mentor interns, both students and adult participants in the Smithsonian’s Behind-the-Scenes Volunteer Program.

His own path to the museum world began after he studied art history at Colby but realized that curation—with countless hours of solitary research—wouldn’t provide an outlet for his ebullience. He rotated through five departments at the National Collection of Fine Arts (now the Smithsonian American Art Museum) and discovered exhibit production.

Now his job involves matching increasingly complex machinery with staff skills, making sure that his team can continue to learn and grow with technology. Wynn recognizes that, though the tools have changed, the audience enjoyment of an effective exhibit remains the same—as does his enthusiasm.

Though he works behind the scenes, even after 30 years Wynn won’t miss an exhibit opening. “I go to openings because I want to see the response, the way people react,” Wynn said. “It’s been a most satisfying adventure.”

—Lisa Rowan
Strengthening a Historic Connection

In Waterville we have a synagogue that desperately needs youthful energy, and a lot of students that come to Colby with very strong Jewish backgrounds.”
—Rabbi Rachel Isaacs

For generations, collaboration between Colby and central Maine’s Jewish community has been one of the strong threads in the fabric of the town-gown partnership, and in recent years it’s grown even stronger. Now a new initiative will extend that tie, attempting to bottle the formula that connects Colby, Hillel, and Waterville’s Beth Israel Congregation so colleges and communities across the country can try to replicate it.

The formation of the Center for Small Town Jewish Life, based at Colby, was announced in February along with a gift of up to $700,000 from the Harold Alfond Foundation to launch the center and to complete the endowment of a professorship in Jewish studies.

GOALS OF THE CENTER:

• expand innovative Jewish life programming for Waterville, including Colby students;
• extend programs to serve small congregations and colleges across Maine and New England;
• identify needs and strengths of small town Jewish communities and small colleges nationally and develop ways to address challenges; and
• work with national organizations and other colleges and communities, further establishing Colby as a recognized leader in opportunities for Jewish life.

Rabbi Rachel Isaacs is executive director of the center, and Pulver Family Associate Professor of Jewish Studies David Freidenreich is associate director. Isaacs, who will be the inaugural Dorothy “Bibby” Levine Alfond Assistant Professor in Jewish Studies, is also rabbi for Beth Israel synagogue, is on the faculty as instructor of Hebrew, is Colby’s Jewish chaplain, and advises the Hillel chapter.

The academic mission of the center will build on years of work by Freidenreich and his students, who have studied and documented Jewish life in Maine. Freidenreich said American Jewish studies syllabi usually cover the Lower East Side of New York and then Long Island, but, he discovered when he arrived in 2008, “hardly anyone had studied the Jews of Maine.” So he set out to fix that, establishing student research
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projects, where members of the Jewish community provide oral history and then attend presentations of the findings. “That’s been incredibly rewarding for the community and the students,” Freidenreich said. Years of research projects are represented on the Maine Jewish History Project website, web.colby.edu/jewsinmaine.

When Rabbi Isaacs arrived from New York five years ago, she discovered a dramatic difference between city and suburban Jewish communities (home to her and many of Colby’s Jewish students) and the Jewish community she found in central Maine. When she arrived, participation—both numbers and enthusiasm—was low in the Waterville synagogue and Colby’s Hillel chapter.

“In Waterville we have a synagogue that desperately needs youthful energy, and a lot of students that come to Colby with very strong Jewish backgrounds,” Isaacs said. Among other initiatives, a Waterville Jewish Leadership Fellowship for Colby students was created to build a genuine partnership between the two populations. Student roles include serving on the synagogue’s board, teaching Hebrew school, and tutoring for bar and bat mitzvahs.

Cara Goldfarb ’17, a leadership fellow who teaches and tutors, said she especially likes Hillel Home Hospitality, held once every semester. Students attend a synagogue service, and then afterward are paired with a congregation member and go to that member’s home for dinner. For Goldfarb, last semester’s pairing led to hours of engaged discussion dining with her hosts and another Colby student. “It felt like you were far from campus, which is important to have when you’re a busy college student with a lot of commitments,” she said. “It just feels really homey.”

Isaacs said the idea behind the center is to provide quality resources to small town and rural congregations across the country and a model to leverage those resources in small communities to create vibrant Jewish life.

Freidenreich said the Colby-based center’s role won’t be to research Jewish life in other parts of the country, but rather to provide approaches and resources for other scholars to do regional work. Collaboration between Colby and Jews in Waterville goes back more than a century, Freidenreich says, but national Jewish organizations don’t commit resources to small towns. “The question is how can we serve those Jews who have been underserved to provide ... the kinds of resources that Jews in Newton, Massachusetts, or on Long Island take for granted?”

Goldfarb’s experience suggests it’s a win-win. The town-gown connection “helped me to strengthen my Jewish identity, connecting me with two very different congregations: my one from home and my one here. Both are very important to me in different ways,” she said. “Having a small congregation is something very special. People really care about one another, and we look out for each other.”

For more on the work of Pulver Family Associate Professor of Jewish Studies David Freidenreich and his students, and on Rabbi Rachel Isaacs and her journey to Maine, go to colby.edu/mag. For more on the Center for Small Town Jewish Life go to colby.edu/jewishlife.
Allecia Reid explores the social side of drinking

By Jacob McCarthy
It would be tough to find a research subject more relevant to college students’ social lives than the one William and Margaret Montgoris Assistant Professor in Psychology Allecia Reid is tackling.

“I’m focusing on alcohol use,” she said. “How their peers affect their drinking seems to be really meaningful for them.”

That project is just one of several in which Reid is looking at how factors like where we live and with whom we associate affect our behavior and our health.

Reid’s work on how social factors influence health behaviors started during a postdoctoral position at Yale University, where she looked at connections between racial discrimination and HIV prevention efforts. That led to a postdoc at Brown and a switch to how peers influence college student drinking. At Colby she’s exploring both lines of research and finding ways to work closely with students on projects that will lead to a better understanding of how students—and everyone else—can be healthier.

Reid’s work is focused on interventions—deliberate attempts to change people’s behaviors, especially when those behaviors might adversely affect their health. Interventions are most commonly associated with substance abuse counseling, but community public health programs and college wellness efforts are interventions, too, as is simply offering a student a pamphlet about healthy alcohol consumption.

To gauge whether interventions are effective, Reid surveys students. She asks how much their friends drink and how the participants think their friends would react if the participant drank less. The participants then experience an intervention—a video about the dangers of binge drinking, for example—and take a follow-up survey a few weeks later. Reid’s student research assistants conduct surveys and work with her to make sense of the results, all with an eye toward figuring out how to help students drink responsibly.

They’re finding that the company we keep really does make a difference.

In an article she published last year in the *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*, Reid reported that, in fact, people who thought their friends would be accepting of more-moderate drinking tended to drink less.

“What does your social network look like, how much do they drink, and how does that affect how you respond to interventions?” Reid said. “If you’re in a group with really heavy drinking, it can be really difficult for you to go through an intervention and say, ‘Okay. Now I’m going to go back and change my behavior even though all my friends are not. They’re doing all the same things.’”

Reid’s second line of research focuses on how experiences of discrimination affect health behaviors. In particular she’s asking whether HIV prevention programs are effective at reducing HIV rates among people who have experienced discrimination. So far she’s learned that if people are discriminated against they are less likely to trust outsiders offering health education, so there is an increased need for health workers to gain their trust.

In 2014 Reid was named the inaugural William and Margaret Montgoris Assistant Professor in Psychology. The named chair honors a faculty member for outstanding scholarship, and it provides additional resources for the professor’s academic initiatives and research. With that additional support, Reid said she’s excited to expand her project on college drinking to consider whether there are differences in how much people think their peers drink and the happiness of nondrinkers on campus.

Questions about drinking among college students are of particular interest to her students, Reid said. What they’re learning affects them and their friends immediately—it’s science with hyper-local relevance and a laudable objective.

“The goal is always to think about how do we help college students to drink more moderately, to tune in to themselves rather than feeling like they need to keep up with friends who are drinking more heavily,” said Reid. “Hopefully they take it back out to their interactions with friends.”
The Intersection of Art and Medicine

Tanya Sheehan breaks down the boundaries between disciplines

By Gerry Boyle ’78
Tanya Sheehan arrived at Georgetown University intending to become a medical doctor. She aced her organic chemistry lab section, eventually was turned off by the rote memorization the program emphasized, and then discovered art history and film studies. “That changed everything,” she said, “but I never forgot about science and medicine.”

In fact, Sheehan rarely leaves a discipline behind, instead incorporating it into her multifaceted academic interests.

She has undergraduate degrees in art history and English, but expanded her art history graduate work at Brown with serious forays into science and technology studies. Sheehan ultimately wrote her doctoral thesis on the relationship between studio portrait photography and medicine, scholarship that produced the material for her first book, *Doctored: The Medicine of Photography in Nineteenth-Century America*.

An associate professor of art at Colby, Sheehan teaches American art history, tapping the vast collection at the Colby College Museum of Art. The museum, along with Special Collections in Miller Library, has been a trove of material for her course Medicine and Visual Culture, which has been oversubscribed since she began teaching it last year. The course explores the relationship between medicine and Western visual culture from 16th-century anatomical illustrations to the “doctoring” of digital photographs today. (Fact: “scientific” images of the female skeleton in the 18th century showed enlarged hips, small ribs, and a tiny skull to support stereotypes of women as made for motherhood and little more.)

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Colby is one of many institutions recognizing the important connections between art and medicine, Sheehan points out. One-third of medical schools are teaching students through visual analysis, in the belief that closely reading artworks improves clinical observation and empathy. First-year students at Yale Medical School are required to take part in a clinic that explores the patient-doctor relationship—at the Yale Center for British Art. This spring Karen Pardue from the University of New England will visit Colby to discuss her training of nursing students through the visual arts.

For the past two years, most of the students in Sheehan’s Medicine and Visual Culture have been premed, majoring in biology or chemistry. Some are art majors. Others are majoring in science, technology, and society. They create a mix of perspectives and lively discussions.

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At Colby the mix of majors makes for a sum that is greater than its parts. “Together they have wonderful discussions about the choices the artist made when representing the anatomical body,” Sheehan said. “Those choices are artistic and scientific, but I help the students see that they are also social, cultural, and political.”

And Sheehan does that by reaching out across campus. She counts Professor of Science, Technology, and Society James Fleming, Associate Professor of American Studies Laura Saltz, Pat Burdick and Erin Rhodes in Special Collections, and museum curators Lauren Lessing and Shalini Le Gall among her collaborators in helping students make connections across the arts and sciences.

“Colby is one of the few places where the boundaries between disciplines can be challenged and innovative thinking can emerge,” Sheehan said. “That’s what I love most about it.”
A Collaborative Note
Colby Symphony Orchestra is a true—and unusual—musical community

By Christina Dong ’17

After a final warm-up trill, the room quiets and conductor Stan Renard reaches for the baton. As the musicians watch him intently, he raises his arms, takes a breath, and delivers the opening cue. With that, Colby students and faculty, high schoolers, local amateurs, and seasoned professionals begin to play.

This is the Colby Symphony Orchestra, a community ensemble that draws about half of its players from the greater Waterville community. Their experience varies widely, but they share a common love of music and what players say is an unusual willingness to teach and learn from each other. “Collaboration is what our orchestra is all about,” said bassist Jon Loekle, a lumber mill owner and music instructor who has been in the orchestra for 15 years.

The orchestra was founded in the early 1940s under President J. Seelye Bixler, and it has been a creative home for local and Colby musicians ever since. Players say the mix of backgrounds and ages and, most recently, the leadership of Orchestra Director Stan Renard, have helped maintain the supportive musical setting. “I immediately loved the atmosphere,” said concertmaster Sascha Zaburdaeva, a professional violinist from the Bangor Symphony Orchestra who joined the Colby symphony three years ago as a ringer recruited to play in final rehearsals and performances.

Zaburdaeva, who trained in Moscow and New York and studied under Itzhak Perlman, was struck by “the energy between instructors and students … the collaboration between [Renard] and the faculty, the direction between the young and the old,” she said. That spirit of collaboration impressed Renard as well, who, when he became conductor last year, admired the orchestra’s “eagerness to move forward … to grow as a team.”

The teamwork extends from Renard to the orchestra’s sections, where more-skilled musicians provide guidance and even instruction. French horn player Loren Fields, the band director at Lawrence High School in Fairfield, has been with the orchestra from the time he was a student at Lawrence himself in 1981. Today Fields gives back to the orchestra as principal of his section and through working with Colby students as a French horn instructor.

Over in the woodwinds section, oboist Lucas Lam ’17 said, “I’m working with one of the best musical professionals in the New England area,” speaking of his teacher, Michael Albert, who is also his stand partner.
The younger players get a dose of inspiration as well, as they see adults who have made music a permanent part of their busy lives, Zaburdaeva said. Violinist and Professor of Computer Science Bruce Maxwell once made it to rehearsal after running the Boston Marathon earlier in the day. Associate Professor of Art Scott Reed, who plays French horn, said many of the musicians have other jobs, but “we’re all serious about what we’re attempting to do.”

Principal cellist Steve Witkin, a local ophthalmologist, has been a part of the orchestra since 1988. When he came to Waterville to start his medical practice, he looked for an opportunity to keep up his cello practice as well, and he chose Colby’s orchestra for its talented student musicians and its longtime tradition as a resource for the community. “Each year the composition changes, but the product is always good,” Witkin said.

The musical mentoring does pay off, according to Renard, who consistently highlights student talent by giving solos specifically to student musicians. “From year to year, their skill improves. And for me, that’s a win-win,” he said.

It’s no accident, Colby student musicians say. French horn player Meera Davé ’17 said she has played for different types of conductors over the years, including “strict conductors that yell if your music falls off your stand or make you so afraid to make a mistake that you’re shaking.” Renard, she said, “is the best orchestra conductor I’ve had. … He doesn’t scare us into practicing. He encourages us to play to our maximum potential and offers constructive criticism.”

As conductor of the Bangor Youth Symphony, Zaburdaeva said she draws “an amazing amount of inspiration” from Renard and picks up ideas for her own ensemble. “There are so many levels of musicians,” she said. “Every time it’s educational for me.”

And it’s not just the music.

Musicians also connect on a personal level during rehearsal breaks, Zaburdaeva said. “At ‘cookie time,’ you would think that students would only socialize with other students. But every time I would eat a cookie, I would have a conversation with a student. We would share ideas, then talk about life in general. We have amazing conversations.”

Collaboration, camaraderie—and a love of music.

“There’s nothing else that comes close to it,” said Witkin. “It’s a wonderful thing that Colby has … a great tradition that continues.”
Some of our teachers don’t even work here.

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Our 70th class reunion in June 2014 took place on a sunny weekend with nearly 1,600 Colby graduates and friends in attendance. It was great to see Lois Peterson Johnson and her daughter as well as Harold Joseph and his wife. My son Fred accompanied me. This year it will be 71 years! Hard to believe.

* I had a happy note from Nancy Curtis Lawrence, who lives in Sequin, Wash. She reported that she has graduated from a walker to a cane! She is reading a lot of the classics. She’s also working on a 2,000-piece jigsaw puzzle of van Gogh’s Starry Night. Her e-mail address is nancylaw@olypen.com. She would love to hear from classmates.

* I have had an amazing fall and early winter. The first of November I spent a week at St. Miguel, Azores, Portugal. Interesting island with two extinct volcanoes. We drove down into the core of one and visited a thriving village there. On a whale watch, we saw a large sperm whale gracefully surface and return to the deep. Over Thanksgiving and in early December I traveled with a small group and “did” Israel. Interesting. Magnificent. Amazing. As I was one of Professor Lugee’s geology majors, I found the land formations absolutely stunning. Speaking of professors, I intended to major in math but found Professor Ashcroft, who had been teaching when my mother attended Colby (1913 graduate), impossible to communicate with, so I changed my major. As a matter of fact I DID teach math for 22 years!

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Betty Soule Thelin lives in Orono, Maine, where she moved a few years ago to be near her remaining sibling and her family. At 90, her health has deteriorated and she’s in the memory loss unit, the Arbor, at the Dirigo Pines Retirement Community. Her brother Bill, who wrote on her behalf, sends best wishes to Betty to all of her classmates.

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Mildred Hammond Bauer wrote, “I lived alone in our old 10-room farmhouse after Everett’s passing in 2000, until my advancing years made that untenable. One year’s attempts to sell it (without the acreage) were not successful. In 2013 the ‘tide’ seemed to change. Ron Brown, a widower whom I had known for years, agreed to become my companion here. Some of the Colby group and alumni staff met him at the Concord Inn, where he kindly photographed folks and a half year ago. When a total hip replacement became necessary for me in November 2013, Ron’s help was tremendous! We’ve enjoyed summer vacations at Great East Lake in Acton, Maine, and a two-week trip to Texas and the Grand Canyon. Just want to inform you of the changes, and my plans to ‘age in place’ for a while longer.”

Kay Weisman Jaffe wrote, “A warmer and healthy new year to you and yours! As we age (gracefully, we hope), we become more and more satisfied to just be at home. Fortunately we are well. Somehow we find that we are enjoying the many advantages of the Berkshires, i.e., concerts. We enjoy fine restaurants with good friends and also meals at their homes or ours. In the past we wrote of our spectacular trips to Australia and New Zealand and throughout Utah, where we only went because of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, only to discover fabulous views in Utah as exciting as any in the world—and we have seen much of our planet. Come warmer weather, the theaters light up and concerts become so ubiquitous we have to choose constantly. If we haven’t made it absolutely clear, we are growing older and enjoying it more than we could have imagined. We can only hope our classmates are having joyful experiences also.”

Janet Gay wrote that not much was going on at the North Fork of Long Island. Thanks, Janet, it was good to hear from you.

Howard Clement wrote, “I remember one class distinctly; I believe it was economics, at which we were to wear a necklace—every time. The principles the prof taught are principles also adhered to by General Electric.” Howell goes to a spa/gym three days a week and has been doing so since his open-heart surgery.

* As for your correspondent, I arrived in Florida in mid-November and have kept busy with the usual household chores and some golf. Both of my daughters and their husbands have visited me and enjoyed the great weather and the facilities at our club.

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My backlog of news has been depleted; consequently, this will be a short column.

Jim Pearl sent this update: “Three years ago, I sold my business and have been retained by the new owner as a consultant. I still work a full day, primarily working with customers. Yes, even get paid for doing this work. It is interesting how blessings come about. We have a daughter who birthed a son six years ago, and his name is Carter. My wife and I have cared for the child since infancy and adopted him three years ago. Carter is now six years old and soon to be seven. I would never have thought so, but he is truly a blessing, and we are fortunate to be his parents.”

* In December I saw the obituary of Hilda Farnum Nicoll in the Portland Press Herald. I extend our sincere condolences to her husband, Don Nicoll, and their family. Let me hear from you at any time and I will include your news in the next column.

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Greetings, classmates! Many of you sent news in response to the questionnaire. Following are some highlights. Believe it or not, there is more news to report in the next issue. Thank you all so much.

Lillian Meyer Haning joined our class as a transfer in 1948. She continues to live in the “creek-side” home she and her husband, Jim, built 45 years ago in Palo Alto, Calif.

Unfortunately, Jim passed away many years ago, but Lillian enjoys a busy life among supportive lifelong neighbors, mostly women now. They are involved in many activities and enjoy each other’s company. Lillian has three children, all grown, and her grandchildren are on the cusp—one in college, two going next year, and the fourth close behind. One granddaughter turned down the opportunity to travel to Africa with her mother this summer in favor of a high-intensity program in chemistry and physics at UC Santa Cruz. Lillian’s trip of a lifetime was a visit to China, but a walking tour in southwestern England is a close second. She has joined Elderhostel jaunts in various parts of our country but thinks now it’s about time for a trip through the New England states.

Aaron E. Kay (formerly Kanovitz) came to Colby in 1946 but left in 1948 due to family circumstances. He spent the next eight years working as a civilian and staff sergeant in the military. In 1955 he enrolled at Boston University, majoring in biology and graduating in 1957. He married in 1956. In 1962 he graduated from Tufts Dental School and began a general practice. He and his wife have been married 58 years and have three children, eight grandchildren, and four dogs. He spends his time reading, shopping, and at doctors’ offices. He teaches at Harvard School of Dental Medicine and winters in Florida, where he does some elementary-school tutoring.

Beverly Holt Wiegand lives in a “lovely Christian” retirement community in Shoreline, Wash. She and her friends enjoy fellowship often, engaging in Bible studies and church activities. Bev’s husband died in 1990. She has two sons—Rick in Fairfield, Conn., and Randy, who lives in Guam with his wife, Mipah, and two children, Ben and Sabrina. Her hobbies are reading and studying.

Janet West Williams loves her home in Crosswicks, N.J. She works part time for the family’s construction company. Her husband, Harry, broke his pelvis last October. No surgery—but now he is working to be on a cane instead of a walker. They have three children and seven grandchildren, and they have been married 62 years—“my, my,” says Jan. They spend as much time as possible at their camp at Blue Mountain Lake in the Adirondacks. She enjoys reading and swimming, belongs to a bridge club and a book club, and takes college courses. They have traveled to Hawaii, Alaska, Italy (three times), England (three times), and Bermuda, as well as throughout our country, including national parks. Jan volunteers at the Crosswicks Library and for the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (Quaker). Busy gal!

Leanne Shibles Eaton lives...
in Southport, Maine, where she entertains many family groups from “away” who love to visit and fish. So far none of her family has gone to Colby; she says they are all growing up so fast. She works at a very busy local thrift shop, and her hobbies are painting, sailing, and fishing. She has traveled to Canada and enjoyed Viking Cruises. 

Frank Jones reminisced about living in the vets’ apartments—“military barracks on Mayflower Hill”—with his wife, Frances, from 1948 to 1950. Sadly, Frances passed away in 2010. They had two daughters and one son, and now there are three grandchildren. Frank lives in an independent unit in a retirement community in Nashua, N.H. His hobbies include watching football, baseball, and golf. He turned 91 in September.

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Greatest classmates, thank you for your e-mails and class news. We are all very sorry for the passing of several classmates, and we thank you for keeping us up to date with the obituaries. • I received the sad news about Ralph “Bill” Bailey, a great gentleman and a great hockey player for Colby. Bill had heart failure and died at his home, with his family present, in Wellesley, Mass., Dec. 31. Good friends John Linscott and Dan Hall saw Bill many times before he scored his last goal. • We also learned that Edward D. Whitney passed away Dec. 29 in Yarmouth Port, Mass. Sorry to give you the bad news first. • We heard from several other classmates who are doing well. Lorraine (Arcese) ’54 and George Wales moved into another home in Granville, Ohio, next to Denison College, where Lorraine works in the arts—music, to be exact. And George still follows her tunes. They see their family on many occasions. • Fred Boyle doesn’t travel as much these days, but he continues his work with genealogy, helping the Maine Mayflower Society. Fred is also a baritone in a singing group that performs at various functions, and he continues to lecture at York County Community College. Sounds like an active, productive lifestyle, and we admire your energy, Fred. • John Linscott finished his most recent play, Love and Lobster. It will be staged in July at a Freeport, Maine, center. I hope John will provide us with a DVD of the play so we can all applaud his talent. Good luck, John! • Audrey Bostwick wrote from West Lea Farm that she enjoys raising and grooming horses and ponies and still judges horse shows on occasion. She recently did an Arabian horse show in Scottsdale, Ariz., and another in upstate New York. • Jane and I spent February in Naples, Fla., and hoped to see Ted Shiro. • Good luck and happy new year to all the ’51ers. Stay healthy, and enjoy the good things in life, like Colby memories. All the best!

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Greetings from the north country of Vermont, where I awoke to -12 degrees a few days ago. I have really enjoyed getting back to a college town (Middlebury), where the friends are many and the educational stimulation just great. One of the best things here is a new Colby friend, Peg Rodgers Nichols ’50. I’m sure some of you remember her—a super gal. • In late December Paul and Mimi Russell Aldrich returned from their annual week on Antigua and began making plans for an early-winter trip to St. Barts. They’re great-grandparents to “two of the most beautiful and bright kids ever, aged 5 and 4. The latter is expecting a baby sister in April.” The Aldriches also sent an obituary for Arnold “Jesse” James, who passed away Dec. 18 at his home in Lamoine, Maine. • Richard “Dick” Chamberlain wrote, “An active group, close to 3,000, is using the Facebook site ‘You Know You’re From Waterville.’” Dick mused, “It would be interesting to the Colby community since pictures of old Colby are among the most popular, frequent posts. One recurrent theme comes from the folks who grew up in Waterville and dislike the changes that urban renewal brought to the downtown. Many want to know what happened to Parks’ Diner. A recent post published Dean Ernest Marriner’s ‘Little Talks on Common Things.’” So many Colby students lived in the town at one time or another, so Dick is sure there would be some interesting memories prompted by this material. • Evangeline Sferes Getzen wrote, “You asked if we remembered any of our classmates. Yes, I remember my math class where Prof. Combeallack told me I would flunk after my first exam results. And I did. Then another math professor casually one day in the Spa told me I should take his class: I would meet lots of good-looking football players and I would pass the math, which I did. Another class was Shakespeare. The professor would invite me to go to movies with her and invite herself to dinner at our dorm, with instructions to ask other English majors. It was embarrassing because my friends accused me of ‘trying to butter up’ the professor. I lived in Houston for six years, Afghanistan for three, and North Carolina for many. We have a very large family, and we visit Maine (where my family was) and Florida (where my husband’s family lived). We traveled in connection with my husband’s work as a chemistry professor. Highlights: driving down the Khyber Pass from Kabul to Peshawar with three small children and a grandmother (who was terrified most of the way), crossing Russia from Tashkent to Khabarovsk to Nakhodka on the Trans-Siberian Railroad, and then going to Japan by boat. Got on a plane in Russia and waited nervously while gasoline was pumped by a Russian worker casually smoking cigarettes. We visited friends in Warsaw the week Communism fell, survived a scary earthquake in Kabul, and were put on alert to prepare to evacuate Kabul when the Arab-Israeli war broke out.” WOW is all I can say, in addition to my thanks to Vangie for all that. • Art White said, “Things are pretty quiet in Bath, Maine. The cold tends to slow things down. I saw the Colby-Bowdoin basketball game at Bowdoin and was pleased to see Colby win. I missed the Colby-Bowdoin football game as we went to the Dover-Foxcroft-Waterville playoff football game the same day in Waterville. The Foxcroft Ponies are coached by my brother Norm’s (Class of ’50) grandson. Unfortunately Waterville scored in the last seven seconds for the 13-7 win.” Thanks to everyone for their participation this time. We’ll tell you next time.

