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FEEDBACK



Kudos, Out of the Blue

Just a line, out of the blue, to congratulate you for the great job you do with the magazine and the website. They are neat, crisp, and inviting. The writing, design, graphics, and photographs are excellent, and they all have a wholesome, feel-good quality that enhances our joy of being part of the Colby community.

Marcelo Castro P'14, '19
Darien, Conn.

I have always enjoyed the *Colby Magazine*. However, I must say that this recent issue is one of the finest ever! Not only are the articles so interesting, but it certainly gives an insight into the great opportunities that Colby students have today.

Christine Henderson Harper '54
Unionville, Ont.

Political Balance

In his condescending letter under FEEDBACK (*Colby Magazine* Fall/Winter 2015/2016) Peter Grabosky '66 refers to a number of honorary degree recipients with conservative credentials over many years. That was indicative of a diversified balance over many years, and not one of

the mentioned honorees—even William F. Buckley, the founder of conservatism on the campus of Yale University—represented (sarcasm noted) an extreme radical agenda on either political persuasion.

David Axelrod followed by Robert Redford, two extremist liberals in a row, represent a serious departure from political balance or diversity.

As is well documented, anyone disagreeing with a liberal-leftist faces an implication of fascist, racist inclinations.

Rush Oster '61
Brandenton, Fla.

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FROM FACEBOOK

Daniel Connolly '92: During a particular class titled The American Presidency, Professor Mackenzie challenged us to review the weekly news items that the current president would face questions on. The assignment was to prepare for the next class as if we were a member of the press, armed with questions to ask the sitting president.

We all figured we would have to hand them in or simply offer them up for a classroom discussion. We were wrong. At the next class Cal Mackenzie stood before us and assumed the role of the POTUS in an actual presser. The formality with which he comported himself let all of us know this was not a casual drill. We all had to compete to ask our questions on the major issues of the day such as Operation Desert Storm, the fracturing of the Soviet Union and the recent Rodney King beating. He took question after question offering cogent answers without

hesitation or evasion—looking every bit presidential.

Then he got hit a moon ball when he was asked about his general thoughts on the Confederate flag. There was no good answer and no ledge to get a solid grasp on. It was a priceless moment where he blinked—and blinked again—and we all thought he might break character. And then, almost like the pause was for affect, he delivered a precise and balanced answer that offended nobody but also gave neither side victory. It was a perfect politician's answer and he nailed the entire role play—offering us all the benefit of seeing how the pros do it.

Professor Mackenzie, how about show us how the pros do it again? Role play your way for U.S. President this year and bail us all out? #Cal2016



On George Mitchell's Mitchell Lecture

Maura Cassidy '84: "If ever there were a trip back to Waterville warranted, this would be it."

On Boston Globe story about Colby's involvement in downtown revitalization

Stephen Cary: "Great article & even better news. Looks like President Greene has a working plan. The trick will be not only creating spaces students want to linger longer than a pizza and beer, but creating new gigs that make students stay & turn diplomas into jobs."

Bruce Edson McLean '69: "So proud of Colby."



On Morning Sentinel story about downtown revitalization

Christine Collopy Kendall '02: "I am so proud to be a Colby alum when I hear about this work. Creating a vibrant Waterville community is in everyone's interest."

Ligia Campana '77: "I applaud you President Greene! A town needs to be as vibrant as the college located in it."

On the #ColbyJanPlan 2016 Video

Maddy Renzetti '14: "Religious Responses to Harry Potter with Marilyn R. Pukkila was hands down the best Jan Plan class that I took. Who could turn down a month of reading my favorite book series, discussing world religions, and consuming copious amounts of hot fudge?"

Alan Yuodsnukis '91: "Independent study with Prof. Phyllis Rogers on Anglo-American Indian History of the Southwest. I'm really quite sad that both of my daughters went to schools that didn't offer a January term."

Liz Johnson-Suenaga '76: "Bookbinding, Drawing, and a month spent at the Sabbathday Lake Shaker community."

On crickets being the food of the future (Coalo Valley Farms: cricket farm founded by Elliot Mermet '12, Peter Markoe '13, Lucas Haralson '14, and Sophie Hamblett '14)

Dennis Delehanty '74: "Not me. I would rather starve."

Christian Melby '81: "I'm never, ever eating crickets."

Mary Gauvin: "Cricket protein bars taste like any other protein bar."

On the video of sledding on chapel hill

Alan Yuodsnukis '91: "Who put the pads in front of the light poles? Took away half the thrill/danger element. Mules of a certain age must have been made of sterner stuff. ;-)"



Jonathan Weiss, NEH/Class of 1940 Distinguished Professor of French, emeritus, and his wife, Dace, assistant professor of French, emerita, photographed in New York City for the website Humans of New York, April 3, 2016, and shared on Facebook.

Ryan Brandt '16: "I studied abroad with them my freshman year of college! Some of the nicest and most patient people you'll ever meet."

Polly Bell Alden P'16, '18: "I know the Weisses! Taught both of my children in Dijon. Super grateful to them."

Cassandra Cote Grantham '04: "Professor Jonathan Weiss!! Sending xxxooooos to you both!!"

Sara Pipernos '19: "This is my French professor when I studied abroad! He and his wife are some of the nicest, most humble, most accomplished people I've ever met. I'm so excited to see them up here!!"