On the Cover: Biology majors Kevin Linkroum (l) and Elizabeth Morel are seen finishing an experiment for a laboratory course. Both students will graduate in 2003. Kevin, of Nashua, N.H., plans to pursue an advanced degree in chemistry and eventually wants to work in forensics because he “would like to solve puzzles, like those which occur at a crime scene.” Elizabeth, of Charlton, Mass., wants to attend Tufts Veterinary School so she can “give back to animals because they give so much to us.” PHOTO: KATIE DOW ’90

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Professor Freeberg Earns Top History Award for First Book

A ssociate Humanities Professor Ernest “Ernie” Freeberg has received the American Historical Association’s (AHA) John H. Dunning Prize for his first book, *The Education of Laura Bridgman: First Deaf and Blind Person to Learn Language* [Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2001]. The book chronicles the education of 19th-century Hanover, N.H., native Laura Bridgman in the context of the religious, philosophical, and social controversies of her time. The Dunning Prize, awarded biennially to a young scholar for distinguished work in U.S. history, was presented to Dr. Freeberg at the association’s 116th annual meeting on January 4 in San Francisco.

AHA President-Elect Lynn Hunt of the University of California/Los Angeles described Freeberg’s book as “a beautifully crafted narrative” about the relationship between Bridgman and her teacher, Samuel Gridley Howe. Founder of the Perkins Institute for the Blind in Boston, Howe was a social reformer and liberal Unitarian who saw in the deaf and blind child an opportunity to demonstrate his belief that an “enlightened” education could transform the human mind and soul. This idea rankled Howe’s orthodox Christian contemporaries, who believed that only God possesses the power to redeem humanity from its inherent evil. Freeberg’s keen interest in the evolution of human conscience led him to revive the story of Bridgman, who had faded into obscurity as the accomplishments of a younger, similarly afflicted woman named Helen Keller overshadowed her own.

“ Howe thought he had complete control over Laura, and he was deeply disappointed with how she turned out. She suffered as a result of failing to become the person he wanted her to

Students enrolled in Colby-Sawyer College’s newest major, Community and Environmental Studies (CES), will gain professional experience in their field this summer as they work with three area environmental organizations. The Upper Valley Community Foundation, through a $4,500 grant from its Wellborn Ecology Fund, will support three student internships to be served with the Friends of the John Hay National Wildlife Refuge, the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust, and the Lake Sunapee Protective Association.

John Callewaert, director of the Institute for Community and Environment at Colby-Sawyer, views these internships as an integral part of students’ overall educational experience.

“A fundamental emphasis of the Community and Environmental Studies (CES) academic major is to closely link students and their work to the local community. When our students have a chance to interact directly with the individuals and organizations in the local area, they develop an important understanding of the factors which go into making responsible environmental decisions,” Callewaert said.
be, but in the end, she became her own self,” said Freeberg. “For me, the lesson of the book is that there’s an element of human nature that can jump the track we set for it, and that’s a good thing, because that’s where human freedom resides.”


London Family Establishes Faculty Chair in Honor of Father, Beloved Professor

Through a generous gift from the London family, the college will establish the M. Roy London Endowed Chair for a faculty member who exemplifies excellence in teaching and community service. The endowment, established by Roy and Jean London in recognition of their father, honors educator M. Roy London (1890 to 1974), a respected faculty member and New London community leader.

“M. Roy London was a beloved person at the college and in the New London area, known for his compassion, wisdom, and dedication to community service,” said President Anne Ponder. “An endowed chair in his name provides a wonderful, enduring way to honor Professor London and perpetuate the values he embodied.”

The M. Roy London Endowed Chair will be granted to Colby-Sawyer faculty members who demonstrate excellence in teaching and exert a positive influence on the campus and in the wider community. A faculty member affiliated with the Community and Environmental Studies program will first occupy the chair in keeping with the benefactors’ belief that the program aptly reflects Professor London’s strong community spirit.