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In November Madelyn “Mike” Wechsler Edelson ’53 read from her latest book, Pathways, at the Walt Whitman birthplace in Melville, Long Island. A collaboration with landscape photographer Denny Kane, the book combines Edelson’s poetry with Kane’s photographs. Edelson has also published two children’s books, The Proud Beech and The Little Wind. • Charlie Morrissey ’56 was featured in the Flame, the Claremont Graduate University magazine, for his work pioneering e-learning. Morrissey’s TimeShare Corporation developed applications and online services for the K-12 market, and his research on the role of the Internet in management education led to the development of study.net, a virtual classroom. • In October Patricia Martin Maloney ’57 and her daughter, Katrina Maloney, published Dearest Ones at Home: Clara Taylor’s Letters from Russia, 1917–1919, more than 70 letters that Patricia’s great-aunt wrote to her family during the Russian Revolution. • HANAC—one of New York City’s largest service organizations—honored Peter Vlachos ’58 as Man of the Year at its gala in October. Vlachos, a leader in the financial industry for more than 50 years, is a longtime member of Leadership 100, chairing its investment committee for almost two decades and serving on its board of trustees.

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I sent an article about General Patton to John Lee as Patton’s estate is right up the road from my house. John sent back a newsy letter with some interesting information about snakes and parachuting. He developed an interest in snakes when he was only 6 years old. While in the service, he caught so many snakes he was known as B.S.O. (Battalion Snake Officer). He was summoned every time someone encountered a critter, and he kept a modest collection until it became too much work. Parachuting: John did this out of Orange, Mass. Would he try this again? President Bush did, so why not! He also talked about a trip to Maine. During the 60th-reunion weekend he laid two wreaths at the Korean and Vietnam memorials on behalf of our class. John also discussed his Caribbean getaway in great detail, which I don’t have space for here. His grandson is at Harvard for his M.B.A. after graduating from West Point. His granddaughter is in Hollywood. • Nelson Beveridge stays in touch with Wes Hayes ’52 as Wes lives nearby in Sandwich, Mass. I thought it was coincidental that Wes ended up in that town as he used to have the sandwich concession on campus. Nelson thought Wes played pro baseball at one time. Nelson said that Anne Delamater Lovaas ’54 sold her home and moved to Worcester to be near her children. Sandy Pearson Anderson ’52 (Charlie’s wife) moved to be near her children in Middlebury. • remembering her Colby courses. Loretta "Tommi" Thompson Staples said, “One of my memorable classes was Shakespeare with Luella Norwood. She was a wonderful teacher because she loved her subject matter, especially the puns Shakespeare
used. I can hear her laughing and saying, ‘Isn’t that delicious?’ She asked us to memorize certain passages, and it amazes me how often I use them. To have one person in your educational life who can touch you this way is enough.” Tommi reads, does some writing, and volunteers, and she is in good health. • Flo Fisher Krejci was happy that her husband, Milan, was at our 60th reunion. He was fighting esophageal cancer then. It wasn’t expected to be terminal, but he died in September. Back in the ’50s leaving home to attend Colby was a hugely important step in her life, and she has many happy memories and no regrets.

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• Carolyn Doe Woznick’s daughter rented an apartment in Paris for the holiday season. Carolyn and her husband, Ben, joined her, her husband, and their 15-year-old daughter there. Carolyn said that Paris celebrates New Year’s in a big way. Carolyn and Ben then took the Eurostar to London for a couple of days for plays, museum shows, and shopping. At the end of January she planned to visit her sister in Naples, Fla. • Ray ’54 and Priscilla Eaton Billington had put their winter in Florida on hold as Ray needed care in Massachusetts. Sadly, Ray passed away Jan. 26 after a long fight against his cancer. • In her Christmas card, Barbara “Bobbie” Studley Barnette mentioned that she spent time with family in Texas and California and was still flying. • David and Harriet Sart Rudd live in Sumner, Maine, and all is well on the Asia Kenne Homestead. Their work schedule is set for the spring: David related that the tractors are “a go and the tasks lined up. The horses are well看了, David related that the tractors are “a go and the tasks lined up. The horses are well pleased, and the campus huge! Her memories of the early ’50s are quite different, but such happy ones. • Karl and Merrillyn Healey Decker report that they had a vacation at Bass Harbor, Maine, and a shorter one on Cape Cod. She continues her work with the AUAW book group and global issues study while Karl has spent two sessions at the Vermont College of Fine Arts studying writing and will return this spring to work on his first novel, which is set in a small Vermont town in the 1930s. • Dick Learleburger wrote to me about the passing of Niels Raiba, who had established quite a reputation in Finland for pediatric research. Dick has a second home on a hilltop in Chester, Mass., where he and Julie spend quite a bit of time. • Joy Slavin Rubin’s family meets in Lakeville, Conn. (my neck of the woods) every Thanksgiving for a family reunion at the Interlake Inn. A recent hip replacement has slowed her down a lot and was the reason for her absence from our last reunion. Joy’s very happy memories of her time at Colby are the reason for an increased heartbeat when she spots the occasional Colby sticker on a car. • Helen Cross Stabler took six classes her last semester at Colby to make up for a failed typing/shorthand course she had taken in the first semester. Her most vivid memories are of the Shakespeare course taught by Mark Benbou. Judy Jenkins Totman recalls dropping that same typing/shorthand class in her senior year. • Bill Ames and I attended the funeral of Gordon Williams, husband of Mary Belden Williams. Carol MacIver Murphy sat behind us. • I remember with extreme gratitude Lucille Pinette’s generous gift to me of a “C” in first semester calculus so that I could continue as a math major. She was the second-best teacher I ever had. • I wish for everyone a huge, healthy 2015. —Kathie Flynn Carriganclassnews1955@colby.edu

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Liz Russell Collins in Salem, Ore., and they spent time reliving their Colby days. Kathy has taken trips with family to Aruba, Denmark, Norway, and Scotland. All the walking did nothing like it. She has 13 grandchildren and all my family nearby. I go to Colorado every year to visit friends. We lived there a while, as did Larry ’56 and Jean VanCuren Pugh at the same time and place! Life is good. I can’t complain, although of course I do! Two sad notes: One from Ann Burnham Deering said, “Our dear Jack, ‘Colby Jack,’ died early yesterday morning (Jan. 11). He was a great husband, father, father-in-law, and grandfather, and a very good friend and mentor to many. He died with a Colby blanket at the foot of his bed at Mercy Hospital in Portland. We were able to spend many hours there with him, and he received tender and expert care.” The other sad note was from John Turner: “John Philbrook passed away in 2013. He and I were freshman roommates and had stayed in close contact.” Our deep sympathies go out to the families of Ann and John. • I think, 60 years ago we were headed into our last semester. We were, and still are, a great class! To keep that spirit alive, we keep in touch with each other and make a contribution (however big or small) to the Colby Fund to help support our alma mater. See you soon! —Kathie Flynn Carriganclassnews1955@colby.edu

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Carol Branch Martin wrote, “Surprise! After sixty years of silence, I’m replying to you. I’m in good health, so I’m able to keep busy with volunteer work and fun things. I’ve been a widow for 23 years, but I have 10 grandchildren and all my family nearby. I go to Colorado every year to visit friends. We lived there a while, as did Larry ’56 and Jean VanCuren Pugh at the same time and place! Life is good. I can’t complain, although of course I do!” Two sad notes: One from Ann Burnham Deering said, “Our dear Jack, ‘Colby Jack,’ died early yesterday morning (Jan. 11). He was a great husband, father, father-in-law, and grandfather, and a very good friend and mentor to many. He died with a Colby blanket at the foot of his bed at Mercy Hospital in Portland. We were able to spend many hours there with him, and he received tender and expert care.” The other sad note was from John Turner: “John Philbrook passed away in 2013. He and I were freshman roommates and had stayed in close contact.” Our deep sympathies go out to the families of Ann and John. • I think, 60 years ago we were headed into our last semester. We were, and still are, a great class! To keep that spirit alive, we keep in touch with each other and make a contribution (however big or small) to the Colby Fund to help support our alma mater. See you soon! —Kathie Flynn Carriganclassnews1955@colby.edu

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Shorey Harris, her daughter-in-law, and two granddaughters flew to France last fall to visit another of Ellie’s granddaughters, Maddy Harris, who was studying in Paris for a semester of her junior year. The tourists did not leave a stone unturned in that beautiful city, from Notre Dame to Versailles, and enjoyed dining on every delicacy that came their way. Ellie found that trekking with a 10- and 13-year-old for four days was a monumental challenge, but she certainly rose to the occasion. After four years of collaboration, Pat Martin Maloney and her daughter Katrina are celebrating the publication of the first volume of their book, Dearest Ones at Home. It is the story of Pat’s great-aunt Claire Taylor’s experiences in Russia during the Russian Revolution, derived from letters she had sent home from 1917 to 1919. Katrina did the writing and editing, and Pat did all the research. The book can be found online at Amazon and Barnes and Noble. Congratulations to you both.

Our Energizer Bunny friend down in Exeter, N.H., Anne Schimmelpfennig Laslzo, keeps the same fast pace that she always has! Anne lives on the border of a salt marsh and keeps her camera always at the ready to photograph the abundant bird and animal life, which leads to creating note cards and turning the whole endeavor into a “cottage industry.” She also designs and knits children’s scarves in the shapes of animals and birds for clients in California. Such talent does not go unrewarded! Anne wonders what our classmates enjoy reading; she suggests Garrison Keiller as an antidote to winter blues. In February Anne, her son, and grandson planned to head to a tropical snorkeing area—Anne’s Christmas gift to them. Take care and stay safe, especially those who are off on such high adventures.

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Ellie de la Bandera flew from Florida to New Jersey at Christmas time and found it was snowless and 60 degrees. Later her kids and grandkids joined her for four days at South Sea Island Resort on Captiva Island. “It was great to be all together,” except for her college freshman grandson, who was working to help finance his studies. She also went to Uruguay and Mexico to visit other family members. Ding and Betty Cooper Cochran have lived in St. Louis since 1998 and spend summers in Skaneateles, N.Y., at their cottage on the lake. “We have five grandchildren, and the last one is going to Hamilton College in the fall. It is a different era now. All the grandkids have jobs and no impending marriages!” Peter Doran and Lois celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 3 with a party given by their family. [Our congratulations!] Among some 60 friends and relatives were Pam (Brookway) ’60 and David Adams, Barbara and Earl Smith, Skeeter ’59 and Karen Beganny Megathlin ’63, and Al ’54 and Mary-Pilon Obey ’54. The Dorans’ daughter-in-law, Kelly, was recently named interim director of physical plant at Colby, and their son, Dana, is executive director of the Maine Professional Loggers Association. A history side note: Peter remembers that Bill Millett tapped him as the first ’58 class member to write notes for the alumni magazine. [For Pam (Brookway) ’60 and David Adams, the high point of the winter was watching the growth of their two great-grandbabies, 4 and 1, and happily attending the aforementioned anniversary party. “The Dorans’ classic antique home, where they’ve lived all these years overlooking one of the Belgrade Lakes, was the perfect setting for it.”] On Memorial Day 2014 Jane Gibbons Wood completed climbing a Sierra Club list of 82 lower peaks in Southern California. It took her 14 months—is that about one every five days? Remember a few years ago we heard of Jane’s other climbing feats? I am again amazed at her accomplishments. In December she and husband Patrick went to New Zealand for a trip with Vermont Bicycle Tours, which she recommends highly. “We have the best of two worlds: retirement nine months of the year in Claremont, Calif., and summers in Sweden, Maine.” Our congratulations again to John Edes—and to teammate Ed Marchetti ’60—who in August are to be inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame. [A note from Mary Ricker Latham in North Chelmsford, Mass., tells us she has no news to report but always enjoys reading about classmates’ activities. Coleen and Bruce Blanchard recently went to Israel on a tour conducted by former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee. “His combination of being a minister, preacher, politician and his loyal support for Israel basically gave him a carte blanche in touring the country.” In addition to seeing the major sites connected with the life of Jesus, they toured Masada, floated in the Dead Sea while reading a newspaper, were baptized in the River Jordan, visited the Wailing Wall, and attended a Sunday service at the Sea of Galilee. The highlight of the trip for Bruce was being one of 11 chosen to interview Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for 45 minutes on a Sunday night in his office—certainly the experience of a lifetime! ] Writing this in mid-January, I am looking forward to escaping these 4-degree days and heading to Florida’s west coast, where I will probably meet Ellie (see above) for lunch one day and have a reunion with Pam and David (ditto) when they are in my area with their camper, kayaks, and bikes. If any of you other classmates spend some of the winter in that area, please let me know. All the best in 2015 for everyone!

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Tony Ruvo wrote that it was an exciting time for him and Mary Jane as their oldest grandson, Anthony, visits colleges. He will graduate from high school in June and has decided to follow the warm weather. Tony and Mary Jane were looking forward to their annual trip to Antigua in early February followed by a two-month stay on Hilton Head Island, “Anywhere but in sub-zero N.J.” Bob Younes’s only bad news is that he has colon cancer. He was being treated with chemotherapy and was about to have surgery in February. Other than that, life has been good. His children are grown and working, and he and his wife are happy after 32 years of marriage. Bob plans to return to work as medical director for the Montgomery County Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation once his treatment is completed. He is an avid collector of India’s princely state silver rupees and has coins from every past and present country in the world. [The health of Gladys Frank Bernyk and her husband has been a deterrent to traveling the last few years, but they hit all seven continents and some 85 countries before that. Joan (Crowell) ’60 and Skip Tollette spend a fair amount of time in the summer with Eve and Ian Tatlock in the Thousand Islands and spent Thanksgiving with them in Key Largo, Fla. Skip had a phone conversation with Marlene and Mike Ferber. Mike has won national and international championships in handball, and he teaches spinning classes. Skip and Joan ran into Debbie Whitcomb Wolf ’49 at their local theater. They were going to have dinner with Bev (Johnson) ’60 and Keet Arnett and expected to see Valerie and Bob Marier ’60 soon. Skip and Joan play golf and walk the beach (Vero Beach, Fla.), and Joan plays tennis. John Shore was sorry he and Ronnie missed the 55th. They have nine grandchildren. They were in China this fall and get to NYC regularly for shows, food, art, and some work. John just left the Colby museum’s Board of Governors after 20-something years. It was a very enjoyable and rewarding experience. One of John’s philosophy professors, John Clark, became a friend in later life, around 1980, when he came to visit them in South Florida and they visited his cottage in Maine. John also had philosophy classes with President Bixler at night at his home. An interesting background for a lawyer who has been in
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Pauline “Pl” Ryder Kezer ’63 was elected president of the Alden Kindred of America in August. Alden Kindred seeks to preserve the legacy of the Pilgrims, honor the memory of Mayflower passengers John Alden and Priscilla Mullins, preserve the 350-year-old Alden family home, and make public the history of “America’s first couple.” • At age 72, Ralph Kimball ’63 is still playing competitive ice hockey. Kimball, who played at Colby, credits his teenage grandson with getting him back on the ice after 45 years in the stands. He’s been playing for four years, skating three mornings a week and participating in tournaments and the Massachusetts Senior Games. • In November Connie Miller Manter ’63 was named 2014 TOP Fellow of the Year at the National Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference in Boston. The award is given to a social studies educator who has traveled to Germany with the Goethe Institute’s Transatlantic Outreach Program and who demonstrates superior written work, leadership, enthusiasm for teaching about modern Germany, and collaboration with other educators to strengthen German-American relations.

Ralph Kimball ’63

business ever since. • John and Denny Kellner Palmer attended the 55th reunion and viewed the Lunder Collection at the art museum. Later in the summer they returned with Karen (Beganny) ’63 and Skeeter Megathlin to see the Bernard Langlais exhibit. In June their whole family (15 of them, the youngest being 7 and the two oldest 77) climbed Mt. Washington and stayed at Lakes of the Clouds. They were fortunate to have fabulous weather. “It’s all about building those memories.” Aaron and Cyndy Crockett Mendelson visited John and Denny in the fall for a weekend at their cottage on Panther Pond. Guy ’57 and Eleanor Ewing Vigue ’57 and Skeeter and Karen joined them for Saturday dinner. • Jack Pallotta and Pat Richmond Stull were entertained by Aaron and Cyndy Crockett Mendelson in their Naples home in early January. They solved many problems, again, over dinner. The only complication was that Jack’s right arm was in a sling following rotator cuff surgery. He hoped to be back on the links by the end of March. • Please keep the news coming. I always love to hear from you.

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Steve Curley planned to move to West Yarmouth on the Cape for full-time living by February. He plans to be at the reunion along with Mike Silverberg, Phil Shea, and the original Jersey Boy, Ray Berberian. • Peter Henderson had a bout with blood clots last year—the day before he was to fly to Maine to join the Colby Eight for singing at reunion. Fortunately Pete is now doing well, but he wants us to know that no matter how fit and healthy you are, the likelihood of clots is much higher as you get older, so you must not sit for extended lengths of time.

Mike Silverberg reports that plans for the 55th are well underway. He looks forward to seeing a lot of us in June. Mike continues to work full time and enjoys the time spent in business. He regularly sees or speaks with Steve Curley, Hank Silverman, Dick Fields ’61, and Ron Weber. • Chet Lewis and his wife visited their older daughter and her husband in Minnesota and went to the Minnesota State Fair. He is looking forward to the next class reunion. • Bob Haggett and his wife, Lucie, spend most of their travel time visiting children and grandchildren in Massachusetts, upstate New York, and Iowa. On their annual trip to Iowa for Thanksgiving, the highlight for Bob was attending the Patriots-Packers game in Green Bay with his son and two grandchildren. He thought he would stand out like a sore thumb wearing his Patriots sweater, but there were at least 3,000 Patriots fans at the game! He continues to substitute teach several days a week in the Saco and Kennebunk (Maine) school districts. He hopes to see many of you at reunion. • Ken Ngo looks forward to baseball season. He helped out at the Red Sox Fantasy Camp in Fort Myers in January and planned to do some scoureepecting and other work when spring training rolled around. Ken is going to Savannah, Ga., for a short trip in March. • Hilary and Dick Lucier are both in good health. He suffers from the daily aches and pains of a 78-year-old, but nothing serious. They visit the United Kingdom several times a year and enjoyed three balmy weeks in Italy around Thanksgiving, including dining outdoors. • Maren Stoll Fischer, Gail Harden Schade, Carlene Daisy Kelleher, and Marion Porter Potter have a picture of the four of them in front of the Sydney Opera House in Australia. Maren is planning another trip to the jungles of Costa Rica in April. • Skip ’59 and Joan Crowell Tolette spend time with Keet ’59 and Bev Johnson Arnett in Vero Beach and also visited with Val and Bob Marler in February. They enjoyed Skip’s 55th reunion and hope to attend Joan’s in June. • Bette and Dick Peterson traveled to Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico, in January to visit a Mount Holyoke classmate of Bette’s. It was a great week of reading books and playing golf every day, plus beach time. After returning, they planned to be in Florida for two months to escape the Northeast cold. They see daughter Wendy and her family in Needham, Mass., every six or so weeks. They look forward to the 55th and hope to see many classmates there. • Eunice Buckholtz Spooner has had a wonderful year with her many exchange students, her sons and grandchildren, and cruises to the Caribbean and the Baltic, as well as a trip to San Francisco. Starting in June she will be serving on the school board. • Hope to see many of you at our 55th!

1961

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In preparation for these notes, I re-read our 50th-reunion book, which always reinforces what we all must know: our class is a very special group, many of us maintaining wonderful friendships for more than 50 years. Stay tuned for news of our 55th reunion! As always, I’m grateful for so many responses. • Susan Detwiler Goddall enjoys reading our news, saying “everyone seems active and leading exciting lives.” She’s been in Gloucester, Mass., for six years and loves living by the water again. “Since my husband died, I’ve been serving on the city council on aging board. I work at the Gloucester Visitors Center and am a Crate Estate Great House tour guide in Ipswich during warmer months. Training and competing with two Welsh terriers in AKC agility is my true passion—great fun, better than going to the gym! The dogs love it—learning and running the courses ensures mental and physical fitness. A group of us train and compete together—all have done well, adding to the enjoyment.” • Carol Davidson Jack writes, “Not only do I remember my Colby classes with inspiring professors, I remember walking in pleated skirts and knee socks in below-zero, windy weather! No global warming then! Saw Carole Ann Pope in Brunswick recently; we both volunteer at different midcoast hospitals. I hear from Bebe Clark Mutz in Potomac often. Happy to be an active 75!” • Gene Raimville writes, “Spent the summer at Lake Winnipesaukee’s Bald Peak, and as Frank D’Ercolo was also in residence, we reminisced about Colby days. Frank, Dave Tourangeau, and I attended the installation of President Greene in September. Whenever I return to Colby, I’m amazed at the magnificent campus changes. Margaret and I leave soon for our Aspen home, an annual two-month ski holiday; hard to believe it’s our 24th season. We follow the seasons as we migrate between Hilton Head, Aspen, and the lake.” • Penny Deann Robb reports having no idea of the classes taken in her last semester—she’d become engaged to Frank Spierling and was focused on her June wedding. She remembers acting in Three Sisters, though, “I am still active with community theater, and our latest production, Our Town, was performed in the main section of St. Bartholomew’s Church on Park Avenue. I had a minor role and a wonderful time. I also volunteer at the information desk of that church. I travel to England to see relatives at least once a year and visit friends in the States.” • Hank Sheldon, retired from United Airlines, “lives in the Chicago ‘burbs with my French-born wife, Elise.” They have a daughter, Christelle, in Palo Alto working at Stanford. Their son, Brian, lives in Longmont, Colo., and works for the F.A.A. “Elise and I have been planning to move to Cuenca, Ecuador, which we visited and loved last year.” Their plans are on hold until they sell their house, and Hank is scheduled to have both hips replaced, necessitating an Illinois recovery. “I frequently reminisce about the Colby good times, getting together with several fraternity brothers in past years. Unfortunately, 2014 wasn’t good, as three of our brothers passed away, including Dave Marr; my roommate of two years, Eimer Bartels ’62; and Harry Whitaker ’58. Dave’s wife, Pat Houghton Marr, is a classmate, and Harry’s wife, Joan Shaw Whitaker ’58, is also a Colby graduate.” • From Pete Stevenson: “Now that I’ve officially entered my dotage, news gets more mundane. Spoke to Steve Chase, Tom Evans, and David Tourangeau; all doing well. David’s new boat sounds suspiciously like a sailing yacht with bedrooms galore. It’s good to know I’ve got wealthy fraternity brothers to fall back on. Must be all those stock tips I passed along over the years.” • For a great mini-reunion photo taken at Liz (Rowe) ’63
Greetings from sunny Florida, where I (Pat Farnham Russell) just completed a Road Scholar program, Kayaking the Everglades. For the more adventuresome, this was an excellent program. The only way to really see the Everglades is in a kayak or canoe. Plenty of wildlife, including alligators of every size. *Al Neigher* hopes you’re all having a great 2015. *Graham Barkham* read about New York Times reporter James Risen, who won Colby’s 2014 Lovejoy Award for courageous journalism and spoke at the Lovejoy Convocation in October about his refusal to name a national security source. *Dave Jacobson* remembers taking an organizational behavior course with Professor Gemery and sociology courses with professors Geib and Birge. After spending the holidays visiting kids in San Francisco and Denver, the Jacobsons were back home, where Dave was preparing for a second knee replacement with hopes of being on the tennis courts by May. Dave enjoys keeping in touch via Facebook with other classmates. *Ann Tracy*’s senior-year remembrance needs to be quoted: “I was taking oil painting with Abbott Meader. I wasn’t very good at it, but I was happy. I had to leave it a little early to get to my Shakespeare class, so I had a special dispensation to show up in my otherwise-prohibited blue jeans, which made me feel wonderfully bohemian. At the last class of Shakespeare, Mark Benbow said, “Our revels are now, indeed, ended,” and we all begged for one more class in vain. I must have been taking Spenser from Colin MacKay, because I was having a kind of nervous intellectual meltdown that last spring. MacKay kindly told me that he’d had his meltdown the first semester of grad school, and it was much better to get it over with as a senior. How lucky we were to have professors at once exacting and sympathetic! I think of them often and try to strike that balance.”

*Bruce Brown*, who left Colby for BU during sophomore year, was glad to have attended part of our 50th reunion. Bruce travels extensively; he was in India and this spring planned to travel to Latvia, Estonia, and St. Petersburg, followed by an art tour of Milan, Venice, and Turin in the fall. Bruce is codirector of the PhoPa Gallery in Portland, Maine, where he is also a guest curator and art exhibitor. *Brenda Lewison* and Bill rented a cottage on Penobscot Bay and Bev Lapham’s home, check out Colby’s alumni page at alumni.colby.edu and click on the “Stay Connected” tab.

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last summer. They enjoyed visiting area towns, spending time with family, and a visit from Lynn Kimball. On the way home to Cleveland they had their almost-annual visit with Cindy Dunn Barber and Sandy Keef Hunter in Vermont. Brenda remembers a difficult economics course and MacKay’s Evolution of the English Language senior year. Nancy and Gerry Tays took a river cruise followed by a motor trip around Scotland, and this spring they are headed to South Africa. Gerry is writing a journal of their trips. Professors Reuman and Geb inspired Ceylon Barclay to address the virulent malice in the communist world. After building his own successful company, he spent decades working and investing in Grenada, Nicaragua, Russia, and China. Now he and Irina are writing, Look for The Taxol Thief and Twenty Years in Berrias Hell in 2015. Judy Hoagland Bristol reminds us that our 55th is approaching. We need to generate ideas, especially about our pre-reunion gathering. Camden was a successful venue for our 50th. We are seeking suggestions for other locations. Judy and Harry are still traveling: Ecuador, Galapagos, Amazon, England, Wales, and Scotland. They took their 17-year-old grandson to Oklahoma and Arkansas. Roey Carbino visited in May. As Judy says, “The great thing about us Colbyites is that we just pick up where we left off.” Judy and Harry plan to move into a new retirement complex next fall. Happy downsizing!

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Since retiring from the U.S. Geological Survey, Steve Eittreim and wife Carole have been active battling the causes of climate change. “I feel I owe something back for my earth science training started in the Geology Department at Colby under Donaldson Koons. I hope I can help steer us back to a viable relationship with Earth. It’s the only one we’ve got.” In Bonita Springs, Fla., Bill and Shirley Kelley Tychsen are “enjoying golf and great weather.” Spring will take them to Holland for tulip viewing and to Denmark to visit family. They’ll spend the summer in Fort Collins, Colo., with children and grandchildren. After 17 years together, Peter Vogt and Pamela Zilly got married! They visited friends in Bozeman, Mont., and spent a glorious mid-September in Yellowstone, Grand Teton, and Monument Valley. They report their myriad pictures are terrific. Pi Ryder Kezer will travel to Ireland to visit daughter Anne and her husband, Bob Cobuzzi ’86. Pi, president of the Alden Kindred of America, is working on plans for the 400th anniversary in 2020 of the landing of the Mayflower. Karen Forslund Falb is an Alden descendant, and Pi suspects there are more Colbyites whose ancestors came on the Mayflower. Go to alden.org or e-mail paulinekezer@comcast.com to find out. Paul and Susan Schaeff Pineo enjoy Portland, S.C., and are close enough to the Appalachians to escape the heat of summer. Their travels have been restricted substantially due to Susan’s post-polo syndrome. They’re both grateful to have traveled a lot in the past. “In short—life is good.” After 15 years of working at a hospice, which Pat Dunn Field owns with her sons, she has retired and is engaged. She and her fiancé spend the winter golfing in Phoenix and travel the world—India, Tuscany, and an African safari this fall. “The retirement business is hard work!” After a year of chemotherapy for a brain tumor (CNS lymphoma), Midge DeMotte reports that a recent MRI shows no sign of the tumor. She feels good but tires easily. And, after 21 years together, Midge and Sheila were married last March at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church in Rockland, Maine. Mary Dexter Wagner has a new granddaughter nearby in Manhattan. Mary is a trustee of her local historical society and treasurer of the local DAR chapter. “Looking forward to seeing Monte and Cindy Richmond Hopper in Florida.” Karen Forslund Falb, now a grandmother, is helping her daughter with the new baby. She’ll see Jeannette Fannin Regetz, who’s coming to the area. Karen also hears from Lillian Waugh. Connie Miller Manter received the 2014 TQP Fellow of the Year Award at the National Council for the Social Studies annual conference. She just retired—for the fourth time! Connie and Walter are headed to Florida “and hope to see some Colby pals along the way.” Retirement from academe suits Byron Petrakis well. Reading, running, and home renovations take up most of his time, as do summer travels in rural Ireland. No more marathons, but still running half marathons and shorter distances. He volunteered at Boston in 2014 and plans to again in 2015. Ron and Bunny Read McEldowney spent Christmas in Bozeman, Mont., with family. In Yellowstone they soaked outside in the Boiling River, where hot and cold water mix. In March they’re going to Hawaii with family in North Carolina and a special Christmas in northern Pennsylvania, where they celebrated with their youngest grandchildren. From Martha Farrington Mayo: “What impressed me most about our 50th reunion was that it was easy and delightful to talk with anyone you happened to be near, whether or not you had been friends during our years on campus. 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Downing Curtis thought the reunion was “terrific” and enjoyed reconnecting with so many old friends. Lucky P.J., she and John got to go back to Colby and be a part of John’s granddaughter’s swim team events. P.J. also visits her grandchildren in Maine. Brian ’63 and Susie Sawyer McAlary moved into their new, green, “mostly off-the-grid house” in Culpepper, Va. The wood boiler, the geothermal hydronics, and the solar panels are in working order.

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Thanks to all who responded to the call for news. Dick Larschan may have to “retire from retirement!” Living in NYC, he enjoys museum memberships, publishes reviews of Shakespeare on Broadway for a French journal, and serves on the New York Fulbright Alumni Association board. He also created a writing clinic as a College Ready volunteer in a Harlem public school, and he travels and socializes with friends. Jim Harris volunteered to be our new class agent. Thanks to Don Short for nominating Jim. We all know of Don’s tireless efforts and dedication, and Jim is ready to take up the reins. At reunion last June, Jim and his wife, Maddie, met with Alan Mirken ’51, who was Jim’s mentor for nearly four decades in the book publishing business. Jim thought the Portland cruise was spectacular, as was the food and camaraderie at Colby. He especially enjoyed the tour of the new Davis Science Center and the visit to the art museum. Steve Schoeman reflected on “a splendid 50th reunion. Perfect weather. Great esprit de corps. Those yummy Maine lobsters!” He found it a “delight to renew old friendships and make new ones, and revisit perhaps the most beautiful college campus in the country if not in the world.” Attending our 50th reunion reminded Jean Martin Fowler of our extraordinary college years on the beautiful Colby campus. Now, five decades later, in an expression of gratitude, Jean is involved in a project geared toward scholarship funding for students at her former high school in New Jersey. She is on a board that manages the program for a school with very limited resources and for students with limited family support systems. The Alumni Scholarship Fund helps students who are going to college by providing computers, books, transportation, and other necessary items. In addition, Jean’s alumni fund board recently began a mentoring program to help students select colleges and a curriculum program to help lead them toward meaningful, well-paying jobs. “My involvement is very fulfilling.” Jean said. On a personal note, she and her husband, Michael, “had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family in North Carolina and a special Christmas in northern Pennsylvania,” where they celebrated with their youngest grandchildren. From Martha Farrington Mayo: “What impressed me most about our 50th reunion was that it was easy and delightful to talk with anyone you happened to be near, whether or not you had been friends during our years on campus. The same held true for spouses! I also very much enjoyed joining up with the Folk Club even though I was not part of the group in college. I extend many thanks to the excellent committee that covered all the bases.” After reunion last June, Marty Schatt Abbott-Shim visited Betsy Crockett Tyson-Smith in Concord, Mass., where they shared memorabilia and stories. During a visit to Oregon, Marty saw Essie McDonough Smith. They reminisced with the reunion yearbook and called Linda Field Mattos, who lives in the Seattle area. Marty also spent time in Oregon in September with her first grandson. She expects another grandson in May. While in the West, Marty hiked with her Atlanta friends in southern Utah. “Al Olivetti reports that he is “still going strong. All looks good; next CAT scan is in March. Otherwise I am feeling fine.” Your classmates, Al, hope all goes well and will be thinking of you with heartfelt support. P.J. Downing Curtis thought the reunion was “terrific” and enjoyed reconnecting with so many old friends. Lucky P.J., she and John got to go back to Colby and be a part of John’s granddaughter’s swim team events. P.J. also visits her grandchildren in Maine. Brian ’63 and Susie Sawyer McAlary moved into their new, green, “mostly off-the-grid house” in Culpepper, Va. The wood boiler, the geothermal hydronics, and the solar panels are in working order.

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REUNION TIME! Started packing for our 50th reunion yet? Those Onei’s glasses and menus from the Jeff, Parks’ Diner, and the Majestic are all treasures you MUST bring. Nancy Godley Wilson joined Jan Wood Parsons and Marcia Harding Anderson in Waterville in Colby’s Special Collections to help prepare our 50th-reunion book. All three also have “unbelievable personal collections of Colby memorabilia.” Bob Rogers would bring us a copy of his Jan Plan for 1965 but “can’t remember what I did that January.” Margo Beach does remember her Jan Plan, which had a focus on “recidivism of women who had been committed to the only federal prison at the time.” She traveled by train to Anderson, W.Va., for research. “Got the flu while I was there. The month felt like a year. Homesick, I was never so glad to get back to the cold, windy hill in my life!” Margo lost her mom at age 94 this past year. Jean (Hoffmann) ’66 and Neil Clisphas are still enjoying memories of their visit to Hawaii reported in the last column. Neil sent photos of his new passion: an 8-by-16-foot narrow-gauge HO model railroad layout that consumes his basement. They traveled last summer.
to Durango and Silverton, Colo., on the narrow-gauge railroad. They visited the Grand Canyon with return via Zion and Glen Canyon parks. It was a family affair with his son and grandchildren. Neil and Jean “volunteer at the local (struggling) library.”

Nancy Godley Wilson reported that she and husband John ’63 are settling into their permanent community on Deer Isle, Maine, where they built a “green” home six years ago. They sing with the Bagaduce Chorale in Blue Hill and at the Deer Isle Congregational Church. Last summer they sang in the Stonington Opera House’s musical The Last Ferrymen. Nancy is co-chair of the opera house’s community advisory board and is a mentor with a program called Ready 21. She has a student to mentor for five years—from high school through college to the work force. She and John joined seven other couples for a 14-day adventure travel tour of Morocco. They spent three days in desert tents and dined with local families. She reported, “Our ability to interact with many of the people in French was an added bonus.” [Your correspondent is jealous, as it took him five years to get through French II. I think Prof. Biron gave me a “mercy pass” to move on.]

• Dave Parish and Rhonda spend half the year in Asheville, N.C., and the other half in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Retired 10 years from law practice, Dave has a new passion: “I teach the history of Zionism and Israel at a Hebrew High School in Fort Lauderdale and lead adult discussion groups.” They also travel extensively. Their next adventure? “Waterville, Maine, which was an added bonus.” [Your correspondent is jealous, as many of the people in French was an added bonus.] She reported, “Our ability to interact with many of the people in French was an added bonus.” [Your correspondent is jealous, as it took him five years to get through French II. I think Prof. Biron gave me a “mercy pass” to move on.]

• Bill Oates is in his ninth year as a Colby trustee and second year as a member of the Colby Museum of Art Board of Governors. The class extends condolences to Bill on the passing of his dad in January. Oatsie will join us at reunion, as will Arnie Repetto.

• One of our classmates is still hanging in. Dave Fearon is still teaching and is not quite ready to put in the retirement letter—perhaps by reunion, he says. “Colby put me on this trajectory as an educator, and it is still aimed upward.” A life well lived by a guy still having fun following his passion. Never stop if you are having fun. Hail Colby Hall!

1966

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50th-reunion dates: June 2-5, 2016. BE THERE! Congratulatios to Linda Hall Lord, who retired from her post as Maine state librarian after 48 years of public service in education and libraries. Her leadership led to many initiatives that transformed and strengthened library services throughout Maine. Linda looks forward to more time with her husband and lots of traveling. Sue Turner and Kari spend summer and fall in Maine and winter in Charleston, S.C. They traveled in Quebec last summer, and they spent Christmas in Wisconsin with their daughter and son-in-law. Don and Marty DeCou Dick backpacked in Colorado up to 12,000 feet and discovered they’re not as young as they used to be. They visited Janet Meyer Throop in Oregon last fall. Janet was planning a trip to Africa to visit her children and grandkids. While sightseeing in Phoenix, Connecticut’s Carl Floyd sent his travel plans: Florida and a cruise in February, Mexico in April, Hawaii in May and June. Honoring a New Year’s resolution to travel more, Terry Saunders Lane has planned a month in California and a month in Argentina and Peru so far, with more to come. It’s Alaska in August for Linda Mitchell Potter and intentions to keep hiking the Long Trail, having gone from Williamstown, Mass., to Middlebury, VT, so far with another hundred or so miles to go to reach the Canadian border. Susan Mahoney Michael and her husband are enjoying their new home in Brunswick, Maine, but will escape to the Caribbean and California in winter. Perennial snowbird RVer Ted Houghton wintered this year in northern Florida. Ted’s campground data efforts have evolved into a bona fide business now, with access via website, Android, and iOS. Anne Ruggles Gere’s semester sabbatical finds her and her family living in Puebla, Mexico, and learning Spanish. As much as he continues to enjoy travel, Gary McKinstry loves coming home to his own special paradise, Sarasota, Fla., and surrounding area, where his real estate career continues to thrive, with demands for more housing and new development but protection of open green spaces and ocean views. Karen Riendeau-Pacheco writes, “You never know where you’ll find Colby graduates.” Karen visits people in nursing homes and assisted living centers for her church, and during a recent visit to a favorite 95-year-old man, she was introduced to his son, Bruce Hubbard, Colby Class of 1971! Phil Machale is in France for the winter, “...writing my little fingers to the bone, still looking for an agent. I’m an accidental grandfather, which only proves that life goes on despite our best efforts.” Phil is writing a play about some technology geniuses. I won’t attempt to interpret the “accidental grandfather” comment. Mary Gourley Mastin writes, “If you are obsessing about your geographically distant grandchildren, as I was, just get a puppy. It is a sure cure, especially if it is a Cavachon.” Google says that’s a cross between a Cavalier King Charles spaniel and a bichon frise. My Colby education continues. Congrats to Debbie Chase, who retired from her long career with Weight Watchers. Time now for things that have been put aside for years and for new adventures, whatever they may be. John “Daisy” Carrellas survived a tough summer with a broken hip and pancreatitis, which was cured when his gallbladder was removed. Happily he’s on the mend and spending the winter in St. Augustine Beach, Fla. California’s Ed Mowry is back at his favorite winter spot, Mammoth Mountain, planning a road trip to Alta and Aspen to visit Colby friends, and still working on his next book. A third grandchild is due in April. Ed’s coming to our 50th. Are you?

1967

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Sandy Miller is a new woman, ready to take on the world! After nearly four years of almost constant pain, she had successful spinal surgery to relieve compression on her sciatic nerve, and she is ready to dance, walk, run, and paint the town red. She will also continue to work at her design studio now that she can stand long enough to enjoy her work. We join Sandy in her celebration and wish her continued good fortune.

When the call for news went out, we were asked to recall what you were doing 50 years ago when you were at Colby. Tim Radley remembered his senior year Jan Pian, in which he detailed a coaching manual for lacrosse. Tim, along with Jim Wilson and Lucian Champagne, started the lacrosse club that has become a varsity sport. Back then, Tim and his group provided their own equipment, established the schedule, and provided their transportation. Tim’s Jan Pian lives on 50 years after he conceived it. Some testimony. Leanne Davidson Kaslow returned home to Washington, D.C., after a trip to South America, where she and her husband visited Argentina, Peru, and Patagonia. Leanne visited Vietnam previously and will be heading to Israel next year. When home, Leanne enjoys hosting old friends such as Ann Christensen. Irv Faunce often has an interesting tale to tell. He began as a member of the Class of ’68 when he drove a truck and taught school in Belgrade. He was awarded his degree as a member of the Class of ’69, but for many years he has been a valued member of our Class of ’67. Without Irv, there would be no “rock” awards at reunions, so we can thank the fates for placing him in our class. Irv continues to run a large long-term care and rehabilitation facility in Madison, Maine. He also finds time to travel, most recently to Pakistan and Portugal. This spring he plans to head to Amsterdam. Paul Cronin, a Boston guy through and through, has seen the light and now spends much of the winter in a more benign climate than his native Hub. As I write this column, Paul has escaped the cold and ice to walk the silver sands of a Florida beach. He’ll come back when the weather warms up to be with his growing family. He now has five grandchildren.

Since 1973 Jean Ridington Goldfine has lived in Swanville, Maine, where she continues her work as a private-practice therapist. She and her husband travel to Iceland every summer to ride. On her land in Maine, Jean and John keep three horses that they tend throughout the year. Jean often travels to the Boston area to visit her son and grandson and also visits her daughter and grandson in San Diego.

Chuck Levin has no plans to retire and in fact has begun a practice with his son, Jonathan ’97. A few years ago, Chuck and JoEllen moved to the lovely community of Sudbury, Mass. If any Tau Delts would like to set up a mini reunion, let Chuck know.

Betty Coffey Gross is celebrating the arrival of her first grandson, Koji. She also organized a 100th-birthday party for her father in November. Sue Barden Johnson enjoys globetrotting. She and her husband, Mark, cruised from Singapore to Sydney over the holidays and will tour Morocco this year. They also visit their children and grandkids outside of Boston and Denver. When home in Arizona, they enjoy hiking Chaco Canyon and the area around Payson, as well as playing bridge. Carl and Judy Gerrie Heine enjoyed a week in South Dakota last summer seeing the sights of Mt. Rushmore, the Badlands, and the Black Hills. They split their time between Norton, Mass., and the Villages, where she recently got her first hole in one.

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Jessie McGuire continues to organize trips for groups of friends. Last year they trekked in Malaysia and Borneo. In September she and nine of her friends were in Zimbabwe, Botswana, and Namibia. She had been to Zimbabwe and Botswana before, but Namibia was new territory. She suggests going if you can get the chance since it’s an incredible desert experience. Next, she is off to Lanzarote in the Canary Islands and then Morocco. She is loving life and hoping everyone is enjoying a healthy and happy 2015. John Morgan received Christmas cards from Bob Hayden, Bob Hughes, and Jay Fell ’66. He reports that they are all well and enjoying life. His daughter Sara Morgan ’07 will get her M.S.W. and her “Mrs.” this summer. There will be several
Colby friends (hers and his) visiting them in Colorado for a wild time. • Al Gray (AKA “Hootie”) sends an update on his family. Their oldest daughter, Erin, 35, recently relocated from Berkeley, Calif., to Petaluma and loves living there. After 10 long years of hard work, schooling, testing, and studying, all while working full time, Erin took and passed the last piece of her licensing exam and is now a licensed marriage and family therapist (LMFT). Al and his wife, Donna, are extremely proud of this accomplishment and the hard work needed to get there. Their son, Chris, 31, and his wife, Kara, continue to live in New Milford, Conn., where Chris works for a large insurance agency and Kara teaches first grade. Chris and Kara’s daughter, Avery, turned 1 in November, and Al and Donna are loving being grandparents. It’s a good thing because they just learned that grandchild number two will be arriving in July 2015—very exciting news for all concerned. Their youngest daughter, Julie, 26, decided she wanted a change of scenery and to get away from the cold New England winters. In March 2014 she moved to Wilmington, N.C., where she continues to work in the childcare field. She loves working with the little munchkins and is very good at it. She also loves living near a beach in a warmer climate. Al and Donna (married 37 years now) still live in Concord, Mass., and work full time, enjoy being grandparents, and visit their kids every chance they get. • John Leopold and his wife, Terry, traveled to San Francisco and Monterey last September. While in San Francisco, they visited with Wendy (Slater) ’69 and Alex Palmer. Alex and Wendy’s son, Denny, and his family live in Chicago. At Northwestern, they attended Chicago. At Northwestern, they attended

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Hello to all! • Received a long, newsy note from Doug and Hazel Parker Smith. Hazel retired as a high school media specialist teacher librarian in Ashland, Ore. Doug continues in private practice and is on the staff of two hospitals in neurology/ rehabilitation, working with patients suffering from general stroke, head trauma, combat-acquired traumatic brain injury, and PTSD. Hazel accompanied Doug to Denver during the November cold spell. (It never reached 10 above while they were there.) He attended his professional academy meeting, with days of intense classes followed by evenings of Denver dining, Hazel experienced museums, art galleries, and gardens. In December they enjoyed a week of tropical botanical gardens and early Hawaiian history on Kauai. Hazel is becoming a master gardener through the Oregon State Agricultural Extension Program. Their grandson, 2, lives in the East Bay area of San Francisco, with their daughter and her husband. Doug’s son and his family live about an equal distance north in Oregon. Hazel and Doug plan to attend our 45th reunion and spend time in Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. • Ben Kravitz has been retired for four years. He splits his time among Longboat Key, Fla., Easton, Mass., and Sunapee, N.H. He plays golf and tennis, bikes, boats, and is active in the Boys and Girls Club of Brockton, Mass., serving as its president for the last four years. He is also involved in business ventures with two of his sons. He states that, in retirement, he needs to have things to do; he just doesn’t want to have to do them. • Paul Tabor is living happily with his wife, Mary, in Bowdoinham, Maine.

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I continue to marvel at the rhythm of the seasons. It has been fun reading what you remember of our ’71 Jan Plans. Will someone please tell me what MINE was? • Last September, after my deadline for this column, Ralph Nodine let us know that in June 2014 he was inducted into the Virginia Housing Hall of Fame. He works for the Virginia Community Development Corporation in Richmond. • Larie Trippet have two granddaughters. He is semi-retired, working part time with the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council. • Jane Stinchfield Sexton has been appointed to the Maine Board of Education. • Bill Hardy dramatically reduced his role in his law firm in Lewiston and Portland, Maine, and moved to Napa, Calif. He and Lona (Eldridge) ’66 make some wine, enjoy the San Francisco Opera and ballet, play some golf (he is hanging onto a single-digit handicap at age 70), and generally like living in the Bay Area. Bill recently became president of the Napa Valley College Foundation. This means he is constantly looking for donations, and thus no one will sit next to him at dinner. The foundation works give him a chance to pay forward the scholarship help he got at Colby. Bill and Lona have a son, Joe, who is VP for research and development at Lumosity in San Francisco. They see him, their lovely daughter-in-law, and their grandson often. Bill enjoys painting and has even sold a couple of works, “proving there’s no accounting for taste.” • Alfred “Buz” Brown lives in Boulder with his wife, Martha. They have two sons, Nate and Ned, who both graduated from CU and are actively employed pursuing their dreams—and not living with them. Buz works hard at growing ION Engineering, a company he started six years ago. The company is developing one of the leading chemical processes for removal of carbon dioxide from industrial emissions. • As for us, Bob and I made a two-week pilgrimage back to Japan last October. I had been three times, but Bob had made at least 150 trips during his career at Pratt & Whitney when he was working with the Japanese airlines and competing to sell jet engines to them. Neither of us had been back since 2004/2006. This was a relaxed, fun-filled sightseeing trip with friends from California. It also afforded us all the opportunity to catch up with old friends in Japan. We visited Tokyo, Yokohama, Kamakura, Kyoto, and Nara. Unfortunately we missed Mount Fuji, which was shrouded in mist and fog on the day we went to see it. Best to all, and thank 45th reunion in June! • Received several messages from classmates who said they did not receive the link to last year’s reunion slideshow, created by Peter Shearston, so here it is again: flickr.com/photos/125484288@N06/sets/72157646795189047/show. If you click on the “Show info” button in the top right corner, you can see the captions he attached to each picture. He did a great job! Enjoy, and please plan on joining your classmates in 2019 for our 50th.

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Anne York Samson recently returned from six weeks in Basel, Switzerland, visiting her daughter, Sarah, her husband, and two children. • Christmas in Switzerland was magical, topped off by ringing in the New Year skiing at Saas Fee.” Anne said “the only downside was my 6-year-old granddaughter’s gleeful singing of George Michael’s song ‘Last Christmas’ once she discovered how much I dislike it!” Anne would love to see any classmates if you’re in Portland, Ore. In October she caught up with Gus Browne and his wife for dinner. She hopes to visit Jane Chandler Carney in mid-April while in Washington, D.C., for a wedding. Jane, meanwhile, reported that she left in January to spend the rest of the winter at Sugarloaf. • Kristen Kreamer has a new grandson, born Dec. 3, and is “enchanted by my 2-year-old grandson, who is so much fun. Makes me think more seriously about retirement, but for now I am still a nurse practitioner in oncology at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia.” For a New Year’s resolution she joined the YMCA. “We’ll see how that goes!” Kristen also sings with a community chorus and will perform Brahms’ German Requiem this spring. After many years Kristen heard from Lise Ferner, who was with us freshman and sophomore years. Lise is retired from a dance career and is a painter enjoying her life in the countryside 30 miles from Oslo. • For Bill Lyons, family remains a priority. Bill and Karen now have four grandchildren, all with very distinct personalities. Their daughter’s two children are 13 and 9 and show great ability in basketball and soccer. Their son’s two children are younger, 2 1/2 and 6 months, and live in Lincoln, so for now they see them regularly—“something that will change soon enough when we retire and move back to Maine.” Bill is pursuing a non-tax academic project and is completing a chapter in a book, to be published by McFarland & Company, on the last integrated professional baseball (yes, two separate words) league in Nebraska prior to the post-World War II era. Bill, a longtime member of the Society for American Baseball Research, says “researching the story of the 1892 Nebraska State League has opened a window into a very different age, but after contributing to a book by Bill Nowlin on the 1911 spring training ‘tour’ by the Red Sox, I decided I’d enjoy trying some more significant baseball research projects.” Bill hopes to do more writing about baseball history once he retires. • Doug Kent’s first grandchild is now 7 months old, and she and her parents traveled from the West Coast to visit Doug and Joy for a few days at Christmas. Their son and his fiancée joined in the family gathering, and another wedding is in the cards, scheduled for sometime next year. • Sandy Hoe continues to practice government contract law in Washington, D.C., and just before Christmas closed a multi-billion-dollar financing arrangement that will allow the government of Israel to purchase fighter aircraft from a large U.S. defense contractor. • Laurie Killoch Wiggins, who lives near the Gulf Coast, says the weather there dropped to 19 degrees and that they may have a repeat of last year, when they had a smattering of snow on their palm trees (very freaky-looking). • I received several messages from classmates who said they did not receive the link to last year’s reunion slideshow, created by Peter Shearston, so here it is again: flickr.com/photos/125484288@N06/sets/72157646795189047/show. If you click on the “Show info” button in the top right corner, you can see the captions he attached to each picture. He did a great job! Enjoy, and please plan on joining your classmates in 2019 for our 50th.
can’t recall his ’71 Jan Plan, but he does remember driving across the country at that time. Maybe I was with him? • One year into retirement, Fred Copithorne realizes he hasn’t yet come close to checking off the “honey-do” list, but he’s still enjoying pottery. His senior Jan Plan was his first glimpse of the wheel as he faced doing two into retirement, and I remember driving across the country at that time. I can’t recall his ’71 Jan Plan, but he does recall sending a photo to the wheel in his final Jan Plan was a photography project requiring lots of time in the darkroom in Roberts. Maybe I was in the darkroom with Leslie? She wandered streets, taking “artistic” shots, and yet had time to sneak off to Sugarloaf, too. Oh, maybe I was at Sugarloaf! That’s it.

1972

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Melanie Geisler Hodgdon wrapped up her 20th year as a business consultant and software trainer in the construction industry after 13 years as a classroom teacher and in various other pursuits (running a horseback-riding school, working as a Canadian bank teller, etc.). “Not exactly the predictable path for a dual English/music major!” She settled in Bristol, Maine, in 1980 and is still there with her husband of 41 years, Ed, enjoying their home and sailboat. She has not been in touch with anyone from the Class of ’72 and would love to hear from Jan Goodwin, Val Sgrullo, Jennifer, Barry Wilensky, and anybody else who remembers her. • Marilyn McDougal Meyhers and her husband still grow apples and other things on their two farms in central Maine (they even supply Colby with apples!). Their first grandchild was born to their son and his wife, who live in Seattle. Their daughter, Kate ‘01, and her husband moved from Utah to New Hampshire for school, so they have one child closer. Their lives are very full, but they are starting to think about an exit plan from farming. “It’s time to start something different!” • Lou Griffith, who’s never written in before, is having a great life. He sold his business two years ago and retired last June. Wendy, his wife of 35 years, will be retiring (for the second time) in February. Their youngest son was married in September. Lou skis daily and works on getting their small sailboat ready to sail to the Caribbean in October/November. They plan on staying in the Caribbean for six to eight months (the ultimate retirement dream!). Lou maintains close contact with Jon Stone ‘71 and Larry Borden ‘71 and distant contact with Gary Petzold and Joe Benson. • Carol Beaumier remembered that she read Charles Dickens during her last Jan Plan at Colby. She is an executive vice president at Protiviti, a global risk-consulting firm, where she coordinates strategic planning initiatives and works with financial services clients globally to address regulatory and risk-management issues. Carol has been in the consulting arena for 25+ plus years now—she’ll have lots of frequent-flier miles to use when she finally retires. Carol continues to be involved with Colby as a trustee emerita. She met with President David Greene at the winter trustee meeting last year before he took office and also got involved in ad hoc initiatives. She stays in touch with Colby friends including Donna Huff Davis, Sandy Manoogian Pearce, Betsy Rogers McComiskey, and Barbara Weldon-Morin and Ed Morin. “It’s always great to get together with them and reminisce about Colby days.” • Henry ’73 and Dee Fitz-Gerald Sockbeson had quite a year, including their son’s wedding in New Orleans in May and their 40th anniversary in August. In September they celebrated their anniversary with a month-long trip to Europe, where they visited England and France. They report that English pub food has really improved. They visited Colby a couple of times to see the wonderful art museum and the new exhibits. Dee keeps in touch with her roommate, Roz Teto, who lives in Northern California. • My husband, Stephen, and I have had second careers—being retired—for quite a while. We divide our time between visiting our oldest daughter in Colorado, living at the Round family ski house (which we bought more than two years ago) in Madison, N.H., during the winter, and living at our family home near the ocean in Rhode Island. This year we’re returning to the island of Utila in Honduras in March to visit my brother, Mike Round ’71, and his wife, Susan. They retired one and a half years ago in Ketchikan, Alaska, and moved to Utila, where they enjoy an adventurous life.