Brendan Carney ’02 Named Academic All-American

Senior Brendan Carney of Hanover, N.H., was named to the 2002 Verizon National Academic All-America College Division III Men’s Basketball Second Team. Carney is the college’s sixth Academic All-America selection (national and regional) in the last eight years.

Brendan, who had one of the highest grade point averages at the college, is an Exercise and Sport Sciences major with a concentration in Sport Management. A member of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society, he received the junior and senior class awards for the highest GPA in his class. He has served as the president and vice president of the Exercise and Sport Sciences Majors Club, and has been an academic tutor, residential advisor, and a student representative on the faculty search committee. Brendan is an All-American Scholar who has been listed in Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

A two-time member of the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) Academic All-Conference Team, Brendan was named this year’s CCC Men’s Basketball Senior Scholar-Athlete. For the last two years, he has been a starting guard for a team that won back-to-back conference titles and made the program’s first two appearances in the NCAA Division III Tournament.

The London family, including Roy London Jr. and his wife, Eleanor, of Westwood, Mass., and Jean London and Margaret “Peg” Cawley of Concord, N.H., established the endowed faculty chair to serve as a living legacy to a man who dedicated his life to education and community service.

M. Roy London taught for nearly a half century, 33 years of which he spent at Colby Academy (1915 to 1918) and Colby Junior College (1928 to 1958). For most of his career, he served as chairman of the college’s Secretarial Science Department and the Academic Committee, and acted as an unofficial dean of students.

When asked about his father’s distinguished record of community service, Roy London Jr. said, “I believe the great people of this country are not in Washington, D.C., or in Hollywood, or on the football field. The truly great people are those who love their communities.”
Alumna’s Generous Spirit Lives On

The late Genevieve “Gen” Millar ’32, bequeathed over $900,000 in endowed scholarship funds to benefit Colby-Sawyer students. Gen, a New London resident who died at age 88 on January 16, 2001, was close to the college throughout her adult life, serving as an employee, trustee, and as an active and influential alumna.

Gen Millar’s dedication to Colby-Sawyer College began when she was a student here and grew ever stronger over the course of her life. “Whether she was working in admissions or raising funds for new programs, buildings, and scholarships, Gen worked tirelessly to ensure Colby-Sawyer’s academic and financial vitality,” said President Anne Ponder. “Through her extremely generous bequest, Gen wished to give future generations of students the kind of educational opportunities that deeply enriched her own life.”

Gen earned an associate’s degree from Colby Junior College in 1932. A year later, then President H. Leslie Sawyer invited her to serve her alma mater as field secretary for admissions and later as director of the Alumnae Fund, positions she maintained until 1955. She initiated several new programs such as the Foreign Admission Program, the Annual Fund, and Alumni Relations.

After her retirement, Gen served on the college’s Board of Trustees and the Alumnae Association Board and established the Millar Scholarship Fund at Colby-Sawyer in 1951 in honor of her parents and brother. In 1976, her family and friends established the Genevieve Millar Endowed Scholarship Fund in her honor.

In recognition of her outstanding service, Millar received the Colby-Sawyer Alumnae Service Award in October 1976, and the Town-Gown Award in 1978. In 1981, the college presented her with its highest award, the Susan Colgate Cleveland Medal for Distinguished Service.

Student Videos Show Tragedy’s Reach

When students debuted their video productions during the college’s annual “Festival of Lights” in December, the September 11th terrorist attacks emerged as a prominent theme. Ten Communication Studies majors who were enrolled in Video Production II, and who had begun the fall semester on the day of the attacks, created three documentaries and an original screenplay featuring people in New Hampshire, New York City, and Boston with ties to the tragic events.

The students dedicated their video projects to the memory of 35-year-old Susan Blair ’88, who died in the terrorist attack. Blair worked in the Aon Corporation’s Client Services Division on the World Trade Center’s 92nd floor and was last seen helping her pregnant supervisor to safety.