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By the time everyone reads this, it’s hope it will be warmer than it is while I’m writing. I am reminded of Jan Plans on campus, though, and how much I enjoyed being at Colby for that month between semesters. • A few classmates commented on how special it is to have grandchildren. Ellen and Bruce Cummings welcomed their first two grandchildren last fall, one girl from each of their children. They are hopeful that this next generation will produce a few “little Mules.” I hope for that as well! Bruce has entered his ninth year as president/CEO of Lawrence and Memorial Hospital in New London and his 38th overall in health-care administration. • Wells Pile enjoys “imparting wisdom and practical advice to future marine engineers, diesel mechanics, plumbing experts, HVAC pros, and steering riggers.” A forced medical retirement from the yacht construction field has led to this new role. He talks proudly of his wife Marguerite’s achievements as an artist and of his two sons’ successes, including giving Wells and Marguerite two grandchildren. • After working for 25 years in New York as a photographer, Bob Grant moved to the Boeing Company in Seattle 12 years ago. He is responsible for developing a service culture across the creative and information services
division of about 500 people. Bob's new hobby, equestrian competition, earned him honors this past year. His win was featured in a local publication, and he intends to continue competing with the beautiful Irish Connemara pony he has been riding.

Nour Nahawi is leaving his job after 42 years of working in banks. He plans to do something on his own, and while he has nothing in mind now, he is open to ideas or partnership in the Middle East or the States. He encourages classmates to contact him at nnahawi@orange.jp. Nour would love to hear from Richard, Gary, Gilvan '72, and Camel. David Thomas was honored to be asked, as associate registrar of Lafayette College, to be the representative at David Greene's inauguration in September. He saw a number of classmates including Greene's inauguration in September. He has been busy working on his Dick Cass Crocker '76, and Matt

area, including Susan (McBratney) '74 and enjoying catching up with Colby friends in the school principal. Anne and Dick moved assistant principal after years of teaching Cass steelhead conservation effort. Here's excited about the revitalization of the Ellen stays in contact with volunteers at a local animal shelter. Mary Ellen Drozdal is making

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Paul Harrington rated this year's New Year's Day Penguin Plunge—the 28th he has participated in as a fundraiser for Rhode Island Special Olympics—the most painful ever due to wind that left him shaking with cold before he even got in the water. He and Nancy Hayden Harrington celebrated their 40th anniversary last June at home in North Kingstown, R.I. Nan works at Dave's Market and exercises her artistic talent with stained glass while Paul peddles fish and seafood in addition to knocking on doors for the U.S. Census Bureau's monthly jobs report. They stay in touch with Scott Levine '73.

S. Ann Earon moved off the water due to Superstorm Sandy. She is in a 55-plus community, where she is studying to be a master gardener, singing, and doing a musical revue. She is in her 32nd year of consulting in the unified communications and collaboration space. Her recent travels include a tour of the Italian lakes region and a river cruise in France. As a member of the Alumni Council, Ann visits Colby at least twice a year.

Jan Hampshire Cummings' blended family includes a high school junior at home and a GREAT-grandson due in April! She lives just north of San Francisco, in proximity to some of her children and grandchildren, and a lot of their family fun involves water sports—sailing, windsurfing, kayaking, and standup paddling. Having a daughter in Santa Barbara and a son in Maui also gives them some great places to visit.

Lindy (Linda) Krohn Lund, who legally changed both first and last names when she married in July 2011, writes, "As ironic as it may seem (one classmate told me that only two people at Colby could drink him under the table—and one of them was ME), I will be finishing my second internship in December and getting my licensed alcohol and drug counselor degree!" With two children at University of Vermont, Harriet Huilts King says retirement is not yet in sight. She and husband Ben maintain a rewarding family law practice in Vermont. Harriet's specialty is the impact of domestic and sexual violence on the divorce process. They get to Peaks Island as often as possible: "Nothing like an island to put things in perspective!" Her oldest son graduated from San Francisco State last May. Harriet has four dogs and two grandchildren, and they all keep life interesting. Jeff Cohen was named Southern Maine Lawyer of the Year in the 2015 edition of The Best Lawyers in America for the specialty of workers' compensation—claimants.

He is managing partner at McLeague Hibgee and lives in Brunswick. In November Ralph F. "Ted" Field married Joey R. LaBrecque at St. Luke's Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, Maine. They had a commitment ceremony New Year's Eve during a Caribbean cruise aboard the Queen Mary 2. "At the ripe young age of 62 I'm beginning a new adventure in life. I suspect that all my family members who went to Colby are rolling in their graves!" No retirement yet for Bill Clay, who has two daughters working with him in the family advertising business, with the other in a graduate program at UNH. He recently watched Colby play basketball at UMass Boston. Jeff Megargel heard from John Alsop last fall. Jeff no longer uses a wheelchair at the nursing home in New Rochelle, N.Y., where he lives.

Karen Heck and Bruce Olson '76 went to the White House last fall to see Colby President Emeritus Bro Adams sworn in as the new chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities. "Totally fun to see the West Wing. Met the VEEP and got admonished by a guard to 'get back' when I wandered off the beaten path. Excellent adventure." There's PLENTY more dirt about our classmates, but it can be found only in Colby Magazine online (colby.edu/magazine). You really ought to check that out, and if you're on Facebook there's a special message there just for you.

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Joyce Smith has moved on to her second career, working as a legal proofreader for the Maine legislature. Her teaching days are over. For enjoyment, Joyce sings with the Androscoggin Chorale in Lewiston and travels as often as possible, usually with her buddy Spence Wright '74. Keeping it in the family, John Mosley's daughter Sarah joined him as a partner in the Mosley Financial Group, a holistic financial planning and investment management firm. John's wife, Carol, is director of marketing and client services. John is actually thinking of ending his streak of reunion nonattendance by attending our 40th in June. After spending five months last year biking in France, Becky and Buck Drew are planning to rent road bikes during our reunion weekend. Anyone is welcome to join them. Buck feels that somehow those beautiful Maine roadways did not get the attention they deserved while he was a student. He attributes that to the responsibility of keeping up the KDR GPA, weighing too heavily on him. Alan Berry has taken a leave of absence for several months from his job teaching math at the Emma Willard School in Troy, N.Y., a girls' boarding and day school. He and his wife, Sarah Dailey '74, are spending time in a contemplative (Christian) monastic community in Northumberland, England. They are both well and happy, especially being grandparents of two, Clay and Kiltrn, who live near Seattle. Alan wishes that they would be back for our 40th reunion, but their stay in England precludes their availability. Keep an eye out for Marty Wommer and his new-to-him 2007 Airstream trailer! He has plans to take genealogical field trips to places where his ancestors lived in the Northeast. He has already spent several hours photographing gravestones of his Colton ancestors in Longmeadow, Mass., and plans to return to spend more time exploring his roots. With the discovery that some of his father's ancestors came over from Northern Ireland in 1849, Marty signed up for a trip, sponsored by the New England Historic Genealogical Society, to Belfast, Northern Ireland, to learn more about his Irish background. Be sure to ask Marty about his findings at our 40th reunion in June. Joanne and Rod Jones are planning to attend our upcoming reunion. Rod is looking forward to seeing what new hazards have been built in the froth course! Life is good with the Jones family in Montreal, where Rod is still in shipping. All three of their children are in shipping, too, so there is never a lack of conversation at family get-togethers. Oldest daughter Kim '05 was recently engaged, so they are all looking forward to a summer wedding. Rod is hoping to see lots of '75ers in June! As are all your class officers and 40th-reunion committee members. No doubt, you noticed the mention of our 40th reunion several times in this column. Hint, hint! Hope to see as many of you as possible who can make the trip to Colby for Reunion Weekend June 4–7!

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I'm writing this just after a big snowstorm. Spring seems so far away—yet here it is. With that same speed, next spring will be here, and our 40th reunion. So start planning your schedule: June 2–5, 2016.

Mark Janos and his wife are "officially childless"—the last went off to grad school at Seton Hall. Mark is still an attorney in Newburyport, Mass. Like many with recent milestone birthdays and the loss of beloved classmates, he's realizing the "bucket list" has new meaning. So he's contemplating more journeys and travels while still thinking about practicing law until 2024. Caren Starr Schwartz published QuickBooks for...
Law Firms last year. It is available through Amazon.  Frank Callanan has had a rough go of it with COPD. In the midst, however, was the great joy of his oldest son’s marriage in November. He wrote that the silver lining of his journey has been the number of friends, many of them from Colby, who have reached out to him through visits, calls, cards, e-mails, Facebook messages, and so forth. His wife, Susan, “is like granite,” and he acknowledged his children and son-in-law Josh. As he said, “At the end of each day, I feel the luckiest man alive. At the end of the day, it’s about love.” Ain’t that the truth? Please keep Frank (Paco) in your prayers.  Terrific to hear from my freshman-year roommate, Rob Petersen, who lives in New Canaan, Conn., with his wife, Meg. In 2009, after 25 years working at large NYC advertising agencies, Rob founded Barnraisers, a digital marketing agency. He also teaches digital marketing at Rutgers Business School in the M.B.A. program. One son, Blake, is an MIT graduate working as an engineer and serving in the National Guard. His other son, Sean, graduates this spring from the University of the Arts in Philadelphia and hopes to be in sound design, in particular composing music for video games. Another M.B.A. faculty member is Scott McDermott, who directs the experiential and applied learning programs at the Carroll School of Management at Boston College. He enjoys taking a class each winter in Omaha to meet with Warren Buffett. Scott continues his management consulting practice focused on growth and business performance for emerging businesses and professional services firms. Scott’s kids are happily living and working in Manhattan, San Francisco, and downtown Boston, respectively. His youngest son, Jack, was a senior midfielder on Tufts’ NCAA championship lacrosse team last spring. Scott is looking forward to connecting with all the ’76ers at next year’s 40th reunion. Those of you who received my January e-blast already know that we lost our classmate Jane Souza Dingman just before Christmas. Jane was our class correspondent for a stretch before chronic illness set in. As Janeen Reedy Adl wrote to me, “Jane was a woman of generous spirit and joyful heart, genuine, and grounded in her faith. The world was better for her presence here.” Colby ’76 sympathies to Jane’s husband, Charlie, and their children.  By the way, if you did not receive that e-blast, it may be that Colby doesn’t have your current e-mail address. Please let the alumni office know—or e-mail me at the address at the top of the column and I’ll forward it along. Until next time, wishing you all safe, happy, and healthy times. Circle that calendar for reunion. Reach out to an old friend. And don’t forget your donation to the Colby Fund!  

1977

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Hendrix Bodden is CEO of a cybersecurity technology company. He lives in Chicago with his wife (a hospital emergency room nurse) and four children. This summer he plans to visit Colby for the first time since our graduation to attend the Class of 1975 reunion. Denise Martell Martin is very involved with family, especially two young grandchildren (and she has two more on the way). In her free time she engages in entrepreneurship, having started a couple of new businesses recently. She looks forward to her 40th wedding anniversary later this year, with a celebratory full-family vacation planned. All in all, she says, “2015 looks to be a banner year on several fronts.” Sandy Pardee reports a significant life event: he was married in April 2014 to a wonderful woman, Catherine, from Quebec City. He will be moving there as soon as his visa is approved (which he hopes will happen in 2015—the process can be long). Sandy notes, “We had so much fun at the wedding that we had a second one in August at my sister’s home in Rhode Island. That was attended by Colby grads John Stivers ’81, Sara Froio O’Leary ’79, and Everett Briggs ’80.” Sandy vacationed with R. P. Higgins in Florida last October. Their Colby band, Pearl, will play at this year’s Colby reunion. Susan Harvey spent a week in Provence with Vicki Johnson last September. They “saw a lot of Roman ruins, soaked up the local art and countryside, drank a lot of rosé, and enjoyed the food.” Vicki then departed, and Susan continued on to Segovia, Spain, where she visited old friends from her junior year abroad 35 years ago. “The decades just melted away, and it was just like old times. How’s that for a college reunion?” Ken Colton reminisced about Jan Plans. He remembers his first class, which ended with him being grilled by the Government Department for his final paper (“Felt more like the Star Chamber than a discussion. I’ve never forgotten it!”). On a more positive note, Ken also remembers chemistry professor Wayne Smith taking time and effort one Jan Plan to arrange for Ken to use analytic equipment at other institutions so Ken could (“I’ll just quote here”) “get data from which to estimate how linear was the polyethylene versus the branching from the main polymer chain.” As for me, I remember one Jan Plan when I learned navigation from physics chair Denniss Bancroft, who was an expert on navigation. For example, he owned a yacht that he sometimes used to teach physics majors about how ocean waves are really springs and can be manipulated, using the application of intelligently directed forces (like pilot Bancroft’s finely honed steering techniques), into throwing a smallish boat sailing Penobscot Bay into wildly complex fore-and-aft bobbing and deep port-to-starboard tilting oscillations—just as the laws of physics predict! While instigating this, he’d calmly cast glances at our faces, just to make sure no one was about to ... lose faith.

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What an intriguing and eclectic batch of mail from the group this time—so glad you rose to the book recommendation challenge. Jody Hotchkiss, a literary agent in NYC, named All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr as his favorite book of 2014. [Jody wishes he could claim Doerr as a client, but alas, no.] Betsy Williams Stivers recommends The House at the End of Hope Street by Menna van Praag and The Fever Tree by Jennifer McVeigh. Judy Cue Lukasik read Mr. Penumbra’s 24-Hour Bookstore by Robin Sloan, a book club choice she enjoyed for its youthful and engaging main character. Ann McCreary recommends Malaysian author Tan Twan Eng’s The Gift of Rain and The Garden of Evening Mists, which she describes as “both compelling and heartbreakig.” Pam Cleaves Devine sent raves for two business books she read last year: The End of Competitive Advantage by Rita Gunther McGrath and Flash Foresight: How to See the Invisible and Do the Impossible by Daniel Burrus. Her favorite Christmas gift was The Flying Parson of Labrador and the Real Story behind Bert and I by Robert Bryan, Sarah Bryan Severance’s dad. Jim Cook read Peter Mayle’s A Year in Provence and started Toujours Provence in anticipation of a trip there this summer. Jim also recently read The Glacier Wolf: True Stories of Life in Southeast Alaska by Nick Jans ’77 and Nick’s new book, A Wolf Called Romeo. Colin Woodward’s American Nations made a lasting impression with its details about the ethnic, religious, and cultural groups that settled America and how they explain modern-day differences, including voting patterns. Sandy Buck recommends Deep by Porter Fox, about climate change through the eyes of those who love skiing and care about the planet, and The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown, an inspiring read. He also suggests a couple of compelling autobiographies: Townie by Andre Dubus III and Off to the Side by Jim Harrison, his favorite American fiction writer. Peter Schmidt-Fellner also endorses Jim Harrison’s books, which are set primarily in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula; titles include Legends of the Fall among many others. Wendy Maurice’s standup book of 2014 was Van Gogh: The Life, which she says “provided an amazing understanding of the artist and his world, as well as a new and credible theory regarding the end of his life. That coauthor Gregory White Smith ’73 was a Colby graduate amplified the experience. I felt proud and then saddened when reading in the news that Mr. White had died. On a bright note, I’d love to hear from classmates in NYC! A visit to MoMA?” Paul Fackler is reading The Woodsman-Songmaker by Joe Scott and Picking Cotton: Our Memoir of Injustce and Redemption by Jennifer Thompson-Cannino and Ronald Cotton, a book about a false rape accusation, exoneration, and reconciliation. Paul earned his Ph.D. in agricultural and applied economics and has been a professor at North Carolina State University since 1987, working lately on endangered species management. Most summers he returns to Maine Fiddle Camp and meets up with musicians who used to play at Bill’s Lunch back in the 1970s [where my own very useful but now-lapsed waitstaff career began!]. My personal favorite read last year was Anita Diamant’s The Last Days of Dogtown, a fictionalized chronicle of early-1800s life in a backwoods neighborhood near Gloucester, Mass., based on historical records. Finally, a bit sweeter note from David Farnsworth. While visiting his daughter in Jackson Hole last summer, he spent time with Chris and Ben, sons of the late Jay Moody ’80. Dave says, “Like their dad, Ben and Chris are biking, rafting, and fishing fanatics ... and radiate their dad’s positive energy and intelligence, a great tribute to Jay and their mom, Susan.” Thanks to all who contributed—talk to you next season!  

1979

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Hello from snowy Colorado Springs. Joe Meyer began his year traveling to New York from Tokyo. He had a great dinner with Moses Silverman ’69, a trustee, and Michelle Riffelmacher ’03. Grandparents Cari and Carl Lovejoy have been dubbed “Carlos and CeCe” by granddaughter Lila. Her parents, Ben and Avery, reside in Southern California, as does Carl’s middle son, Matt, who lives in LA, where he works for a private wealth group. Nick, the youngest, graduated in June from Dartmouth
(why Carl wasn’t at reunion) and works for GE Capital in Connecticut. ● Kyle Harrow made the trip to Toronto in late August for his son Sam’s freshman year at the University of Toronto. Sam was born in Toronto and has dual citizenship. Next to launch from the nest will be her daughter in four years. ● With three boys in college and one finishing high school, George Powers has started to contemplate what comes after working and a quieter house—not too many coders older than 60. Road trip! ● Susan Raymond Geismar celebrated her daughter’s July wedding with Colby friends Mike ’78 and Kelley Keefe Slavin ’80, Nancy and Bob Bower ’80, and Larry Hill ’77. Now she is in planning mode for daughter number two’s wedding this summer. ● Jane Gair Prairie marked 15 years as a social worker at Mercy Hospital’s New England Eating Disorders Program last year. Her son is a high school senior, involved in music and drama and interested in pursuing engineering in college. As Marching-band parents who also want to be better musicians, Keith and Jane took a Berklee/Coursera course to learn about harmony, intervals, chords, form, and the blues. Jane became an amateur videographer to create videos for fun and to document family events. She got in touch with Geoffrey Parker for some of his professional knowledge. ● Sally Morton spent a few days over the holidays with Roy and Deborah Lieberman Moore in Connecticut. After a relaxing visit, Sally is working with a friend who has a third-party marketing firm in southern New Hampshire. They represent several small-investment managers. This is great for Sally as she can call on her long-term consultant contacts and have a flexible schedule working from home in Cohasset. She’s also teaching skiing again after many years away. ● My e-mail asked you to talk about your last skiing again after many years away. My e-mail asked you to talk about your last skiing again after many years away. ● Maria Luisa Arroyo ’89, Courtesy of the Republican of Maine-based telecommunications company G/W, which celebrated its 20th anniversary last year. ● Award-winning poet Maria Luisa Arroyo ’89 was named poet laureate of Springfield, Mass., in September. “This honor is for the community, not just for me,” she said. “I am very proud of being from the North End and attending Springfield public schools and being a Latina getting this recognition.” Arroyo has published two collections of poetry, Touching and Naming the Roots of This Tree and Gathering Words: Recogiendo Palabras.

80s NEWSMAKERS

Newly discovered trilobite fossil Holmiella donnae was named after Cynthia Wigley Domack ’80, professor of geosciences at Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y. One of Domack’s former students, geologist Wesley Gapp, named the species after her in recognition of her influence on his professional development. ● In September business newspaper Mainebiz featured Fletcher Kittredge ’84 as an Internet pioneer in the state, and in November he was appointed to the Maine Center for Public Interest Reporting board of directors. Kittredge is founder and CEO of Maine-based telecommunications company G/W, which celebrated its 20th anniversary last year. ● Award-winning poet Maria Luisa Arroyo ’89 was named poet laureate of Springfield, Mass., in September. “This honor is for the community, not just for me,” she said. “I am very proud of being from the North End and attending Springfield public schools and being a Latina getting this recognition.” Arroyo has published two collections of poetry, Touching and Naming the Roots of This Tree and Gathering Words: Recogiendo Palabras.
at sea traveling from San Diego through Asia and Africa to end up in London five months later, third child Ryan is a senior at Becker College in Worcester, Mass. Youngest daughter Annie, a fashion design major at New York City’s Fashion Institute of Technology, is completing her senior year in the school’s IFD in Milan program. Since two of their children were already in Europe, Bob and Ginny enjoyed a wonderful family Christmas trip traveling through Tuscany.

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Don Vafides writes that “2014 was an incredibly busy year. My partner, Irv, and I took over a restaurant and bar and an ice cream shop in Provincetown, Mass. I’ve been splitting my time between my D.C. dental practice and Cape Cod, but the hope is to transition to retirement from dentistry and move full time to the Cape.” Don and Irv attended their first Patriots game at Gillette and hope to make it to more games and finally get back to visit Colby. Jeffra Becknell brought her wife and two daughters (13 and 11) to Colby for the first time in July. “Mayflower Hill was spectacular, and I was able to point out my freshman dorm room in Averill. We visited Sandy Maisel at her home on Great Pond. We enjoyed lobster rolls, speedboating, and watching our California girls jump off a dock into a lake before a summer storm drenched us.” “All is well, and life is good,” writes Jeff Brown, despite being in the throes of moving parents into retirement communities. In December Jeff and family visited son Alec, a junior at Davidson College, in London, as Alec finished up a semester there. They enjoyed food, theater, art, history, and more, then spent a few days in Vienna experiencing the Christmas spirit Austrian-style. Mark Hopkins submitted a list of all the changes in his household: “My oldest daughter just had her third son. My oldest son was promoted at Mayflower Hill was spectacular, and I was able to point out my freshman dorm room in Averill. We visited Sandy Maisel at her home on Great Pond. We enjoyed lobster rolls, speedboating, and watching our California girls jump off a dock into a lake before a summer storm drenched us.” “All is well, and life is good,” writes Jeff Brown, despite being in the throes of moving parents into retirement communities. In December Jeff and family visited son Alec, a junior at Davidson College, in London, as Alec finished up a semester there. They enjoyed food, theater, art, history, and more, then spent a few days in Vienna experiencing the Christmas spirit Austrian-style. Mark Hopkins submitted a list of all the changes in his household: “My oldest daughter just had her third son. My oldest son was promoted at

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Classemates, I almost failed you by missing the deadline. This whole reinforcement thing has clearly fried my brain cells (but only the weak ones). I moved to New Paltz in September, began a new career in corporate governance with the cybersecurity advisement portfolio, then got slammed with a Lyme disease diagnosis in November. To all of you who didn’t get a cheer response from me when you wrote, apologies! But I’m totally jazzed by all the news, so let’s get down on it! Because I hadn’t received permission, my last column did not report John Northrop’s near-fatal accident on a mountain bike trail. He updated me that after a full year of healing (I imagine that included a few months of not moving), he is now doing spin class and yoga with plans to get on a bike again in the spring for his daily commute to work. Cheers to your full recovery, my friend! From the New Career desk, I heard from Becky Crook Rogers, who is well on her way to a master’s in counseling ministries from Methodist Theological School of Ohio with a plan to graduate in June. She’ll be doing an internship this summer and then sitting for a professional counseling license in Ohio in June 2016. You go, girl! Heidi Larson and husband Craig hiked the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu—four days over two 13,000-plus passes, one of which was 13,900 feet! Heidi and Craig see a number of our classmates including Jenny Knoll Bouchard, Deb Fenton, and Rick Manley. Craig is still employed by School Family Media, where he’s VP of content and marketing, and Heidi works for the Education Development Center, where she works directly with two other Colby grads. You guys are deputized to exhort your friends to write in next time, KK? Mair Sirakides Hill is an author, speaker, mentor, coach, and teacher with a new book, A GOOD PLAN: Ten Simple Steps to Make Healthy Choices a Habit. She summarizes it as “a primer, designed to get people to JUST START on a healthier lifestyle. Simple. Easy. Doable.” I’m in, Mair! She blogs at mairhill.com (loved the posts I read!), where her tag line is “You. Only Better. Personally. Professionally. Energetically.” Mair has a private coaching practice with passion-driven emphasis to help small businesses and entrepreneurs grow to the next level, and she conducts corporate presentations on a range of wellness topics. Mair has three boys, the older two at Tufts and Marymount, and the youngest a senior in high school, where he’s an All-American Division I lacrosse player who has been recruited to play at Quinnipiac next year. Coaching begins at home, Mair! Great to hear from Geoff Baitelli, who lives on a farm in New Jersey following a raft of career years in Europe. In addition to his work at Wyndham Worldwide, where he’s held C-level offices since 2008, Geoff is father to four girls, the youngest now preparing for college. His wife rescues horses, rehabilitates them, and relocates them to Massachusetts, where she and Geoff’s eldest daughter run a therapeutic riding camp for autistic and disabled children. Check out their website: cranberrysunsetfarm.com. From Tunbridge, VT, Scott Russell sent up a flare! He wrote of a great trip to Scotland with wife Eve (Ermer) ’86, “hitting four breweries, seven distilleries (including six on Islay), and just about every pub in Edinburgh—my kind of holiday.” They did manage some quality family time with Eve’s cousins in Anstruther, Fife, “and visited ancestral and historic sites as well. Even cruised Loch Ness!” Their son and wife are expecting their first son in February. Yes, Scott, we are really that old! Keep the news coming, and note my new e-mail address: jennifer@mottspotpoint.com.

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Greetings, members of the Class of ’84. While we have some news to report, sadly, it is not all good. I regret to inform you that Alice Senev Lumpkin passed away July 5, 2014. After graduating from Colby with a degree in geology with an environmental science option, she worked for six years at the Brandywine Conservancy in Chadds Ford, Pa., attended Widener University Law School, received the prestigious Zelda Herrmann Memorial Cup Award and the American Jurisprudence Award in Torts, and graduated magna cum laude from Vermont Law School with an M.S. in environmental law. After passing the bar, Alice worked for the Wilderness Society in Washington, D.C. She and her husband, James C. Murray, settled at Mary’s Meadows, a family farm in Maryland, raising sheep and Christmas trees and overseeing an ongoing triad of yellow labs. Our condolences go out to her husband. On the brighter side, Andrew “Masher” Brown ’85 and Ogden White planned to host their 26th annual ice fishing tournament March 5–8. Attendees were to include Brian Preney, Dan Toomey, Dave Augeri, Mike Brown, Tom Cushman, and many others. Masher, I heard Nils Gjestby and Bernd Hefele were planning on crashing it. Eric van Gestel still lives in the San Francisco Bay area, where he is building a nonprofit to help create awareness of male breast cancer (notjustpink.org). He’s been cancer-free for more than a year now, and all is well! John Tawa and his family live in Oregon, where his sons, Tim, Jory, and Casey, are excelling at baseball and basketball. Becca Cunningham-Weiss is proud to report that all of her children are either Colby grads or soon to be. Craig and Diane Perlowski Alle have relocated back to Dover, N.H., where Craig is producing Granite State Challenge. Kathryn Soderberg has been traveling extensively, most recently to India, Dubai, and Ecuador. Vanessa Alfonso DeSimone met up with her old roommates Laurie Rutherford Slap and Kathy Musser
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striped bass at Whole Foods. Mental note for next time.] He continues, “My 6- and 9-year-old girls set up their first mint iced tea stand. The garden was overrun with mint; lemonade market seemed saturated. Now I’m back to my relatively new job as director/editor of the nonprofit Florida Center for Investigative Reporting, which funds in-depth reporting projects in the state.” **Jeff Russell** is “happy to report that I survived dropping my daughter off at her old Camp Colby on a picture-perfect summer day. The college looks fantastic and has amenities beyond anything we ever imagined.” [That’s true, Jeff. Though I think the new llama stables are a bit much.]

“I still seem to be in her natural habitat, so I departed a happy parent ’18 and wonder where 31 years went.” **Andrew Rudman, Josh Shapiro, Jeff DiSandro, Bruce Dalbeck, Josh Goldberg ’88,** and a few others who shall remain nameless until the trial is over visited New Orleans to rekindle their intimate connections with beignets and voodoo. They would like to thank the many generous citizens for their beads. **Lisa Kelly Coddington** offered one correction from the last column. She said, “I have two sons. Blake is a boy. Probably a typo, but in the column he is referenced as ‘her.’” [My apologies to Blake. And to the poor typographers who trusted me.] **I want to add a quick note. We are all approaching 50 or somewhat past it, as the case may be. Now is a good time to do all those things that will take us to 100. Men, get a colonoscopy. Not kidding here. And don’t use the home kit! Former perky Today Show host and current Yahoo maven, Katie Couric told me to tell you this. She’s a very close friend in my imagination. Spend more time doing the things you enjoy with the people you love. See the world. I hear Europe is an amazing country. Learn an instrument, like the lute. We need more lute players! If you are sad, reach out and tell people. Try to connect in ways other than Facebook and Twitter. Not everything can be summed up or assuaged in 140 characters or fewer. Now isn’t a bad time to pick a personal cause and support it. That cause may well be just one friend or family member who’s out of work, or abandoned animals, or your local school that’s desperately in need of art supplies. Giving a little always pays back exponentially. With the possible exception of the IRS. Viktor Franki, who wrote Man’s Search for Meaning in addition to surviving the Holocaust, wrote that you should live your life like you already lived it. That is, do your best to imagine what your life will be like over the next 10 years, try to see what choices you could make, and then live deliberately based on your most educated decisions. But I think the best advice comes from Patrick Swayze in the classic film Roadhouse: “Watch your back, and each other’s.” This is the same man who said, while getting a knife wound stapled without anesthesia, “Pain don’t hurt,” so I think we can be fairly sure he knows what he’s talking about. Until next time, I hope all your news is good and all your hopes come true.

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**1988**

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Ken Ginder has been a lawyer at Verrill Dana in Maine for 17 years. He practices in the area of employee benefits and executive compensation. Last April the family–wife Claire and daughters Julia and Kate—went on a college tour for Julia, now a senior. Kate is a sophomore. While in Maryland they visited Charles Pepin ’90 and family. Charles started as an ‘88er. The Ginders see a lot of Dave ’89 and Cindy Cohen Fernandez ’89 during summers on Sebago Lake. Julia plays on a hockey team coached by Alex Essman ’11, who is reportedly an awesome coach. **Steff Rocknak** was celebrated by a crowd including several classmates at the unveiling of her bronze life-sized Edgar Allan Poe statue in Boston. To see her amazing work, visit the Edgar Allen Poe Foundation of Boston on Facebook.

**Jamie Arsenault** sent news from the New Hampton School, where he is director of athletics. Son Ryder ’17 absolutely loves Colby—he plays football and baseball. Daughter Dempsey is a lacrosse phenom, and I know that from sources other than Jamie! He humbly says, “She has done well with lacrosse.” Dempsey is coming off an ACL injury and will head to Boston College next year and play lacrosse for the Eagles. **After a long career as an event and conference producer,** Martha Smith Conti now fills her days with her two children. Martha spent a few years in Washington, D.C., after Colby, then settled on Beacon Hill in Boston. She ran events for Reebok, an exciting time that provided many opportunities in the sports and entertainment industries. She then managed international conferences for an association management company. She and her husband, John, live in Medfield, Mass., raising their adorable son, Ryan, 2, and daughter, Christina, 4. Martha sees Karen Croft Bates often, and the day before she moved from Beacon Hill she realized that Hilary Seward Kempanien lived less than one block from her for years! She had to miss the last reunion because Ryan was just a few months old. She looks forward to the 30th.

**1989**

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Nearly a year later, I’m still feeling warm fuzzies from our 25th reunion. As Brendan Cahill wrote, it is "remarkable, 25 years out, how natural and comfortable" reunion was. He added, “I feel humbled and happy to have met so many interesting men and women who influenced me and continue to affect me for the good.” Couldn’t have said it better myself. **Suzanne Millauskaas** has a new job as director of prospect development and systems at Spaulding Rehabilitation Network in Harvard Square. Suzanne’s daughter turned 16 in January and—like mother, like daughter—loves Broadway musicals. **Tripp and Heidi Lombard Johnson** are tired of the Maine Turnpike tolls [get yourselves an E-ZPass!] spent visiting daughter Abby, proud member of the Class of 2018. Abby plays on the women’s hoops team. For Jan Plan she moved into Mary Low, where Heidi started her own Colby adventures. Heidi and Tripp aren’t the only ‘89ers with kids in the Class of 2018—Chris Legault’s daughter also joined the ranks this fall. **Bill Auerwald** is enjoying his new job as CFO at Greenwich Country Day School, and his family is enjoying skiing and being close to friends and family. **Kevin Powers** took my e-mail request literally, telling me he spent Jan Plan 1986 playing basketball. The question, Kevin, is whether you were doing the same this January! **Bill and Anne Webster Stauffer** had a great time at reunion [was because you got to talk to me?]—so much so that Bill is going back to school, entering USM’s creative writing program this year. Can’t wait to read your great American novel, Bill.

**Dan Cohen,** who has been avoiding me by never writing, finally updated me on his life: married to Susan Bliss ’87, living in Rhode Island since 1996, two kids, one of whom is another member of the Class of 2018. [We really should get some sort of class discount!] Dan works for Swarowski, his family’s business, and spends three months a year in Europe. I can go on your next trip, Dan, if you need someone to carry your luggage. **Melissa Trend Staid** lives in Napa Valley, where she and her husband have an aerial-imaging business, VineView, focusing on premium wine grapes. They have two kids, and they welcome anyone wanting to visit wine country. Don’t be surprised if I show up on your doorstep! Our very own poet laureate (of Springfield, Mass.), **Maria Luisa Arroyo,** is coordinating a monthly literary arts spotlight at the Springfield Library while also studying for her M.F.A. at Pine Manor College. Her son, Shaheen, started Hartwick College in the fall—which is not possible, because he is still a chubby-cheeked toddler as far as I’m concerned. **Rebecca Zelion** is enjoying life in California, where she works to raise funds for the sciences at UC Santa Cruz. **John "Johnny P" Reynolds** is writing a new animated comedy series for Netflix starring the voice of SNL’s Chris Parnell. The show will come out this spring. John’s son just turned 6 “and already looks like he’s ready to go to college. But I’m not ready to pay for it.” Maybe with our class discount? **Hilary Barnes Hoopes** is writing a new screenplay which will be set in the fall—which is not possible, because she is still a chubby-cheeked toddler as far as I’m concerned. **Debbie Zelion** is writing a new screenplay which will be set in the fall—which is not possible, because she is still a chubby-cheeked toddler as far as I’m concerned. **Mark and Rebecca Zelion** have a new baby, a boy, looking like the Zelions. **Tom Hiemstra** had a big move. After nine years of plastic-surgery practice in New England, he returned home to Philadelphia. He’s joined Noone Plastic Surgery in Bryn Maw. **Tom Hiemstra** lives in Singapore with wife Melinda and their two children, Maisie and Hudson. Tom is establishing a corporate beachhead in Asia for Evolution Markets, and the family loves discovering Asia. They had just returned from a trip to Australia and the Margaret River wine region, and in March they planned to travel to Sri Lanka. Their 4-year-old’s passport is already full and needs extra pages! **John Seidl**’s big news from Idaho is that Crosby Jack Seidl turned 1 on the winter solstice. They are all quite busy, as Crosby is now walking. His big sisters are very helpful and love having a baby in the house. Great news turnout this time, so thanks! Some news had to be bumped to the next issue. Sorry, Bunks, but you’ll be the lead story next time.

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90s NEWSMAKERS

Effective Jan. 1, Kathleen Drown ’92 is the new associate dean for academic affairs at Missouri University of Science and Technology’s College of Arts, Sciences, and Business. She was an associate professor of English and technical communication at Missouri S&T. In December Lisa Prenaveau Andrzejewski ’93 joined Robinson+Cole law firm in Hartford, Conn., as an associate in construction, practicing construction law, commercial litigation, and surety and fidelity law. Prior to entering the legal field, she was a technology consultant for financial services companies. In November Jason Hogg ’93 was hired as CEO of BZR Finance, a Blackstone portfolio company. Hogg founded alternative payment company Revolution Money and previously served as president of American Express Serve Enterprise, COO of Medsite, and chief business development officer for MBNA Canada. Nathan Howell ’96 was selected as CEO of Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center in Ogdensburg, N.Y., in July and featured in an October North Country Now news story about his plans to be active in the community as well as the hospital. Howell was previously COO at St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center in Brighton, Mass.

or his two new standard poodle puppies, he’s on social media, where he produced the number one Facebook post for 2014 across all progressive organizations for client Moms Clean Air Force. Congrats! Keep writing, and let me know how you feel about the fact that we entered Colby 30 years ago in September!

1990

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Everyone, please join our class Facebook page: Colby Class of 1990 25th Reunion. It’s a great way to reconnect before reunion. Cindy Jones wins the prize for best recollection of where she was in January 25 years ago: interning at Inc. Magazine in Boston. These days she is seeking a dynamic entertainment venue for the 14,400-square-foot former sawmill in the growing Mill District in North Amherst, Mass. Betsy Morgan (who was recently promoted to CEO of TheBlaze, an independent news and entertainment television network and website) did a fantastic job as moderator at the welcome reception for President Greene in New York this fall. Afterward, I caught up with Steve Nahley, Dan Forman, and Dyanne Kaufman, all of whom live in the city. Steve and Dan both practice law, and Dyanne teaches in a private elementary school. Congratulations to Chris Haddad on being named partner at the Seattle architecture firm Suyama Peterson Deguchi. Chris is also an esteemed sculptor whose work—most often in metal—has been exhibited in many galleries and is featured in private collections nationally. Erika and Rudy Penczer and their two kids moved back to Maine last summer to work and live at Kents Hill School in Roadfield. She is assistant head and dean of faculty, and he teaches in the school’s learning center. Dana Frost Allara and her husband have two teenage sons. She is a certified parent coach and works with moms and dads in achieving their parenting goals. She sees her freshman-year roommate, Melissa Lawton Bennett, and family often, most recently in Foxboro for a Patriots game. Kate Brennan Dailey, her husband, and their three kids live in Marblehead, Mass. She works as a charter yacht broker matching boats and crews to clients in the Caribbean, which requires travel to the Virgin Islands at least once a year. David Coleman, his wife, and two kids still split their time between California and their farm in Vermont, where they grow grass and maple trees. Scott Kessel lives with his wife and three daughters in Rockport, Maine. After his daughter’s high school track meet at Colby last fall, he decided he needed a Colby Eight so headed over to the Spa. Initially dismayed not to see it listed on the menu, he was relieved the chef knew exactly what it was and happily made one for him. In his spare time, Scott runs a half-marathon every month and plays in a big-band jazz orchestra. After 10 years as a stay-at-home mom, Eileen Kenney Lindgren earned her master’s in counseling psychology and is interning as a counselor in a Palo Alto elementary school. Richard Marcus and his wife welcomed baby number two in November 2014 and now enjoy life with two kids under 2. Carol Lockwood still lives in Hawaii and is busy with her eclectic law practice and raising her two sons. Holly Peirce sent greetings from 8,200 feet in Mexico City, where she, husband Sean Pratt, and their son are in their second year with the U.S. Embassy. Julie Ambrose Gray spends much of her time on fields and in gyms, often watching her girls compete with the daughters of Kirsten Rossner Buchanan, Debbie Adams, Matt Hancock, and Tom Whelan. Karin Killmer Kurry was her daughter’s science teacher last year. Julie often crosses paths with Marlene Fiedelseit Barry and was thrilled to run into Michelle Perron at Popham Beach last summer. I ran into Jodie Brown Lawlor and Jen Lally Kent at a lacrosse tournament in Orlando this fall. Jen, who is one of the coaches of the BC women’s lacrosse team, was there recruiting. Jodie reported that she, Tom Whelan, and Cathy Hugo Swan have already reserved their own ultra-luxurious RV for reunion.

1991

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Greetings, classmates! Hilary Greene and her family remain happily settled in a farmhouse in Williamstown, Mass. Hilary directs a nonprofit for Russian immigrants, owns a curio shop, coaches a high school ski team, and imports and sells high-tech cross-country ski equipment. This past fall she spent time with Allen Carlson (an associate professor at Cornell University), who was a visiting fellow at Williams. In early 2014 Jenna Hartel received tenure from the University of Toronto and was promoted to associate professor; she is on a yearlong sabbatical conducting research at universities in England and Australia. Ashley Cornell keeps in touch with Caroline O’Malley, Cathy Breen, Patty Masters, Julie Daniele, Andrea Solomita, Jessica Butler, Liz Helft, Lesley Eydenberg, and Corinne Hauser Tardio. They are all doing amazingly well, with Cathy and Corinne to be the first to send their daughters off to college next year. Ashley wrote, “We are so fortunate to have had such an incredible opportunity at Colby. There isn’t a day that goes by that I don’t think of at least one fond memory. I am thankful for the special bonds I have maintained with so many classmates. In two years our nest will be empty, so I’ll be looking to reconnect even more with Colby friends.” Magda Lacharite Kitano is going into her fourth year as a faculty member at Bunkyo University and has now lived longer in Japan than she lived in the United States. Her career has taken her from the advertising industry, to programming, to writing, to teaching, and finally to a university position. Aside from teaching and research (TESOL and media), she also does a good deal of writing, mostly for textbooks and other educational materials. Her husband, Yasuyoshi, is an editor in a publishing company, and they’ll be celebrating their 20th anniversary this March. Their daughter, Megumi, is now in high school. Felise Kissel lives in Manhattan, N.Y., with her two sons, Landon and Mason, and hubby Rob. She heads up investor relations at HSN, Inc., which includes going back and forth to television studios in St. Petersburg, Fla., along with much travel elsewhere as the Wall Street spokesperson for the company. She is also on the board of the National Investor Relations Institute and on the advisory board for Fordham University’s Graduate School of Business MIR Program. Since graduating from Colby, Beth Ackroyd has been teaching. She started out in Paterson, N.J., moved to Massachusetts to attend graduate school at Boston College, and has lived there ever since, working for Needham public schools. She has taught first, second, and third grade and worked as a K-5 literacy specialist, and she is now a sixth-grade reading teacher. She is still very close friends with Jen Flynn and Michele Friell Mullen. Merrie (Post) ’90 and Bob Gramlich moved their family back into their Bethesda, Md., house, which was rebuilt as a high-efficiency green home after a fire last year. Rob is still working in wind-energy policy. Their daughter started at Hamilton this fall (Rob wishes they could say Colby, but these kids have minds of their own …). Fred and Debbie MacWalter Bright report that their daughter, Mackenzie, was accepted early decision to Tufts. She loved Colby, but the athletics department at Tufts won her over. Their son, Matthew, is a freshman at Thayer Academy, so in another year or so they will be looking at colleges again—Colby has one more chance! Kristin Herbst has no news to report for the magazine, but all is well in Cali. Hope you are doing well too. Wishing you lots of fulfillment and opportunity. Thanks for the news—keep it coming!

1992

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Bob Gramlich and his family are on sabbatical at the University of Cambridge (UK) and the University of Kyoto (Japan) this year. “My wife, teenage kids, and I are loving our adventure! I am a palliative-care physician and public-health researcher at the University of Rochester, where my team and I study medical communication. During my sabbatical, I’m collaborating with philosophers of language and cultural
linguists to better understand how they approach the study of conversations. • Lisa McMahon-Myhran wrote from Seattle: “I continue to practice law as a bankruptcy attorney. My kids (12 and 13... what?) are great, as is my husband, Rob. I’m in touch with Marah Silverberg Derzon and Christy O’Rourke Habetz and saw Christy and her beautiful family in December. I hope to make it East again someday soon—maybe for our 25th? • Katie Drowne was recently named associate dean for academic affairs at the Missouri University of Science and Technology. “I’m excited for the change and the new set of responsibilities. Our kids keep my husband and me running: Genevieve is 11 and a budding writer; William is 9 and obsessed with soccer. I keep in regular touch with Karen Santoro, who lives in West Hartford, Conn., and Amy Vreeland Dow, who lives in Newton, Mass., and is the mom of darling little Ava.” • This winter contemporary artist Jim Condron showed some of his works at Pulse Miami and was part of a two-person exhibition at Adah Rose Gallery in Kensington, Md. “I made many of the works while on residency at the Edward F. Albee Foundation in Montauk, N.Y. They are thickly painted abstractions that incorporate found objects, wood, scrap metal, concrete, plaster, plastic, and animal fur. They converse with the Siene and early Renaissance paintings by Giotto, Sassetta, and Fra Angelico. Ever an English major, I take my titles from literature by great authors such as James Salter, Anton Chekhov, Nikolai Gogol, Oscar Wilde, Hunter Thompson, Kurt Vonnegut, Ernest Hemingway, Henry Miller, and Anaïs Nin.” • Tabby Biddle wrote from California: “In December I published my first book, Find Your Voice: A Woman’s Call to Action. It quickly became an Amazon bestseller, reaching number-one status in business leadership and women’s studies. I’m extremely proud and excited to see the success of the book. It goes to show you how many women are ready to take a stand for their leadership, what they believe in, and their vision for the future. I hope the book will inspire women in the Colby community. I look forward to hearing about their successes and being a part of this growing movement of women’s leadership.” Last fall Amy Sellinger, Sura DuBow Lennon, Lynz Makely Best, and I spent a great weekend in Boston. Michael Stanton joined us for a giddily expensive round of drinks at the bar of the Taj Hotel. Later, while at dinner at a hip South End “breastaurant,” Lynz and Sura cemented their (our?) middle-aged status by passing around reading glasses and using the flashlight function on their iPhones to read the menus. Good grief. Lots of laughs that night. In January I caught up with Elaine Bueschen O’Grady, who was visiting from Burlington, VT. Elaine is a senior policy advisor working on transportation and climate change at NSECAUM, a nonprofit association of air-quality agencies in the Northeast. (She wears reading glasses, too.) • Please keep the news a-comin’!

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Bill Charron recalls his last Jan Plan was in Washington, D.C., working for a national polling firm run by Peter D. Hart ’64. This January Bill was best man at Chris Benecchi’s wedding at the Duke University chapel. Bill is a litigator and partner at Pryor Cashman LLP in New York City, where he co-chairs the firm’s art law practice (dealing mostly with stolen art and fake-art cases) and handles intellectual-property cases in the film and music industries. Bill and wife Deb have been married for 15 years and have two kids, daughter Sydney, 10, and son Wyatt, 8. • Chris Chin recently hung out with Dave Bartlett at the House of Blues. Chris and wife Linda got the VIP treatment while watching Ryan Montbleau and Trombone Shorty, artists Dave manages. “It was amazing to see Dave living out his dream to work in the music industry.” Chinny’s youngest son, Kyle, 14, just played his last season of Duxbury youth football. That means after nine years, Chris is now a retired coach. Chinny’s son Zac, 16, is doing well with track and cross country. • Susan Krollick Kemeyer enjoyed a visit from Holly Coxe Brittingham. Sue lives in Sausalito, where she’s busy with her two children, Alice, 8, and Sam, 5, and volunteering at a local public charter school. Last summer Sue visited Rob McCarley and Kimberly Carr and their five daughters, as well as Paul and Sheri Petelle Marnoto and their three children. • Hilary Gehman and husband Matt Smith recently left collegiate rowing coaching positions at Cornell to relocate to Princeton, N.J. Matt is now an assistant for the Princeton University men’s rowing program. Hilary is enjoying spending more time with sons Luke, 3, and Carson, 1, while she contemplates what’s next for her in the working world. • Janine Deforge Olson reports that in 2014 the oldest of her five children turned 18 while her youngest started kindergarten. “I spent a lot of time running last year, mostly to forget the prior kid facts. I ran my first marathon (Boston) in the spring. The experience was amazing, but my run was awful and disappointing. It was so bad that I realized I couldn’t let it define my marathon experience. So, while I had only planned to do one marathon in my lifetime, I decided to run another to redeem myself. I retrained and ran the marathon I wanted to run, in Chicago in October.” While in Chicago, Janine lounged with Jay Collins, who has his own real estate law practice. Janine also keeps in touch with Sarah Burditt, Mike Saad, Kristen Schuler Scammon, and Kris Balser Moussette. ’11, where she focuses on commercial real estate. • Michelle Parady Malach’s three kids keep her busy. Abby, 14, is a high school freshman; JJ, 12, is in seventh grade; and Chelsea, 10, is in fourth grade. Michelle teaches sixth-grade science at the Francisca School, a Catholic K-8 school in Raleigh, N.C., where she has 101 students. Michelle is also the middle school cross country and track coach. She has never had a day she disliked in the five years she’s taught at TFS. Michelle recently had a wonderful reunion with Colby roommate Beth Tilton Lake. “We spent our week relaxing at the beach, drinking tea, and reminiscing over some of our days at Colby (like the time her mom told us that we really shouldn’t room together because we’d fail out from talking way into the night instead of studying). She’s the kind of friend who, although we’ve spent years apart, when we’re together it’s like we have been all along.” • As always, many thanks for sharing your news—don’t be shy about dropping me an e-mail!

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Thank you to those who wrote. Shout-out to Peter DelGreco, who wrote just to say hello (or ‘sup). Much appreciated! He’s president and CEO of Maine & Co., bringing businesses to the great state. • Also good to hear from Jonathan Kaplan, who on Dec. 10, 2014, celebrated a year since he had his ascending aorta replaced. He and his family are very happy, and he credits the great support from longtime Colby friends Erik Belenky and T.J. Winick before and after the surgery. In addition to attending our reunion only six months after surgery, he and his family took trips to Telluride, Colo., and Truckee, Calif., last summer. They’re hoping 2015 is as much of an adventure as 2014 was (without the medical issues!). • Caleb Winder and his wife, Phoebe, still live in Boston with their kids, Avery, 8, and Charlie, 6. Phoebe remains a full-time partner at K&L Gates, where she focuses on consumer-financial litigation. Caleb is managing director at Excel Venture Management, a venture-capital firm, investing in health-care and life sciences companies. Despite the challenges with startups, he enjoys the opportunity to work with some of the top minds trying to find cures for cancer (and other serious diseases) and improve health care. They took the kids to Disney World just before Christmas and then spent time at Cannon, where they rented a house for the ski season. When he wrote he’d already seen one Colby family there—James Colligan ’95 and his son were skiing and came by the house for a visit. • Sigmund Schutz, as attorney for the Portland Press Herald/Maine Sunday Telegram, has been involved in a recent controversy over a media gag order issued by a Maine judge in a criminal sentencing. Sigmund’s defense of journalists’ free-speech rights to report what happens in court has drawn national attention from First Amendment rights activists as well as national media like The Rachel Maddow Show, on which Maddow called the Press Herald’s defiance of the gag order “a one-fingered First Amendment salute.” • After more than four years of planning, Matthew Belson, cofounder and brewer of Devil’s Purse Brewing Company, is set to open his craft brewery on Cape Cod just in time for the busy summer season. The brewery is located in South Dennis, Mass., and will focus on handcrafted ales inspired by European styles, especially English and German. When not brewing beer, Belson and his wife, Jodi (Schwartz) ’96, a certified nurse midwife at Cape Cod Hospital, are raising their kids, Noah, 8, and Ariel, 6, while enjoying the fun and beauty of Cape Cod. • Marina Netto Grande Campos has lived in São Paulo since 2007 and heads two global areas for the multinational BPO company Teleperformance. She spent the holidays in Orlando, Fla., with much of her family, and all the kids had a blast. They bought a house for rental there—if anyone from Colby is looking to rent a vacation home, let her know. Marina recently celebrated her 15th wedding anniversary and has two daughters, 11 and 5. Work has kept her very busy, and she’s traveled recently on business to Miami and Salt Lake City. She was preparing for a trip to India.

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Brent McLean and his wife, Tara, welcomed their first child, Alexander Grant McLean, March 25, 2014. “His papers have been submitted for his membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, and he’s proven himself a great traveler.” Alexander has already traveled on 30 flights between Bend, Ore., and Telluride,
Colo., where Brent and his family spend their winters. “If anyone is heading to Telluride, look us up at Madeline Hotel and Residences,” writes Brent. ● Darragh Fitzsimons Young recently saw Lisa Zorn Smeglin and her family for a New Year’s Day party. “Sadly, this is what New Year’s has come to—kids parties on New Year’s Day and early nights the night before!” Darragh’s daughter, Bryce, 11, is into fencing and archery, and her son Tripp, 8, plays hockey. Her son Weston, 2, is doing his best to catch up to his older siblings. Darragh hopes to make the 20th reunion: “I have heard from older alums that this one is pretty special and a great year to make it. I hope to see everyone there!” ● Chris Fortune received his M.B.A. from Wharton in 2005 and has been a financial analyst at T. Rowe Price for 10 years. He and his wife, Ashley, have three kids (12, 10, and 6). They’re building a house in the Baltimore/Washington, D.C., area. Chris keeps in touch with JoRoy Lizewski; he lives on Maryland’s Eastern Shore and is happily married with two kids. “JoRoy is leading a charge to get a group to travel to Maine for our 20-year reunion,” writes Chris. ● Dave Chen is also looking forward to reunion. “Twenty years ago I was probably skiing at Sugarloaf during Jan Plan … and these past couple of weeks, I was doing the same!” He and his wife, Georgia Brian ’96, live in Boxford, Mass., with their two girls, Ava, 9, and Zoe, 6. They bought a place near Sugarloaf 14 years ago and spend weekends there. They often hang with Pete Hoffmann and his wife, Natasha, and occasionally have dinner with Jason Spooner in Portland on their way to and from Sugarloaf. For New Year’s, Dave and Georgia celebrated with Brian and Michele Elliot Carovillano and their two kids; Dave, Brian, and Bill Logan skied together at Kicking Horse in British Columbia last January. ● Emily Fantasia Hayes and her family moved to England in December. They’re settling in and enjoying being able to travel so easily throughout Europe. They expect to be back in the States in 2017. ● Abe Rogers is in his final semester of graduate school at Boston College for elementary education. He is student-teaching in a fifth-grade classroom and serving in the Massachusetts National Guard. “Hope to see you at reunion this summer!” ● In September Bryan Carey founded Conn Maciel Carey PLLC, a boutique law firm in Washington, D.C. “We are off to a good start.” ● Lindsay Benignon Jemigan lives in the Mad River Valley of Vermont, where she enjoys watching her two daughters fall in love with winter play. She sees Beth Timm Preston on the ski slopes while they watch their kids compete as ski racers. Lindsay isn’t the only White Mule living in the area; she reminiscences about Colby days with local friends Helen Hopkins Kellogg ’92, Drew Simmons ’89, and Galen Carr ’97. Lindsay works as a psychologist with a private practice in the Burlington area. ● Sandra Jewors Dow was a guest speaker for a Colby Jan Plan course taught by Chad Higgins ’94. She shared her experience working in the U.S. attorney’s office in the district of Maine. Chad is a lawyer for Goodwin Procter LLP. “We’re looking forward to seeing many of you up on the Hill for our 20th reunion this summer, June 4-7.” 1996 Brad Smith classnews1996@colby.edu I love writing class notes during Jan Plan, so let’s get to it. ● Storks galore: Miranda Miller had her second baby, Georgia, in October. She hinted that chasing Julia Tatsch’s son around the backyard caused her to go into labor. Miranda also reports seeing Joy Christoferson over the holidays. ● Andrew Milgram welcomed his second daughter and third child, Hannah Frances, Aug. 12. Hannah shares a birthday with Ryan “The Chief” Sullivan. ● And this blew my noodle: Tamela Spaulding Brocious is a grandmother. Her stepson’s wife welcomed a son, Evan James, June 13, 2014. Zut alors! ● Cathy (Neuger) ’97 and Gregg LeBlanc went on an unbelievable huge trip to Barcelona in October to celebrate turning 40. Later the LeBlancs hosted Christine Brown Irish ’97 and Karen Hoppe Bradford ’97 for a Friendsgiving dinner. [As an aside, here’s a shout-out to Dr. Brown for fixing up my daughter Eve during a late-night trip to the Maine Med ER back in the fall.] ● After a decade in Oregon, Jill Paine and her family moved to northern Arizona, where Jill started a new job at W.L. Gore. They spend their time skiing and mountain biking. ● Melissa Taylor and Bernadette Graham Hudson attended Nancy Zierman’s wedding in Seattle last March, which is news because that means that Nancy Zierman is now married. ● Tina Garland Branson lives in Washington State, working as a PA in an ob/gyn clinic. Her kids, Emma, 14, and Luke, 9, are busy dancing and skiing. She’s hoping to come East this summer to visit Heather Hunt Swales, who’s managing two sons and works as a cardiologist in Hartford. ● Jean-Michel Picher reports that his brother, Gregoire ’98, works on the Nick Jr. show Paw Patrol. Sarah Gehman Carney sent me a photo of Picher’s daughter visiting the Hockey Hall of Fame earlier this winter. 1997 Leah Tortola Walton classnews1997@colby.edu We start this column with a general “Happy 40th Birthday” to most members of the Class of 1997. (How is this even possible?)! In any case, several members wrote in and asked that I pass along birthday greetings to all of you. ● One such member was Jenna Klein Jonsson, who said that 11 members of our class had a mini-reunion in Colorado in September to celebrate the “big 4-0.” They went “on some spectacular hikes, drank great wine, and laughed lots.” J.J. Eklund McGawn hosted, and Jenna and J.J. were joined by Katie Nevins Naylor, Amanda Sprang, Zoe Kaplan Presley, Sue Hesselbach Pierce, Sara DiMarc Atwood, Jen Mason Drolet, Margot Higgins, Meghan Jeans, and Amy Stengel. Jenna added that she recently left her job at L.L.Bean to start a marketing/brand-consulting practice. ● Jen Mason Drolet recently saw Josh and Kate Charbonnier Oeltjen. Kate works as an attorney, and Josh works for Coca-Cola. They have four children and live near Philadelphia. ● Last summer Zoe Kaplan Presley opened a private psychotherapy practice, Enlightened Nature, a nature-based ecotherapy center housed in a yurt. ● Andy Kruppa married Maxie Marie Villanueva in San Juan in November 2013. In November 2014 they welcomed their first child, Maximiliano Andres Kruppa. ● Mark Adelman got married at Sunday River in May 2014 and is expecting his first child in April. C.J. Polcari and Dana Cease served as groomsman, and Steve Kidd (also recently married) performed the ceremony. Prior to the wedding, they had a bachelor party in Las Vegas attended by C.J., Dana, and Steve, as well as Carter Davis and Don Quinby. ● Pete and Tay Evans Rhoads live in Reading, Mass., and were expecting a baby girl in early March. ● Matt Toms and Kathy Kohatsu live in Bethesda, N.H., where Kathy owns and runs a dance studio. Matt works at the White Mountain School, where he runs the counseling, whitewater kayaking, and backcountry ski programs. Matt also founded and directs a small nonprofit, the Batey Foundation, that works in impoverished communities in the Dominican Republic. Matt and Kathy have two sons, Kobe, 8, and Asa, 6. ● Yawa Duse-Anthony started a small toy company, Sister Afi, in 2014. It features knitted dolls, felt monsters, and baby layettes—all washable and kid-friendly. She is working to get a catalog together and online presence mid-2015. Yawa adds, “The kids are great and play often with their cousins courtesy of Vanessa Newell Coutu. Talked recently to Anne Miller Crumlish ’98, who is down in Atlanta, thriving with hubby Tom and daughter Emily.” ● Amalie Gosine Howard now lives in Colorado with her husband and three children, Connor, 10, Noah, 8, and Olivia, 5. She had her fifth novel published in 2015. In spring 2014 she was included on the Kids’ Indie Next List for her novel Alpha Goddess. ● Karen Blaisdel Faiman is a grant writer for Womanspace, a nonprofit in Lawrenceville, N.J., dedicated to serving victims/survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. ● Rebecca Durham has been creating botanical art pieces, and her work was featured in January at the Montana Natural History Center in Missoula. ● Tony Hernandez, now living in Colorado, responded to the call for memories of Jan Plans past. He wrote, “I can’t remember what I did for freshman-year Jan Plan. I know I did a funky yoga class junior year and a screenplay class senior year, but I can’t remember the first!” Can anyone help him out? ● Until next time, Colby friends.
months in New England, even with the return to real winter after balmy D.C., and hope to catch up with family, friends, and fellow Colby alumni in the Boston area. ● Jonathan Foster continues to work tirelessly to find new products to sell. He recently trialed bella cabbage, which is chopped and fried pickled cabbage. ● Kevin Wong initially worked in finance with Deutsche and left just before 9/11. He is now in Asia running a manufacturing business from Hong Kong. His son, Connor, is 1. ● Geoff Bennett divides his time between taking people fishing and chasing his small children around the house. This will be his seventh year working as an inshore fishing guide for his company, Charleston Charter Fishing. His daughter, 4, and son, 3, fill in the rest of the space. ● Maggie Drummond and her husband, Matt, moved back to Portland in June 2014, saying goodbye to their midcoast home where they got married. Though it was a hard choice, they’re glad they’ve eliminated their commute to work and have more time with the little guys, Flynn, 2, and their second little boy, who was scheduled to arrive in February. Matt works for Maine Health, and Maggie has been doing consulting work so she can be home part time with the boys. ● Hope all is well. It’s great to hear from everyone.

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Peter and Karena Bullock Bailey ran the TCS NYC marathon Nov. 2 for B*TURED to raise awareness and fund research for brain cancer. Karena lost her mom eight years ago to brain cancer. The team raised more than $160,000. Although it was a crazy, exhilarating experience, Karena will stick to other forms of fundraising that require less running. ● After spending 10 wonderful years as a physics professor at Castleton State College, Catherine Garland is leaving Vermont for New York City. She accepted a position teaching high school science with Uncommon Schools—Brooklyn, whose mission is to close the achievement gap and prepare low-income students to graduate from college. ● Brad Sicchitano has been busy working as director of primary and lower school admission at the Fay School, a job that got its start from days volunteering in the lounge of the Admissions Office at Colby. With one of his three children beginning to embark on the college search, Brad hopes to include Mayflower Hill on his tour of colleges. ● Jon Hiltz and his wife, Danielle, are still living in Topsham, Maine, and trying to keep up with their busy kids (Lydia, 7, Brady, 5, and Charlotte, 19 months). They recently upgraded to a bigger ski camp near Sugarloaf to accommodate their growing family, and they look forward to creating many great family memories at the new location. ● Andrew Wnek stepped away from his active commitment flying for the Maine Air National Guard to begin his civilian career as a first officer for JetBlue, based in Boston and flying the Airbus A320. He continues to serve in the ANG on a part-time basis with an upcoming promotion to lieutenant colonel this spring. ● Emily Hoberg Roy, her husband, and their 4-year-old daughter moved from Milton, Mass., to Amherst, N.H. Emily now works for the Elliot Hospital in Manchester and loves the smaller-town life. ● Bill Hinton is now executive director at YMCA Camp Manitou-Lin in Middleville, Mich. His wife and three children moved from Kerrville, Texas, to Middleville last fall. ● In February 2014 Laura Feraco and her family welcomed their second child, Louisa. Now that they’re back in Portland, Ore., they all love being closer to family and fellow Colby aqua-Mules Mary Snyder Renelt ’00 and Michelle Cook ’01. ● After almost seven years at Amazon, Raj Gupta took a new job opportunity working for Google in Cambridge, Mass. His winter was spent going from hockey rink to hockey rink as all three kids are now playing hockey or learning to skate. In his spare time, he continues to co-own a CrossFit gym and is trying to compete on American Ninja Warrior this upcoming season. ● Keep the updates coming!

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Class of 2000, please join us on Mayflower Hill for our 15th reunion June 5-7, 2015. It will be a great time to catch up with old friends and stay connected. I hope you can make it. ● Annalise Blech Rivas is an instructor of Russian at the U.S. Air Force Academy. ● Krissey Swanson Yetman and her husband, Aaron, just welcomed their first child, Calvin Roger Yetman. ● Peter Hans and wife Sarah are happy to announce the birth of Charlotte Nancy Sept. 30. Charlotte joined her parents and her siblings, Lucia, 4, and Nicky, 2, on a trip to visit Jen (Romak) ’02 and Michael Siegel and their daughters, Maren and Frankie. ● Kim McCarron Camuso and her husband, Josh, were excited for their second child, a boy, due Feb. 5. ● September 2014 brought the birth of Erin Roberts Keysor’s son, George Allan Keysor. He joins big brother Henry and big sister Rose. ● Parke Burmeister opened his own law practice in Portland, Maine: Casco Bay Law. He is focusing on business law and trusts and estates. His two daughters, Elizabeth and Stella, are now 3 and 1 respectively, so things are a little chaotic, but it’s a good chaos. ● In August Jennifer Kassakian Anderson and her husband welcomed another little boy, Gabriel Steven, who joins big brother Henley, 2. With graduate school, various fellowships, and the associated geographic uncertainty finally behind them, they have settled in Olympia, Wash., and purchased their first home in America in November. ● Jen Multari accepted a position at Boehringer Ingelheim, and she and her family left St. Louis for Germany! They sold, donated, or gave away 70 percent of their belongings before the big move. Jen’s husband, 7-year-old daughter, 3-year-old son, and Jen all love it. Since October they have explored their new home country, and they spent Christmas at Disneyland Paris. They look forward to traveling throughout Europe. ● Danny Schmidt, his wife, Larkin, and three boys (twins George and Arthur, 3, and Charlie, 7) randomly crashed into Ben Mackay near the Boiling River in Yellowstone. How freaking random was that! My goal for 2015 is to randomly run into you again in the middle of nowhere. ● In October Mark Edgar completed his half-marathon and full marathon, called the Polar Bear Challenge, in Kangerlussuaq, Greenland, where the temperature was 10 below. Their team of nine (five civilians and four SEALs) raised more than $300,000 for the Navy SEAL Foundation. ● Alison Silberman married Russ Dudley Aug. 9 in the Berkshires. Attending were Christine Pirani Hollenhorst, Eddie Piasecki ’03, Laura Morrison ’03, Alan Silberman ’50, and Bruce Annses ’65.

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Kelly Falsani reports that life is good in Minneapolis. His son, Sam, 5, is a Mighty Mite hockey player for the city’s hockey organization. He likes it, but not as much as Star Wars Legos. Kelly’s daughter, Lucy, 3, is a bruiser and takes her brother to task, which is always fun to referee. They saw Jon and Jenny Bubrick Engel and kids Emmett and Macey in D.C. last October, Kelly also visited Kim and Mat Solso in Montana but did not catch the biggest trout. ● On Dec. 26 Michelle Cook and husband Jon Pinnel welcomed their first child, Genevieve, who is happy and healthy. ● After spending six years in Bangkok, Jemison Foster moved to Beijing to continue working as a high school counselor and teacher at the Western Academy of Beijing. Moving to China has had its challenges, but finding amazing dumplings isn’t one of them. ● As executive director at the American Independence Museum in Exeter, N.H., Julie “Drew” Hall Williams is plugging away at a new strategic plan. She and Joel go to Maine every chance they can with their two boys. Last fall they traveled to Minneapolis, where they saw the Patriots play and visited Gauri Luthra, Jessie Randzt, and Kelly Falsani. ● Jeff and Katie Lee Fishbone welcomed Benjamin Russell Nov. 29. He joins big brother Sam, 4, and big sister Libby, 2. ● Oliver and Sarah Belenger Hay welcomed their son, Theo Gilbert, Nov. 10. Oliver teaches middle school science at Shore Country Day School in Beverly, Mass., and Sarah is coming up on 10 years working in communications at Citizens Financial Group. ● Ted Wallach moved to Amsterdam with his wife and 13-month-old, Gabriel. He is the new chief strategic officer of TimeRepublik. His movie Misdirection will premiere in NYC in April. It’s a collaboration with Google and Morgan Spurlock and includes a cameo by David Blaine. ● Ripley Martin and wife Jenn have two kids, Grace, 6, and Cooper, 4, and live in Acton, Mass. Ripley still works for Philips Healthcare. This spring they’re excited to launch Sprouting Threads, a kids’ clothing subscription service with a twist (think Stitch Fix for kids). ● Danielle D’Entremont Lam works as a primary-care pediatrician at Pediatric Associates of Norwood and Franklin in Massachusetts. She and husband Hue Lam ’00 and son Tyler, 2, expected a baby girl this March. ● Sam Mateosian and his family took a break from the Maine winter, spending the colder months in and around San Francisco. He’d love to hear from other Bay Area Colby folks, especially any fellow startup entrepreneurs. They recently hired their fourth Colby alum, Zack McCartney ’13. ● JJ Abodeely and his wife, Piper Elliot Abodeely ’02, had child number three, Margo Hoyt, in September.

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Chris Multari and his wife, Colleen, had twin boys, Andrew Joseph and Logan George, in October. ● Daniel and Erika Thoreson Tristan welcomed their third baby, Luke Santiago, in October. They reside in Houston. ● Erin Gardner Broudo moved to Sterling, Mass., with her two children and started a new job as the lead teacher in a program for middle school kids with language-based learning disabilities in the Wachusett Regional School District.
Chris Hale packed up his truck last October and drove across the country to Atlanta to accept a new job at President Carter’s NGO, the Carter Center, as associate director of the Global Access to Information Initiative. He works on government transparency and anti-corruption projects in Asia, Africa, and Latin America and would love to get in touch with alums in the area. Loryn Traversi and husband Matt had a third son, Erik Achilles, in August. Sarah Dressler Benson gave birth to a son, Finn Michael, in October. Austin Stonebraker married Jennifer Lonergan in August 2013. Scotty MacPherson and Bill Spencer attended. Austin, who’s changing his career to physical therapy, will graduate in May. Sister Madeleine (Sarah) Miller graduated from Wayne State College in December with a B.S. in political science education and is now a licensed teacher in Nebraska. She’s traveling to Brazil, where she will spend three months assisting at her school and preparing meals for the poor in local slums. Piper Elliott Abodeely is loving life with three kids and continues working on women’s conferences including one in Sonoma in March and one in Vail in June. Join the experience: g3sonoma.com. Lindsey Morse is based in Portland, Ore., but is usually on the road exploring and collecting stories and adventures for her outdoor-lifestyle website, the Elegant Hippie. Some people think it’s pretty rad, and everyone should sign up for the newsletter at theeleganthippie.com. Victor Cancel’s wife, Aileen, was promoted to assistant program director at one of the residential programs at Emarc, Inc. in Reading, Mass. One of Victor’s goals for 2015 is to become fluent in Tagalog (i.e., Filipino), his wife’s native language. Amanda Cuffo lives in West Newton, Mass., with her wife, Christy, and their son, Saben, 4. Amanda works at Wheelock College as associate director of athletics. She often hangs with Jessica Weisbein Brooks ’01, and she keeps in touch with Candice Loryn Smith’s wife, Aileen, (cowritten with Ingrid Rowland), and a move to a new (albeit 120-year-old) house outside D.C., where they live. She still loves her more each day. They moved to West Palm Beach, where she will go on a six-week surf trip to Sri Lanka and Bali. Six weeks turned into a few months ... into now living in Bali with her boyfriend and designing for Deus Ex Machina. Greg Sawyer, wife Anna, and kids Lylah and Jude live in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. Greg works at Maine Medical Center as an orthopedic sports medicine surgeon. Bianca Belcher took an amazing vacation to St. John with Colby folks including Catherine Chuprevich ’04, Elizabeth Bomze ’04, and Kate Hurd ’05. Tom Sterio and his wife, Caroline, welcomed their second child, Katherine, in early December. Big brother TJ is excited! Luke Ferriter and his wife, Liz, had a baby girl, Lily, Nov. 30. They’re having a blast being parents. Don LaBattice and his wife, Rebecca, were blessed with a baby boy, Wyatt, Sept. 16. They live in Owls Head, Maine, where their practice, Granite Coast Orthodontics, is doing well. Alex Libby Wool had an eventful year. She earned her Ph.D. in art history in May, had a baby—Elizabeth “Libby”—in August, and then landed her dream job at the National Gallery of Art in December. She’s the assistant curator of northern Baroque paintings. The year 2014 was also big for Erin Estey Hertzog, with a new job as director of reimbursement and health policy at the Biotechnology Industry Organization, a move to a new (albeit 120-year-old) house on Capitol Hill in D.C., and the birth of her second child, Greta, Nov. 28. Eric and Courtney Fry Lerch welcomed their third child in December. Siblings William and Catherine are excited about baby brother John. While many of you have probably heard, I’ll note the passing of our classmate Chip Kenna—a life cut much too short. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers, especially his wife, Sheila, and two young children.

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I’m going to get right to it as we had a great response! Lexi Grant married Ben Collins in September at a vineyard outside D.C., where they live. She still works as a writer and digital entrepreneur. Bradley Petersen married Sasa Gargiulo Nov. 11 in NYC. There was a whole pack of Mules—20 be exact—to arrive at the wedding. Rick Harbison married Heidi Walls this fall in Millinocket, Maine. Attending were Hal Hallstein, Mike Wiley, Jake Beren, Mike Lee, Aaron McCloskey, Nick Owens ’04, and Jay and Tracy Schloss Combs. Rick and Heidi bought a house in Portland, where Heidi is in med school and Rick works at a regional planning agency doing town/ city planning. Clay Smith and his wife, Samantha Collins, moved to the Denver area, where Clay works as an in-house attorney for a mercury emissions control company. They spend every extra minute on the slopes. Kevin Brunelle opened his own accounting firm in Windham, Maine, and he’s expecting his third daughter in April with wife Kate (Wheeler) ’04. Caroline Riss is an administrative law judge for the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. She focuses on child support case enforcement. Last summer she floated the Green River in Utah with some Colby alumni—lots of reminiscing! Susan Ellsworth and her partner, Colin Dixon, are happily settled in Oakland, Calif., splitting their time between the city and the Sacramento Valley, where they grow peonies and harvest and mill olives for olive oil. Jessica Kellett visited Emily Posner ’04 in New Orleans over Halloween, and she got engaged in November to Drew Zepernick. Jessica and Drew live in Hermosa Beach, Calif. Jenn Brennan Clements lives at Three Forks Ranch, where she’s lodge manager, on the Colorado-Wyoming border. She and husband Dave welcomed their first child, son Augustus, Aug. 17. Gus is an awesome addition to their lives. Jenn regularly sees Shelley Hughes, still at Kellogg in Chicago, Katie Altnau, still practicing acupuncture in Denver, and Marin Hoffman Kemnitz, still working for Target in Minneapolis and raising her two boys, 3 and 1. Alex Yarbrough lives in Mill Valley, Calif., with his wife, Anna Zwahlen-Tronick ’04, and their boys, Wesley and Grayson. He works in San Francisco for a financial software firm and sees Nate Lindsay around the Bay Area. Matt Farley came up from LA for a long weekend. Alicia Ford Pelletier introduced her identical twin girls, Emma and Erin, to Donna Pitteri in New Hampshire while Donna was visiting family. Bill and Anna Carlson McCloy live in Rutland, Vt., with their girls, Elsa, 4, and Alice, 1—close to family and the mountains! Erika Togashi left her job as men’s outerwear designer for J.Crew in NYC to go on a six-week surf trip to Sri Lanka and Bali. Six weeks turned into a few months ... into now living in Bali with her boyfriend and designing for Deus Ex Machina.

2004

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Emma McCandless and Karen Prager are very happy in Connecticut. Emma started a new job as a middle school librarian in Griswold, and Karen is dean of college at Achievement First in Hartford. Their son, Teddy, is 2 and keeping them busy. Jonathan Nickerson lives in Denver with his wife, Ryann, who is pregnant and due in April. He loves his job at Point B Consulting. Josh and Allison Turner Osgood welcomed another baby girl, Julia, in August. In search of a warmer climate, a slower pace of life, and more space, Marley Orr Reilly and husband Gabe moved from San Francisco to Oakland. They’ve spent time with Crystal Ward Simons and Parker Thompson, who live nearby. Marley works at Dropbox on the enterprise product as a strategic account manager. Several of her colleagues attended Colby and other NESCONS schools, and they have fun swapping stories. Errol Dube was sworn in as a school committee member in Pawtucket, R.I., where she, her husband, and two children live. Annika Snore Wicklund spent the holidays in Maui and caught up with Alison Cook ’05 and her family. Annika is design director at Greenpoint Technologies, designing interiors for wide-body Boeing airplanes for international clients. She and her husband were expecting baby number two in March. Samantha Saeger married Ross Smith (Williams ’05) in Florida, Mass., in the Berkshires. Attending were Molly Given, Eric ’05 and Emily Quann Luth, and a half dozen other Colby grads. Evan and Kim Betz Kearns welcomed Parker Marie Aug. 25. Her big brothers adore her more each day. They moved to Needham, and Evan left the law-firm world and started a job as in-house counsel at Agenus Inc. in Lexington. Will Sander is finishing the second year of his AAAS policy fellowship at EPA. He spent a month with USAID and Veterinarians Without Borders in Uganda, working with farmers, traders, and veterinary officers on recognizing signs of foreign animal diseases in their livestock. Kathryn Hulick Gargolinski and her husband welcomed their son, Seth Steven, Dec. 3. Jesse Morrisey works at VCA Inc. in Northampton, Mass., making fine custom furniture. She recently bought her first house, in Southampton. Meredith Collins finished her plastic surgery residency at Mount Sinai in NYC in June 2014 and is doing a microvascular surgery fellowship at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. In July she and her husband will move to West Palm Beach, where she will go into private practice. Anne Olmsted planned a March wedding to Lori Kirk. Anne is in her last semester at Lesley, where she’s working on her M.Ed., and her 10th year teaching arts-based science at the Neighborhood House Charter School in Dorchester. Ryan and Grace Becker Lochhead and Evan Kearns cheered on Mike Kennedy in the NYC Marathon. Ryan says you can check his time if you don’t believe him. Errol and Diane Nelson Jacobini welcomed daughter Isabel in October. Errol is in financial services, and Diane is a dentist. They live in Richmond,
00s NEWSMAKERS

Mark Edgar ’00 was part of a nine-member team that ran the Polar Circle Marathon—26.2 miles across polar ice inside the Arctic Circle in Kangerlussuaq, Greenland—on Oct. 26 to raise money for the Navy SEAL Foundation. His team raised more than $300,000.

Samantha Saeger ’04 was on the U.S. team that won the Björn Kjellström Cup in the North American Orienteering Championships in Amnrolley, Ont., in October. Teams vie in three individual races and a team relay.

Leading in points for her team, Saeger provided a come-from-behind, last-leg effort in the relay to secure the win.

In the fall Melissa Mullen Davis ’05 began a term as president of Graduate Women in Science, which seeks to advance the participation and recognition of women in science and to foster research through grants, awards, and fellowships. Davis is a postdoctoral research fellow in molecular genetics at the Cleveland Clinic’s Lerner Research Institute.

In November Dan Vassallo ’07 won the 2014 Philadelphia Marathon with a time of 2:17:27, qualifying him for the 2016 U.S. Olympic Team Trials. This was Vassallo’s second Philadelphia Marathon win—he took first place in 2010 with a time of 2:21:28.

Va., and have two dogs and a cat.

Amanda Belden welcomed her second baby last June. Delliah enjoys being a big sister. After a few too many New England winters, Meghan Finneran Grant moved to LA, where her husband pursued his M.B.A. She’s working on marketing for 20th Century Fox with Ali Offer ’12 and Nick Aubin ’13. Maura Myers Bisogni finished her M.L.S. at Pratt, and she and husband Jared moved to Cape Elizabeth, Maine. They welcomed son Everett in October. They’re excited that Andy Lizotte and family moved to Portland from New York at the same time.

2005

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Pawel Brodalka moved to Washington, D.C., to join PricewaterhouseCoopers’ strategy and consulting group. Emily Goodyear Forgett, her husband, Kevin, and son Ryan relocated from Boston to Denver, where Emily grew up. Isabelle Reining and husband Steve Bayes ’04 welcomed a new addition to their family Dec. 24—daughter Eleanor Marlow Bayes. They live in Petaluma, Calif., where Isabelle works as a sustainability manager at Strauss Family Creamery and Steve teaches science at Marin Academy. Courtney Smith married Martin Gryzb (Trinity ’05) in Brooklyn, N.Y., Nov. 15. Margaret Tryna Marks and Alex Ridder were in the wedding party, and several more Mules attended.

Ted Farwell and his wife, Katie (O’Neill) ’04, are enjoying their second year as expats in Lausanne, Switzerland. Ted rows on Lake Geneva with fellow crew alum Kevin Selby.

Ely Lynch Brown married Donald Brown at Black Mountain Lodge, nestled at 11,500 feet in the Colorado Rockies. Fellow Mules Eric ’06 and Beth Scherer Richmond, Heather Hansman, and Dana Gwinn were there to celebrate.

Former 2005 class couple Bill and Michelle Cote Gallitto welcomed baby girl Grace Dec. 24. Grace was warmly welcomed into the Mule family by her elder Mules, including Melissa Hinkle, Jake Colognesi, Bill Foley, Lily Maltz, and Cheka Gage. Bill and Michelle look forward to introducing Grace to the rest of the Colby clan at reunion.

Adrienne LeClair got engaged over the holidays to Jonathan Parrelli. They’ve been acquainted more than 10 years and both are taking over family businesses north of Boston (Parrelli Optical and LeClair Dental). A destination wedding is planned for November 2015 in the Mayan Riviera.

Sarah (Belden) ’06 and Steve Markesich welcomed baby Maya Nov. 24. She was 7 lbs. 3 oz. and lives to eat. Sarah is back to work in her first year of residency at University Hospitals in Cleveland, and Steve is teaching high school science.

On Nov. 1 Carreau Mueller and Jonathan Ryder ’02 were married on Nantucket. The festivities were punctuated by a Nor’easter that kept some from arriving and marooned a hardy group of Colby grads for an extra day and a half—Jared and Nicole Wessen Cushman, Courtney Morris Drauschke, Maureen and Matt Lynes, Steph Pierce, Heather Hansman, Melissa Plante Dubois, Katie Lucas Geant ’06, Jessica Pilcher, Nathaniel Huime, Sheldon Stevenson, Katie Gagne Callow, Brad Kasnet, Tom Curran ’02, Blake Grosch ’03, Russ Mink ’02, Martin Schernmann ’02, and John Brownell ’02 were along for the adventure!

Rory Kelly and Jessica Hardy got engaged while apple picking last fall and plan an October wedding in Maine. Jess recently led the operational planning for the October opening of Holy Cross Germantown Hospital, the first new hospital in Maryland in 25 years. Brendan and Amy Campfield Blake welcomed a baby girl, Bailey, in June. They continue to live in Denver, where Amy is completing her neonatology fellowship at Children’s Hospital Colorado. They often see Lorraine Beane Baline ’04 and her baby, Lily, whom they hope will be Bailey’s freshman roommate when the girls join the Colby Class of 2036!

Think spring! I look forward to seeing many of you at reunion in June.

2006

Dan Giuliani is running Volt Athletics, a company in Seattle providing technology-based strength and conditioning solutions to more than 12,000 athletes on 600 sports teams across the country. After eight years at Google, Charlie Hale joined Pinterest to head public policy and government affairs. He attended Bram Gellar’s New Year’s Eve wedding, where he saw Josh Montague, Rebecca Longworth, and Chris Zajchowski ’07.

Chad and Liz Mollo-Christensen Whipple are expecting a baby girl in April! Kim Devine McDevitt and her husband moved out of the city to Princeton, N.J. She is an educator for Vega, which specializes in plant-based nutrition and supplements. Kim launched her own brand focusing on personalized nutrition consulting and nutrition communications. Check out kimmcdvitt.com and follow her on social@foodierunnergrl or through weekly nutrition posts on a new Runner’s World site, Zelle.

Laura Snider accepted a position in Ghana doing education and girls leadership. Her contract is for one year, and she’s excited to be moving into international development.

Lauren Erickson is working as a therapist for Jail Psychiatric Services in San Francisco.

Christian and Amanda Stein Rieben happily shared that Hadley Lillian Rieben was born Sept. 27, 2014.

Caroline Theoharides finished her Ph.D. in economics at Michigan and is assistant professor of economics at Amherst. She and her husband live in Northampton, Mass., and enjoy being back in New England.

Emily Boyle Westbrook spent the last few months working and traveling with her husband, Michael ’07. They spent Christmas in Maine. Emily visited Professor Mackenzie during office hours at Thanksgiving and writes that he hasn’t changed a bit.

Over the holidays Noah Balazs caught up with Steven Weinberg, Nick Beard, and Matt Busch ’07 in Northfield, Mass. It was the first time they had been together since Noah’s wedding in 2013, and Noah says it was great to hang out around a crackling fire.

Dan Breen moved to the San Francisco area and started a job as a biologist with the Army Corps of Engineers.

Max Brown passed away in September. Max was a competitive lumberjack on Colby’s woodsman’s team. At his funeral, friends and woodsmen remembered Max as “loving life, loving family and friends, living passionately.” A classmate remembered Max as “a sweet, kind, insanely creative, and brilliant guy who embodied everything it means to be a Colby woodsman.” Please take a moment to remember our friend.

2007

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Claire Deely and Jamie Singelais expected their first child in February. They live in Norwood, Mass. Claire works as a business analyst/senior accountant at a book publisher in Boston, and Jamie teaches English as a second language to elementary kids in Needham. Jill Greenstein is engaged to Chris Metcalf, Bowdoin ’06. They live in NYC.

Ian London is racing bikes semi-pro for Primal-Audi Denver and winning civil trials with his boss, David Jones ’99.

Carolina Willette, her husband, Dave, and their Yorkie, Lulu, will move from Colorado to Carolina’s home state of Florida in March. They’re excited for this new chapter and warmer weather.

John DeBruicker lives in Philly and volunteers as staff for his sister’s wheelchair rugby team. He spent New Year’s in Charleston, S.C., with friends.

Sara Morgan is completing her M.S.W. this May and getting married June 27 in her hometown of Manitou Springs, Colo. There should be a number of Colby folks attending between Sara’s friends and her father’s friends from Colby Class of ’68!

Austin Phillips Kupke and husband Brian ’09 relocated to Austin, Texas, to chase warmer winters and world-class tacos. Austin says, “We will miss our Boston friends but invite anyone in the area to look us up!”

And finally, CONGRATULATIONS to Jamie
and 10 grads. ● Lucia Giordano started a new job at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and in December marked her five-year anniversary with the Met. She lives in NYC with her fiancé, Sean, and they’re planning a July wedding. ● Jamie and Valerie Colt Luckenbill welcomed baby boy Owen Nov. 24. ● Kate Yedinak earned her M.Ed. a few years ago and is a lead teacher in the expressive language program at Landmark High School in Beverly, Mass. She married husband Rory last July. Sarah Switchenko, Rachael DeCruz, and Eva Gougljan were in the wedding party, and Rishi Chattrath, Julie Bero, Ishan Singh, Alex Pietroforte, Cassie Jenzdjiec, and Avi David attended.  ● In October Kaila Saxe left her job as a family nurse practitioner in Boston and moved to Perth, Australia, to join her boyfriend, who is getting a Ph.D. in geology. While waiting for her Australian nursing license, she enjoyed going to the beach instead of scraping ice off her car windows. ● In August Rebecca Short and Matthew Weston were married in Connecticut.  ● This spring Laura Perille is finishing her Ph.D. in history at Brown while teaching at Wheaton and serving as a fellowship advisor at Brown. Over the holidays, she reunited with Jon and Leslie Wardwell-Scott, Jennifer Bushee, Katie Harris, and Brian Lam in Boston and with Sarah E. Clark, Kit Clark, Ling U, Brian Putnam, and Julia Stuebing Michniacci in Denver. In September Laura attended Julia’s beautiful wedding to Tom Michniacci in Wellesley, as did the Clarks, Lucas LaViolet, Meaghan Fitzgerald, Eric Hansen, and Katherine Koleski.  ● Joerose Tharakian is enjoying her experience on the Colby board and is excited for Colby’s future under David Greene. She discovered that President Greene’s brother is a colleague at Microsoft.  ● Brad Woodworth lives in London, working as a transport economist. He had a great time with Eric Hansen and Evan Kaplan over Christmas in Boston for Eric’s bachelor party.  ● Julie Bero and Rishi Chattrath celebrated their marriage with many friends at weddings in Brooklyn and Dehradun, India. The NYC wedding was a reunion of alums from around the globe, featuring Billy Fong, John Kester, and Dhruv Chadha ’07 in the wedding party. In India, Ishan Bir Singh, Sarah Switchenko, Alex Pietroforte, Rebekah Fasel, and Addie Fasel participated in the ceremony and closed out the dancing in proper Colby style.  ● Shaelyn Germain was delighted to see Juan Colón, Patrick Sanders, Cait Miller ’06, and Catherine Woodwiss ’09 between lots of work travel to NYC, D.C., England, Scotland, and France. She was working with her boss to establish an independent bookstore, café, and event space in Plainville, Mass. They hope to open by May, and they welcome Colby alumni.  ● In the last issue, the 2009 column incorrectly reported that Kat Cosgrove ‘10 married Wes Miller. It was Kat Brzozowski ‘09 who married Wes. Colby apologizes for the error.

in Manhattan and runs delia langan jewelry, which is five years old. She moved into a larger jewelry studio in downtown Brooklyn and was pleasantly surprised to find that Megan Towe lives across the street. Jim Rockafellow moved from Portland, Maine, to Philadelphia. He loves work at the D4 Creative Group. Driving back from a long weekend in Maine, Jim passed a car with a Colby sticker. The driver turned out to be former roommate Alex Basset! Reuben and Fran Still Biel had a Colby sticker. The driver turned out to be a former roommate of Reuben.

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In January Mark McNulty ’11 was hired as communications director for the Republican Jewish Coalition. He was previously communications director for Tom Foley for Governor in Connecticut and worked on the 2012 Romney presidential campaign. Eliza Larson ’13 joined Vermont’s Channel 3 news team as Rutland bureau chief in December. She earned a master’s in broadcast journalism from Northwestern’s Medill School of Journalism and was a fellow with the McCormick Foundation National Security Journalism Initiative. She also interned with ABC News and the Mayo Clinic Center for Innovation. Abbott Matthews ’13 received a second Fulbright to return to Brazil. She will continue her work with Brazil’s English Without Borders program and serve as a mentor for 12 incoming Fulbright recipients, supporting them as they transition and begin their work.

2011

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After graduating from Tulane Law School and passing the bar in Massachusetts and New York last spring, Katie Brezinski is working as a clerk for a federal judge in New Orleans. She is busy helping plan the summer wedding of classmatemates Katie Muto and Craig Zevin. Will Junkin is pursuing his Ph.D. in ecology, and Fran an M.P.H. in epidemiology. Zach Hussain will earn his M.B.A. at Boston College this May and will join Pfizer upon graduation. Chelsea Stillman lives in D.C., finishing her doctorate in cognitive neuroscience at Georgetown. She hopes to defend by the end of the year. Patrick Findaro works at LCR Capital Partners and is responsible for Latin America (based in Miami). The company provides foreign nationals permanent residence in the United States through investment in its funds. Jean Burnet is working on her first novel as a Made at Hugo House Fellow with Richard Hugo House in Seattle. Her work has been published or is forthcoming in the Los Angeles Review, Brevity, the James Franco Review, and others. Rob Knipp took a job as a risk analyst for an insurance company in Sydney, Australia, in August and loves life down under. Kat Cosgrove still loves work at Human Rights First. She spent a week at the military commission at Guantanamo to observe one of the hearing proceedings. In the last Colby Magazine, the 2009 column incorrectly noted that Kat married Wes Miller ’08. It was actually Kat Brzozowski ’09 who married Wes. Colby apologizes for the error and congratulates Kat B. and Wes. Mike Belliveau married Katie Morrison Sept. 6 in Nova Scotia. Guests included Matt Strickland, Anne Chang, James Lemonas ’11, Jared Crittenden, Tom Scott, and Jared Tepper. Erik Johnson is in his first year at Dartmouth’s Tuck School of Business, where there is a strong Colby contingent. They make time for Colby reunions and are hoping to put on a die tournament in the spring. Bridget Reischeldeffer is getting her master’s and teaching fourth grade in Denver, where she spent Thanksgiving with Rachael Panning. Sara Cameron and Mike Baldwin got engaged following a ski weekend at Sugarbush in Vermont. Leigh Bullion and Ross Neher announced their engagement! They’ll marry this fall in Maine. There will be die tables. Sarah Hirsch is getting an M.B.A. and an M.P.H. at the University of Michigan. She will graduate in 2016. Caity Murphy is broke, skiing more than a healthy amount, and class corresponding from her tiny apartment in Jackson Hole. She wishes there were 40 hours in a day, and she misses her Colby crew.

2012

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Eric Barthold is taking Mules Against Violence (MAV) on the road. He is a guest speaker at high schools and colleges, where he talks about masculinity, gender norms, and male privilege and links these elements to sexual-violence awareness and prevention. Trip Ventura is one of two employees at a theater company in Chelsea, Mass. He is involved in building three new theater spaces in Chelsea Square to be used by the Greater Boston theater community. Nathan Katsiaficas completed his master’s in earth and environmental sciences at Vanderbilt and began a job as a geology technician at Tetra Tech, Inc. in Portland, Maine. Andy Estrada is a special assistant for scheduling and advance for Secretary Anthony Foxx at the U.S. Department of Transportation. He’s loving D.C. and linking up with classmates Anne Burton, Yuri Maruyama, and Nathan Lord. Sarah Harmon is pursuing her Ph.D. in computer science on the California shore. Between teaching, research, and designing new tech experiences, she has plenty to dream about. This May Alison Reader will graduate from the Actors Studio Drama School with her M.F.A. in acting. She cannot wait to see what will come as she starts her career in NYC. Yuri Min is in her first year at the UConn School of Law. She is enjoying UConn’s version of Jan Plan with a class called Moot Court. Meg Winthrop lives in San Francisco and works for American Giant, an apparel startup. In April she will compete in a half Ironman triathlon, and in June she will bike 545 miles from SF to LA for the annual AIDS/Lifecycle. Gabriel Lerner entered Boston University Med School in August. He is thankful for friends he’s made at BU and his strong network of Colby friends in Boston and Cambridge. Yuki Yoshida works in marketing consulting for Facebook and is excited about what the future holds. After two years in France, Aileen Evans is working toward a joint degree in public administration (M.P.A.) and international education management at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey. Alex Hymanson works at the Advisory Board Company in Washington, D.C., managing hospital finance teams from Vermont to Hawaii. Alex is looking forward to skiing with Thomas Lampert, Pat Dolan, Jamie Axelrod, Jordan Ansell, and Jason Schlundt, and to helping the D.C. Colby family plan the best Doghead yet. Lauren Harris teaches first grade in Lexington, Mass. She lives with Claire Grady in Bright. Rebecca Gonzalez-Kreisberg moved to NYC’s West Harlem neighborhood. An assistant with an architecture project management firm, she consults at the American Museum of Natural History. After two years in Boston working at Brigham and Women’s, Meg Kruthoff is moving to Charlottesville, Va., to begin a postbaccalaureate premed program at UVA. Cheesy Breene is working on her M.A. in social impact communications and cause consulting at Georgetown. She lives on Capitol Hill with Joe Albano, who is in his second year at Georgetown Law. They
hope to return to Boston in 2016. • Nick Iodice left Cambridge, Mass., to pursue a master’s of engineering in computer science at UPenn. He’ll spend this summer interning as a software developer at Avaya Corporation in Boston. • Thank you to all who wrote in with updates. Hope your year is off to a wonderful start.

**2013**

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It was great to receive updates from many of you. Holly Mawn is in her second year teaching at the Park School in Brookline, Mass., and lives with Taylor Horan ’12 and Samantha Merriweather ’12. “It’s amazing how frequently I see fellow Mules,” Holly says. • Also true for Callie Wade, who met Kathy Muhlfant McNutre ’72 and Laura Hudecek’05 at Ben Hannon’s family holiday party in the Salt Lake City area. • Ellicott Dandy works on environmental justice policy in Washington State. She’s visited Claudia Camerino, Alec Peters, and Carly Rushford in Portland, Ore. • In LA, Daria Jones is an assistant editor at Buddha Weekly and lives with Mugyenzi Innocent ‘13 and has Ameenah Fodi. • Callie Wade launched Spots, “a real-time restaurant and nightlife guide that tells you what is happening at a place before you arrive.” Katie Muto ’11 is one of three cofounders. • Patrick Fitzgerald spent a portion of last year “helping to launch an indoor cycling startup in Charleston, S.C.” He describes it as similar to SoulCycle. • Becca Levenson lives in Manhattan and is publicity and marketing assistant and project manager of social media for the U.S. at Phaidon, a food and art book publisher. • Tom Letourneau will move from the Mississippi Delta to NYC after his Teach for America commitment ends this spring. “I’ll teach lower elementary school in Harlem, work on my M.S.Ed. from Johns Hopkins, and hopefully take advantage of the closer proximity to watch my Mules have another exceptional cross-country season.” • Kareem Kalil is in his second year teaching sixth grade math through TFA in Philadelphia. “Excited to pursue different options that will keep me in the classroom and impacting students next year and beyond!” • Jayson Ito-Alder completed a 10-month FEMA Corps national service program. “I spent six months in Denton, Texas, and two months in Conway, Ark., after a tornado hit that area.” • Gordon Fischer went to East Africa on a grant from the Cotter Fund to make a documentary about history and education in Tanzania. “It was an amazing, raw, and fulfilling experience that will forever stay with me.” He lives in the Bronx with two fellow Mules and started teaching in the city in February. • Lauren Fisher spent the summer in Fiji leading tours for high school students and is now leading a 10-month gap-year trip in Israel. • Peter Markoe and Sophie Hamblett ’14 completed a 70-day Europe trip. “Now my compass is pointed west to help Elliot Mermel ’12 on his farming venture,” Peter says, adding that Jordan Ansell ’12 and Hadrien Vasdeboncouver ’12 are part of the endeavor. • Dhokela Yzeira became accredited as a NOFA [Northeast Organic Farming Association] organic land care distributor. He spends free time in the Pacific Ocean. • Guga Gogia is working toward his Ph.D. in physics at Emory. • Susan Weidner, Philip Hussey, and Jenny Sher live together in Somerville, Mass. Anna Hess and Julia Prezioso planned to visit them for Valentine’s. • Leigh Fryxell and Andrew Beauchesne took a three-week road trip from Maine to Santa Cruz, where they currently live and work. Leigh is director of a campaign office for nonprofit organizations. Andrew works at a tutoring center helping underprivileged students. Leigh and Andrew plan to drive back east in a few months. • Matt Carroll, Tom Nagler, Russ Wilson, Jack Bryant, and Trevor Shorb live in Alaska, where they operate a commercial fishing vessel. • Leilani Pao lives in London, where she is completing an internship at Richard James, a men’s retail company in Savile Row. She spent the summer in NYC taking classes at the Fashion Institute of Technology. • Grace Dickinson is teaching and coaching at the Pomfrett School in Connecticut. • Ben Lewis works as an operations specialist for Brown Brothers Harriman.

**2014**

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Pamela Alakai lives in Boston, where she is a program coordinator for nonprofit Tutors for All. She lives with Mugyenzi Innocent ’13 and has Abebu Kassie as a neighbor. • Alice Anamosa works as a deputy probation officer for Lake County, Calif., and is pursuing a career in criminal justice. • Felix Baldauf-Lenschchen lives in Boston’s North End with Jason Schlundt ’11 and Nick Carrellas ’12. Christian Romano and Kevin Galvin live just down the street. Felix works in KPMG’s consulting department and specializes in advising banks on their credit risk. • Anders Peterson enjoyed being unemployed for the summer in Chicago before moving to Newport Beach, Calif., in November for a job in a technical sales for Arbitage, a data center technology distributor. He spends free time in the Pacific Ocean. • Guga Gogia is working toward his Ph.D. in physics at Emory. • Susan Weidner, Philip Hussey, and Jenny Sher live together in Somerville, Mass. Anna Hess and Julia Prezioso planned to visit them for Valentine’s. • Leigh Fryxell and Andrew Beauchesne took a three-week road trip from Maine to Santa Cruz, where they currently live and work. Leigh is director of a campaign office for nonprofit organizations. Andrew works at a tutoring center helping underprivileged students. Leigh and Andrew plan to drive back east in a few months. • Matt Carroll, Tom Nagler, Russ Wilson, Jack Bryant, and Trevor Shorb live in Alaska, where they operate a commercial fishing vessel. • Leilani Pao lives in London, where she is completing an internship at Richard James, a men’s retail company in Savile Row. She spent the summer in NYC taking classes at the Fashion Institute of Technology. • Grace Dickinson is teaching and coaching at the Pomfrett School in Connecticut. • Ben Lewis works as an operations specialist for Brown Brothers Harriman.

**OBITUARIES**

**Hildreth “Hilly” Wheeler Finn ’37, Jan. 23, 2015, in North Chelmsford, Mass., at 100.** A 40-year resident of Hilton Head Island, S.C., she loved being a homemaker, knitting, sewing, and volunteering. She was an avid golfer and churchgoer. Predeceased by her husband of 54 years, Howard, and two children, she is survived by a son, two grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

**Gordon Wolman ’41, Nov. 18, 2014, in Waterville, Maine, at 95.** He served in the U.S. Army Dental Corps during WWII and then entered his father’s business, becoming owner-operator of Lewis Wolman Co. and president of Wolman Steel until his retirement in 1984. A lifetime member of the Elks Lodge, he was also a 50-year member of the Kora Shriners and the Freemasons and was active with Beth Israel Congregation. Predeceased by his brother Harold Wolman ’38, he is survived by his wife of 68 years, Myrtle, one daughter, two sons, three grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

**Albert J. Rimoskas ’41, Jan. 30, 2015, at 95.** A basketball aficionado, he played throughout his school years and semiprofessionally. He served with the armed forces in the Philippines and Japan, and he was director of adult education and recreation in Windsor, Conn., and athletic director for Windsor High School. He earned a master’s from the University of Hartford and in 1976 retired as administrative assistant to the Windsor superintendent of schools. He and his wife, Evelyn, spent their retirement in Florida, where he was active with his church choir, AARP, and the Knights of Columbus. His wife died the following week.

**Martha Rogers Beach ’42, Nov. 20, 2014, in Waterville, Maine, at 94.** A Waterville native, she was a lifelong member of the First Congregational Church and was on the board of many local organizations. She taught in Waterville for 10 years and volunteered for Meals on Wheels. A two-term Alumni Council member, she received a Colby Brick. She was predeceased by her husband of 56 years, George Beach ’41; grandfather Harvey Eaton, Class of 1887; parents A. Raymond Rogers, Class of 1977, and Harriet Eaton Rogers, Class of 1919; and brother A. Raymond Rogers Jr. ’49. She is survived by her daughter, Margo Beach ’65, and sister Estelle Rogers MacDonald ’39.

**Betsey Libbey Williams ’42, Oct. 14, 2014, in Provo, Utah, at 95.** She earned her M.L.S. at Simmons College. A longtime Massachusetts resident, she was a high school librarian in Lynnfield and Winchester, retiring in 1976. She and her husband traveled in Europe, Asia, and Africa, as well as in all 50 U.S. states. Predeceased by her husband, Glenn, and brother David Libbey ’39, she is survived by two daughters, a son, 20 grandchildren, and 36 great-grandchildren.
Kathleen “Kaye” Monaghan Corey ’43, Nov. 13, 2014, in Augusta, Maine, at 92. She earned her M.S.W. from Boston University and had a career as a social worker in the areas of child protection, child therapy, and adoption. A devoted Colby alum, she was a class agent for 71 years and received a Colby Brick and the Ernest C. Marriner Distinguished Service Award. Predeceased by her husband of 66 years, Charles, she is survived by two sons and three grandchildren.

Lawrence S. Gurney ’43, Oct. 16, 2014, in Los Angeles, Calif., at 93. He completed his bachelor’s at the University of Southern California. He worked in tooling, drafting, and writing in the aerospace field and in library and security work for the Getty Museum. His main interests were cartooning and creative writing, especially poetry. Though he completed his last two years of college at USC, he remembered Colby fondly, once writing, “those first years in Maine have never left me.”

Jane Hudson Hinman ’43, Dec. 29, 2010, in Hollywood, Fla., at 89. She was a registered nurse and later owned a crafts business. She transcribed Braille and did crossword puzzles. Predeceased by her husband, Robert Johnson ’42, and a son, she is survived by three sons including David Johnson ’67, and six grandchildren.

G. Richard Mountfort ’44, July 14, 2014, in Yarmouth, Maine, at 92. After earning a degree from Barrington Bible College, he was a pastor for more than 60 years at churches in Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Maine. He enjoyed playing the trumpet and watching the ocean from his lifelong home on Cousins Island in Yarmouth, Maine. He was predeceased by three wives, a daughter, and a great-grandson. He is survived by his wife, Ester, four daughters, three sons, four step-sons, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Doris Taylor Huber ’45, Nov. 28, 2014, in Rockland, Maine, at 90. She was a 63-year resident of Rockland. Passionate about books and serving others, she was a high school assistant librarian and later worked at Rockland’s Reading Corner bookstore until she was almost 80. After retiring, she volunteered for 10 years at the Rockland Public Library. She enjoyed traveling and was an ardent Red Sox fan. Predeceased by her husband, Paul Huber ’45, and mother Mary Carl Taylor ’22, she is survived by five daughters, 10 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Joan Gay Kent ’45, Jan. 26, 2015, in Greenport, N.Y., at 90. A longtime resident of Sands Point and Port Washington, N.Y., she was a prodigious writer, particularly of Long Island history. She was president of the Port Washington Public Library for more than 10 years, was a founder of Cow Neck Peninsula Historical Society, and was active with the Manhasset/Port Washington League of Women Voters. She is survived by a son, a stepdaughter, three grandchildren, a step-granddaughter, two great-grandchildren, two step-great-grandchildren, and sister Janet Gay Hawkins ’48.

Robert F. Coughlin ’46, Oct. 28, 2014, in Waterville, Maine, at 89. He served with the U.S. Army in Germany during WWII. He joined the Air Force in 1951, serving in Korea and Japan during the Korean War and retiring as chief master sergeant in 1978. He then worked 15 years for the General Services Administration and the Marine Corps before retiring again and moving to Oakland, Maine. An avid runner and walker, he enjoyed traveling and was a member of the VFW and American Legion. Predeceased by his father, Maurice Coughlin ’21, he is survived by his wife of 58 years, Marjorie, a son, a daughter, and four grandchildren.

Francis J. Heppner ’46, Sept. 28, 2014, in Orange Park, Fla., at 89. He was a U.S. Army veteran who served in D-Day and the Battle of the Bulge, earning the Purple Heart. He completed his bachelor’s at Harvard, earned a master’s at Georgetown, and had a 39-year career as an archivist at the National Archives. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Jeanne, two daughters, four grandchildren, a great-granddaughter, and brother George Heppner ’45.

Robert E. Anderson ’47, Feb. 1, 2015, in Rockland, Maine, at 95. He was a U.S. Army captain in the South Pacific during WWII, receiving two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star. He had a career with Central Maine Power, Sylvania Electric Canada, and Lighting Products Division of Canada. He returned to Maine as national sales manager for Knox Felt in Camden and was a member of several organizations including the Maine Genealogy Society and Winslow VFW. Predeceased by his wife of 69 years, Phyllis, and a son, he is survived by a son and three grandchildren.

Ronald E. Coo ’47, Dec. 27, 2014, in Hamden, Conn., at 92. He served as a combat medic in Europe during WWII, receiving a Purple Heart and a Silver Star. He later wrote Looking Back: Memoirs of a World War II Combat Medic to remind people that those at war are all human beings. He earned his medical degree at Tufts and for more than 50 years had a practice in Hamden, Conn., where he was known as an excellent diagnostician. Predeceased by his wife of 69 years, Eleanor, he is survived by a daughter, a grandson, and four step-grandchildren.

Shirley Lloyd Thorne ’47, Oct. 17, 2014, in Chestnut Hill, Mass., at 88. She earned a master’s from Columbia and a certificate of advanced studies at Harvard. She taught social studies before becoming a guidance counselor at the Edward Devotion School in Brookline, Mass., retiring in the early ’90s. After retirement she was involved with the Committee to End Elder Homelessness in Boston and the Boston Ballet’s program for third-grade children. Predeceased by her husband, Richard Thorne ’48, she is survived by three nieces.

Miriam Marsh Barteaux ’47, Oct. 13, 2014, in Portland, Maine, at 89. An exuberant woman with many interests, she lived in Virginia, Germany, and Maine and had a number of jobs including elementary school teacher, audiovisual librarian, principal, and special needs aide. After moving back to Maine in 1979, she volunteered at Norlands Living History Center, the Barron Center, and Guiding Eyes for the Blind. She enjoyed traveling, crocheting, and gardening. She was predeceased by her mother, Alberta Shepard Marsh, Class of 1918, and is survived by three daughters, one son, two grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Phyllis Ruth Lombard Richardson '48, Oct. 2, 2014, in St. Louis, Mo., at 87. A longtime resident of Caribou, Maine, she raised three natural children and more than 40 foster children with her husband. Later in life she had a 32-year career as a middle school teacher, receiving two awards for meritorious service at Caribou Middle School. She loved animals, classic Western films, and reading. She was predeceased by her husband of 56 years, David.

Tema Kaplan Cushner '49, March 14, 2013, in Brookline, Mass., at 85. She was a counselor at the New Perspectives School in Brookline and volunteered with the Women's American Organization for Rehabilitation through Training, the League School of Boston, and the Women's Lunch Place. Predeceased by her husband, Leonard, and her mother, Betty “Bessie” Levine Kaplan '24, she is survived by two sons including Stuart Cushner '75 and four grandchildren including Max Cushner '14.

Robert I. Latham '49, Dec. 12, 2014, in Danvers, Mass., at 90. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and had a career selling real estate and insurance in the North Shore, Mass., area. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Patricia Lydon Latham '49, two daughters, a son, and five grandchildren.

Hilda Farnum Nicoll '49, Dec. 6, 2014, in Portland, Maine, at 87. She spent most of her first 13 years in Japan, where her father was a missionary. A volunteer, activist, and advocate for a more peaceful world, she taught in nursery schools and church schools, served as a volunteer hospital clerk, and was a board member and volunteer for the Japan-America Society of Maine and the Maine-Aomori Sister-State program. She was known for her culinary skills, inventiveness, and joie de vivre. Predeceased by her parents, Martin '23 and Melva Mann Farnum '23, she is survived by her husband of 65 years, Donald Nicoll '49, two daughters, two sons, and seven grandchildren.

Harold J. Thompson '49, Jan. 28, 2015, in Attleboro, Mass., at 89. He served in the Army Air Forces during WWII. After earning his M.D. at Tufts, he practiced urology at Sturdy Memorial Hospital. He enjoyed dancing, nature walks, playing the violin, and gardening. He is survived by his wife, Elaine, four daughters, two sons, 12 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Irvin E. Hamlin '50, Jan. 9, 2015, in Howland, Maine, at 91. He was an Army Air Corps medic in the South Pacific during WWII. He earned his M.D. from Tufts and established a practice in East Millinocket, Maine, serving the region for nearly 50 years. An avid fisherman and hunter, he also enjoyed harness racing, and in his more active years he belonged to numerous organizations including the Masons and the Maine Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association. Predeceased by his wife of 52 years, Ann, and a son, he is survived by two sons and a daughter.

Jay B. Hinson '50, Oct. 10, 2014, in Ellsworth, Maine, at 91. Prior to Colby he served in the Aleutian Islands during WWII. He had a career in journalism and in 1958 purchased the Calais Advertiser, where he was publisher-editor for more than 25 years. He started commercial printing business the Calais Press. A resident of Maine's Washington County for more than 60 years, he enjoyed photography, nature, and boating. He is survived by his wife, Karen, four children, two stepchildren, nine grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Sybil Green Reichek '50, Dec. 22, 2014, in Boynton Beach, Fla., at 85. A longtime New Jersey resident, she taught high school English and Latin. She married and had two daughters and a son.

Bernard D. Alderman '51, Dec. 25, 2014, in Madison, Wis., at 86. A 28-year resident of Framingham, Mass., he dedicated his life to serving others. He served as a Baptist pastor, a supervisor at Mystic Valley Elder Services, and director of the Center Club of Boston, where he worked for 19 years. In his retirement he volunteered with the elderly and as a teacher of English as a second language. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Jean, a son, and two grandchildren.

Ralph E. “Bill” Bailey Jr. '51, Dec. 31, 2014, in Wellesley, Mass., at 86. A longtime resident of Wellesley, he was a vice president at Huenneman, served as Wellesley town assessor, and was a member of the Wellesley Masonic Lodge. He played ice hockey throughout his life and was a college hockey and Bruins fan. He is survived by a daughter, two sons, and a granddaughter.

Bruce Carswell '51, Oct. 13, 2014, in Naples, Fla., at 84. He earned a degree at Cornell Law School and was senior vice president of human resources and administration for GTE Corp., now Verizon. He received numerous awards and honors for his professional accomplishments. He is survived by his wife, Cathy, two sons including Douglas Carswell '82, one daughter, one stepson, four grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Kenneth N. Hart '51, Dec. 24, 2014, in Providence, R.I., at 84. He served with the Marines during the Korean War. After graduating first in his class from Boston University Law School, he worked for the U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, before joining New York firm Donovan, Leisure, Newton & Irvine, where he became a managing partner. He was a Colby overseer and a fellow with the American College of Trial Lawyers. A 37-year resident of Pound Ridge, N.Y., he retired to Wakefield, R.I. Predeceased by his wife, Carol Hourula Hart '54, he is survived by six daughters including Stephanie Hart-Nowell '85, two sons including Lowell Hart '84, 14 grandchildren, and sister Barbara Hart Shanahan '49.

Kershaw E. “Kirk” Powell '51, Dec. 23, 2014, in Nashua, N.H., at 85. He earned his D.M.D. at Tufts, served in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps, and practiced dentistry for 44 years in his native Waterville. A passionate Colby supporter and athletics fan, he served for six years on the Board of Trustees and received a Colby Brick and C Club Man of the Year honors. He was a physical fitness enthusiast and avid reader. Predeceased by his first wife, Jane "Jill," he is survived by his wife, Kathleen, two daughters, a son, three stepsons including James Zadrozny '95 and Jonathan Zadrozny '00, two stepdaughters, and 19 grandchildren including Catherine Powell '15.

Edward D. Whitney '51, Dec. 29, 2014, in Yarmouth Port, Mass., at 85. He had a 34-year career as a manager with the William Carter Company in Needham, Mass., where he lived for many years before retiring to Cape Cod. Passionate about music and dancing, he played the drums and piano. He also enjoyed tennis, golf, and following the Red Sox and Patriots. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mary Fran Warner Whitney '53, three daughters, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

John T. Carey '52, Dec. 14, 2014, in Wayland, Mass., at 84. He was a manager with H.A. Johnson Co. in Brighton, Mass. An avid Boston sports fan, he played semipro baseball in Nova Scotia and enjoyed traveling and spending time with family and friends. He is survived by two nieces, two nephews, and eight grandnieces and nephews.

Arnold M. “Jesse” James Jr. '52, Dec. 18, 2014, in Lamoine, Maine, at 84. He did graduate work at MIT, served in the U.S. Air Force, including in Korea, and had a career as a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Boston, retiring in 1985. He enjoyed tinkering in his garage, reading Stephen King and Robert Parker '53 books, and
watching historical documentaries. Predeceased by his wife, Rosemarie, he is survived by four daughters, four grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

Joan Rooney Barns ’53, Jan. 24, 2015, in Scarborough, Maine, at 83. A 30-year resident of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, she was active in the Junior League of Portland and sang soprano in the Portland Symphonic Choir. She earned her master’s from the University of Maine and was one of the first teachers in the Portland area to introduce programs for children with learning disabilities. She enjoyed traveling, reading, writing, and tennis. Predeceased by her husband of 40 years, Charles Barnes II ’54, whom she married at Lorimer Chapel, she is survived by two sons including Peter Barnes ’82, a daughter, and four grandchildren.

Francis A. “Frank” Piacentini ’53, Dec. 10, 2014, in Lawrenceville, Ga., at 84. He served in the army and had a 35-year career as a sales manager for C.F. Hathaway, where his focus on men’s fashion inspired his dapper attire. He lived in the Atlanta area and enjoyed golfing and tennis. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jeannine, two sons, three daughters, 13 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Raymond J. Billington ’54, Jan. 26, 2015, in Somerset, Mass., at 87. He served in the Navy during WWII, was a longtime claims supervisor with Liberty Mutual, and served Somerset, Mass., for 20 years on the school committee and as a selectman. A sports enthusiast, he received the Milt Kelley Award for 40 years of service to football officiating and was founder of the Southeastern Massachusetts Baseball Umpires Association. Predeceased by son Gregory Billington ’78, he is survived by wife Priscilla Eaton Billington ’53, daughter Dianne Billington Stronach ’75, a son, and four grandchildren including Kaitlyn Billington ’11 and Jonathan Stronach ’15.

Elma Parker Canfield ’54, Oct. 17, 2014, in Middletown, Conn., at 82. She worked for Aetna and spent her retirement years in Englewood, Fla., and Old Lyme, Conn. She was an avid bridge player and a loving grandmother. Predeceased by a son, she is survived by her husband of 59 years, Kenneth, a daughter, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.


Richard E. Nickerson ’54, Sept. 15, 2014, in Medfield, Mass., at 82. He earned his D.M.D. from Tufts and practiced dentistry in Medfield, Mass., for 50 years, retiring in 2011. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Alexandra Johnson Nickerson ’57; seven children including Kimberly Nickerson Potember ’79, Kathryn Nickerson Russell ’84, Matthew Nickerson ’85, and Kristen Nickerson Harmon ’90; 17 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and brother Peter Nickerson ’57.

Niels C. Raiha ’54, Dec. 18, 2013, in Malmo, Sweden, at 82. He was a prominent pediatric researcher in Sweden. He is survived by his son, Jan E. Raiha ’79.

Janet Killheffer Dalonzo ’55, July 15, 2014, in Cherry Hill, N.J., at 81. Predeceased by her husband, Robert, she is survived by two daughters, a son, and a granddaughter.

John W. “Jack” Deering ’55, Jan. 11, 2015, in Portland, Maine, at 85. He joined the Maine National Guard while at Colby and served in Tripoli, North Africa, during the Korean War. A master at networking and connecting people, he had an investment career, forming Barker Deering Associates in Portland. He was an advocate of Maine’s lakes and mountains, and he remained a loyal Colby supporter throughout his life. He is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Ann Burnham Deering ’55, son Richard B. Deering ’86, two daughters including Janet Deering Bruen ’79, and four granddaughters.

Phillip M. Kilmister ’55, Jan. 29, 2015, in St. Augustine, Fla., at 81. After serving in the U.S. Navy, he earned his law degree at the University of Maine. Aside from a brief period of private practice, he worked in the Maine attorney general’s office until his retirement in 1992. An admirer of Thoreau and a Cleveland Indians fan, he enjoyed golf, fishing, and visiting the Maine coast. Predeceased by his brother, Paul Kilmister ’51, he is survived by his wife, Madeline, three stepchildren, and four step-grandchildren.

Carolyn Bishop LaChance ’55, Oct. 30, 2014, in Portland, Maine, at 81. A proud resident of Old Orchard Beach, Maine, she was civic-minded and enjoyed working at the polls during elections. She converted to Catholicism as an adult and taught religious education. She also loved to travel. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Arthur, four sons, three daughters, 21 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Robert L. Schultz ’55, Dec. 10, 2007, in Pelham, N.Y., at 76. He was in the Air Force, stationed in Panama City, Fla., prior to moving to Pelham, N.Y., where he worked for a market research firm in Manhattan. He eventually opened his own firm. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Xandra McCurdy Schultz ’55, whom he married in Lorimer Chapel three days before commencement. He is also survived by two daughters, a son, and five grandchildren.

David C. Sorter ’56, Jan. 3, 2015, in Sherborn, Mass., at 79. He served in the U.S. Navy, had a career as an oral maxillofacial surgeon, and founded the award-winning Sherborn Inn. A prolific Colby volunteer, he served as class president, was an internship sponsor and C Club member, and received a Colby Brick. He is survived by his wife, Rosemary Crouthamel Sortor ’56, son John D. Sorter ’81, and two daughters.

Kenneth W. Swanson ’56, Jan. 27, 2014, in West Hartford, Conn., at 79. He earned his degree at Trinity College and served in the Air Force as a first lieutenant navigator. He cofounded Swanson Tool Manufacturing and was an active leader in many church, business, and community organizations. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Ann Louise, three children, and eight grandchildren.

Shirley Transue Cram ’57, Dec. 27, 2014, in Simsbury, Conn., at 79. She had a career as a math tutor for the Avon (Conn.) school system. She loved music, bridge, crafts, and traveling. Predeceased by her husband, Earle, she is survived by a son, two daughters, and eight grandchildren.

Marietta Eva Roberts French ’57, Oct. 7, 2014, in Englewood, N.J., at 79. A longtime resident of South Portland, Maine, she was active in the community, including with the Portland Players. She loved reading, crossword puzzles, kazoos, and living room concerts with friends and family. An accomplished painter, she had exhibitions in New Jersey and Maine. At Colby, her sweetheart, Peter French ’55, proposed to her on the Miller Library steps; though they broke off their engagement, they later reconnected, marrying in 2002. She is survived by Peter, five daughters, two AnthonyPrew ’56, April 20, 2014, in Boca Raton, Fla., at 79. A longtime resident of Michigan, he completed his bachelor’s at Hillsdale College. He is survived by his wife, Matilda.
sons, 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Marjorie Lynn Holland ’57, Sept. 25, 2014, in Worcester, Mass., at 79. After completing her bachelor’s at Columbia, she moved to the Boston area and was a longtime resident of Lincoln, Mass. She worked as an administrative assistant for several Boston law firms and was a dedicated volunteer for Doctors Without Borders and her church. She enjoyed camping on the Maine coast, traveling, and singing. Predeceased by two sons and brother David Lynn Jr. ’52, she is survived by two sons and four grandchildren.

Marilyn C. Clark ’58, Jan. 6, 2015, in Damariscotta, Maine, at 79. A 45-year resident of Gray, Maine, she worked at the Gray News and was a founding member of Windham Assembly of God and Windham Christian Academy, where she was a teacher. She and her husband spent 40 years restoring their 200-year-old home. She enjoyed art, quilt making, baking, and organic gardening. Despite deteriorating health due to OPCA, she inspired others with her laughter and grace. Predeceased by her husband, Donald, she is survived by her sister, Adora Clark Hill ’65, two sons, a daughter, 13 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Harry J. Whitaker ’58, Sept. 14, 2014, in Massachusetts, at 79. A longtime resident of Newton, Mass., he had a 35-year career with Filene’s Basement, retiring in 1994. Following five years in Las Vegas, he and his wife returned to Massachusetts in 1999. He is survived by his wife, Joan Shaw Whitaker ’58, daughter Mary Beth Whitaker McIntyre ’82, and two grandchildren.

Donald S. Freeman ’59, Dec. 18, 2014, in Scarborough, Maine, at 84. He earned an M.B.A. at Cornell and served in the U.S. Army. He had a career in advertising and merchandising, serving as a buyer at Sterns Department Store in Waterville. He found joy in music, literature, and his family. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Harriet, two sons, a daughter, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Roland C. “Roly” Price ’59, Nov. 11, 2014, in Langdon, N.H., at 83. He served four years in the Navy and worked as a math teacher in Maine before becoming a commercial pilot for TWA and Executive Airlines in Boston. He also owned and operated Prime Realty in Langdon, N.H., and enjoyed gardening, sugaring, and photography. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Barbara, four daughters, nine grandchildren, and sister Joanne Price Rockett ’60.

Albert T. Raedle ’59, Nov. 19, 2014, in New York, N.Y., at 77. He earned his bachelor’s at Columbia. He was a teacher, selectman, author, and artist who hitchhiked across the country in his youth, amassing experiences that would later inspire his writing, drawing, and painting. A 50-year resident of Vienna, Maine, he encouraged everyone he met to pursue their dreams. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn, one daughter, and three sons.

Paul E. Reichert ’59, Dec. 12, 2014, in Westmoreland, N.H., at 78. He was a claims manager with Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance for 20 years and later worked as an auctioneer. He is survived by his wife, Elaine Healey Reichert ’62, and four sons.

David A. Tamaccio ’59, Aug. 29, 2014, in Melbourne, Fla., at 80. A U.S. Army veteran, he worked for United Airlines as an airport operations manager for 38 years. He volunteered at his church and with organizations including Daily Bread and Meals on Wheels. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Barbara, a daughter, a son, and five grandchildren.

Latchezar “Lucky” Christov ’60, Jan. 16, 2015, at 77. Born in Bulgaria, he and his family fled to the United States in 1949, and he became a U.S. citizen at age 19. He discovered a passion for investment banking and pursued a successful career with several banks in Los Angeles. In 1994 he was appointed honorary consul general for the Republic of Bulgaria, and he served on the board of American University in Bulgaria. He had a lively sense of humor and a gentle nature. He is survived by his wife, Lauranne, a son, a daughter, and two grandsons.

Janet Grout Williams ’60, Nov. 6, 2014, in Franconia, N.H., at 76. She earned her master’s at NYU and spent most of her career as a field biologist, teaching at Swarthmore College and traveling worldwide with her husband to conduct research on bats and birds. Her experiences with the Colby Outing Club inspired a lifelong love of the outdoors, and singing with the Colby concert choir led her to participate in numerous singing groups. She is survived by her husband, Timothy, brother G. MacDonald “Don” Grout ’54, two sons, and three grandchildren.

Richard A. Simkins ’62, Oct. 14, 2014, in Byfield, Mass., at 73. Energetic and creative, he purchased the Grog restaurant and bar in Newburyport, Mass., in 1971, and spent 43 years at its helm. He also created Newbury Perennial Gardens and Nursery, a destination for gardening enthusiasts. Predeceased by his wife, Patricia, he is survived by a daughter.

Molly Giddings Bumsted ’63, Jan. 16, 2015, in Saco, Maine, at 73. At Colby, she majored in sociology and was a member of Chi Omega. She is survived by her husband, Daniel Bumsted ’62.

Ralph E. Jensen ’63, Sept. 10, 2014, in Houston, Texas, at 74. He was president of Merchants Savings Bank in Manchester, N.H., and served as board chair of the city’s Elliot Hospital and Derryfield School. Described as “steady, well respected, respectful, quiet, unpretentious, and self-confident,” he was the 1986 Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, a daughter, a son, and a grandson.

James P. Johnson ’63, Dec. 12, 2014, in Agoura Hills, Calif., at 76. He served six years in the Marine Corps, including 13 months as a fighter pilot and artillery unit officer in Vietnam. After earning his law degree from Loyola Marymount, he practiced law in California for 40 years, specializing in aviation litigation. He is survived by his wife, Joy, a daughter, a stepdaughter, and four grandchildren.

Dale C. Jewell ’65, Dec. 3, 2014, in Santa Rosa Beach, Fla., at 71. He had a career in the apparel industry, serving in leadership positions at C.F. Hathaway Company, including as president of Chaps by Ralph Lauren. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Rubye, a daughter, and two grandchildren.

Geoffrey T. Robbins ’65, Jan. 13, 2015, in Gorham, Maine, at 71. He earned his master’s at Yale Divinity School and served churches including the Church of the Good Shepherd in Rangeley, Maine, and St. Mark’s and St. Barnabas in Augusta, Maine. A volunteer for the Red Cross, he enjoyed working with his hands and cooking. He is survived by his wife, Marci, two sons, a daughter, and five grandchildren.

Martha Jeanne Hunt Laberge ’66, Oct. 12, 2014, in Chesapeake, Va., at 69. She was a dedicated homemaker, was active in her church, and volunteered helping the elderly. Predeceased by her husband, Robert, she is survived by two sons and four grandchildren.

Elizabeth A. Frey ’67, Sept. 23, 2014, in Seattle, Wash., at 69. She was a project manager for a software development company.

Nancy Campbell ’70, Dec. 23, 2014, in Scottsdale, Ariz., at 65. She had a career in editing and communications, most recently as a freelance editor for international medical doctors preparing their research papers for English-language publications worldwide. She enjoyed jewelry making, creative writing, painting, and animals, and she had a penchant for color and design. She is survived by her mother, brother, dog, and two cats.

James O. Brace ’74, Jan. 1, 2015, in Pittsburgh, Pa., at 63. He spent...
Francis B. Coughlan ’80, Aug. 8, 2014, in Apalachicola, Fla., at 56. He attended the Culinary Institute of America, where he was awarded the Wine Medal. He opened and managed many restaurants in New York City, Atlanta, New Mexico, and most recently, Apalachicola, Fla. A nature and animal lover, he enjoyed hiking and taking his dogs to the beach. Predeceased by his wife, Sheila, he is survived by stepchildren, step-grandchildren, two nieces, and a nephew.

Jane E. Dibden ’80, Jan. 5, 2015, in Perryton, Texas, at 56. She earned her master’s at Oral Roberts University School of Theology and had a career as a United Methodist minister, most recently in Gate and Forgan, Okla. She is survived by four daughters and a son.

Edward S. Rowland Jr. ’81, Oct. 18, 2014, in Osterville, Mass., at 55. He worked at American Express for 21 years, most recently in global business travel. Passionate about sailing, he was a member of the Cruising Club of America’s Boston station, served on the Newport-Bermuda Race Organizing Committee, and participated in three transatlantic crossings. He also enjoyed music, skiing, reading, crossword puzzles, and spending time at his Vermont family farm. A devoted family man, he is survived by his wife, Peggy, a son, and a daughter.

Eric D. Lund ’85, Dec. 31, 2014, in Gloucester, Va., at 51. He earned his master’s at the University of Maine and doctorate at the University of Maryland. A research associate at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science for more than 10 years, he spent the past five years teaching chemistry and ecology at the Chesapeake Bay Governor’s School. He possessed encyclopedic knowledge of fish, birds, and ecology, and he was a master fly-fisherman who enjoyed tying his own flies in decorative patterns. He is survived by his parents and a brother.

Joshua J. Slavitt ’85, Nov. 3, 2014, in Norwalk, Conn., at 51. He was a senior policy analyst at John Dunham and Associates and president of Intelligent Management Inc. Predeceased by his father, Robert Slavitt ’49, he is survived by his wife, Kelly, a son, and a daughter.

Jonathan B. Nash ’89, Feb. 13, 2015, in Duxbury, Mass., at 49. After earning his M.B.A. at Babson, he worked as SVP of sales and marketing at ChildLife and was honored at the White House for his success in turning the company around. He cofounded Copley Fine Art Auctions and most recently served as director of business development for NewStreamH2O. Committed to environmental sustainability and stewardship, he served in leadership capacities for the Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences and Sailors’ Snug Harbor of Boston. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, cooking, and cross-country and alpine skiing. He is survived by two daughters, their mother, and beloved friend Sarah McBride.

Bayard W. “Chip” Kennett II ’03, Jan. 17, 2015, in Alexandria, Va., at 34. He was a legislative staffer for N.H. senators Gregg and Sununu and a military affairs staffer and director of appropriations for Senator Collins of Maine. He was later senior manager for government affairs at Raytheon. An advocate for cancer research, he testified on Capitol Hill about the need for funding and worked with organizations such as LUNGevity Foundation and Friends of Cancer Research. A soccer dad and golfer, he inspired those around him by embracing life fully both before and after his cancer diagnosis. He is survived by his wife, Sheila, a son, a daughter, and parents Theresa and Bayard W. Kennett ’66.

Maxwell F. Brown ’06, September 2014, in Brooklyn, N.Y., at 31. A music major and woodsmen’s team member at Colby, he was passionate, creative, and kind. He is survived by his parents.

Former senior teaching associate in biology Tim Christensen, Jan. 6, 2015, in Eagle, Idaho, at 64. He worked in Colby’s Biology Department from 1985 to 2013, teaching labs in horticulture, environmental science, ecology, and biodiversity, and he was renowned as an organic farmer. A mentor to generations of students, he shared his knowledge in classrooms and labs as well as at his Green Earth Gardens farm. He is survived by his four children.

Former squash coach John R. Iilig, Aug. 3, 2014, in Lincoln, Vt., at 50. He began his 23-year coaching career at Colby, where he coached squash from 1991 to 1996. He also coached at Bates and Middlebury. One of squash’s winningest coaches, he was a leader in establishing standards for gender equality in competitions. He enjoyed tennis, reading, writing, and hiking. He is survived by his wife, Lolly Otis, two stepchildren, and a step-granddaughter.

Richard J. McGee, Feb. 26, 2015, in Fairfield, Maine, at 84. He was head football coach from 1967 to 1978 and athletic director from 1974 to 1987, after which he was an assistant coach and professor of physical education until his retirement in 1998. His 1972 team’s 7-1 record remains tied (with the 2000 record) as the best in Colby football history. He was honored as 1992 Colby C Club Man of the Year and received the Carl E. Nelson Sports Achievement Award in 2007. He was a founder of the Fairfield P.A.L. football league and served as director of the league for 54 years. The Richard McGee Athletic Fields in Fairfield are named in his honor. Predeceased by his wife, Shirley, he is survived by four children including Michael McGee ’82.
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My favorite film of late was Jem Cohen’s Museum Hours—it had a short run at Railroad Square Cinema. Cohen is a particularly prolific artist who works in different cinema formats (Super 8 and 16 mm film as well as digital video). Museum Hours is a narrative film, but Cohen explores multiple forms of cinema: experimental, documentary, films to be accompanied by live musical performance, museum installations, etc. I’ve been tracking down and watching whatever I can get my hands on. I’m hoping to bring him up to Colby sometime soon.

I’ve also been rewatching the films of Chris Marker, often considered the master of the essay film. In Sans Soleil, A Grin without a Cat, Le Joli Mai, and The Last Bolshevik you encounter ideas (and ideas about the cinema) filtered through the perspective of an extraordinary filmmaker.

In a multiweek fit of madness, I binge-watched all of Breaking Bad. The experience reminded me why I don’t watch television.
First Person

It was early morning on the Tabaski holiday in Senegal, where I recently taught first grade at the International School of Dakar. At the home of Almamy Badiane, his sisters and sisters-in-law made preparations for a feast that would last all day and into the night. Venturing into the outdoor kitchen with my dusty Holga medium-format camera, I was not unwelcome, but I knew my place as a guest was beside the host. My own plastic chair was waiting. The result was this image, which appears in a new book of short stories set in West Africa, *Everything Is Insha’Allah*, by Bradford Philen.

—Noah Balazs ’06
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