One documentary segment focused on several New Hampshire residents involved in search-and-rescue efforts. Those interviewed included Nancy Lyon of New London (wife of Colby-Sawyer Treasurer Doug Lyon), who brought her trained search dogs to New York to comb the rubble for human remains, and David T. McLaughlin of Newbury, national chairman of the American Red Cross and a member of the Colby-Sawyer College Board of Trustees, who spoke about the organization’s response to the disaster.

“‘This isn’t a class in video; it’s a class in communication that uses video as the medium through which to communicate,’” said Humanities Professor Don Coonley. “Attempting to understand some of the meanings of the terrorist attack and the complicated effects that will continue to unfold is extremely difficult at best. Attempting to translate those meanings to a video screen makes it significantly more so.”

Creating a video document. The student video examines the destruction of a neighborhood through the eyes of New York City residents who lived or worked near the World Trade Center. In portraying the scope of the devastation, the students filmed ground zero and the personal tributes to victims that sprung up around the site. They also surveyed the damage that extended to surrounding areas.
**Mason and Aponovich Create Complex, Brilliant Works**

Brilliant colors warmed the high white walls of the Marian Graves Mugar Art Gallery recently, thanks to two solo exhibitions that featured stunning paintings by internationally known artists Emily Mason and James Aponovich.

New York artist Mason, who sees painting as a visual language, described the vibrant colors she splashes across large canvases as “lyrical abstraction.” “I try to approach painting indirectly, without intention, as a way to explore color, shape, and the oil medium,” she explained. “I use paint for its brilliance, transparency, opacity, liquidity, weight, warmth, and coolness. These qualities guide me in a process which will determine the climate of the picture.”

An art critic once described Mason’s work as “quietly complex,” where “color fields mingle and overlap with harmonious interaction.” As a visiting artist, Mason presented an in-depth discussion of her work and offered printmaking demonstrations to both students and community members.

James Aponovich, who lives in New Hampshire, presented works from his Italian Series, including a variety of idealized still life compositions set against sweeping land- and cityscapes. An art critic recently described his work as “at once beautiful, strange, mysterious, surreal, realistic, and illusionistic.” The artist’s travels through Italy and visit to the Ufizzi Museum proved cathartic for him, launching him in a fresh artistic direction. He became intrigued by Italian and Flemish paintings that offered glimpses through windows, with subjects juxtaposed against landscapes and sky. “It’s not so much painting an object against something—it’s the challenge of uniting the objects and creating a sense of atmosphere in front of, in back of, and on the sides of an object,” Aponovich said.

“Having the wonderful works of these artists in our gallery, along with their involvement with our students and the community through lectures and demonstrations, has been very rewarding and educational,” said Martha Andrea, professor of art and director of the gallery. “These exhibitions have attracted numerous visitors to campus, many of whom discovered Colby-Sawyer and the Marian Graves Mugar Art Gallery for the first time.”

**Alumna Reveals Next Sequel in Her Real Life Story**

Author and alumna Joan Anderson ’62 returned to campus in February to discuss her latest work, *An Unfinished Marriage* [Broadway Books 2002], a memoir about her efforts to reinvent herself and her stagnant marriage. The new book provides the sequel to her national bestseller, *A Year by the Sea: Thoughts of an Unfinished Woman* [Double Day 1999] about her hiatus from marriage and journey toward self-discovery.

With the recent publication of *An Unfinished Marriage*, Anderson unfurls the next chapters in her life story. In the prologue she writes, “Having reestablished a relationship with myself, it was time for a greater challenge—that of reconnecting with one another. Through trial and error, yielding and resisting, retracing and reinventing...we began the task of reassembling our lives together.” She closes the prologue and opens the memoir with this thought: “Out of our vulnerabilities a new way of being together needed to be discovered. The unfinished elements of our relationship will forever rise and fall, like the incoming tide, constantly and irresistibly moving within us.” (See related “Alumni Spotlight” in Class Notes, page 49.)
For ten years, Bill Foti has served as head coach of the Colby-Sawyer Chargers men’s basketball team. His accomplishments during that time are many and impressive. His teams have won the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) Championship for the last two seasons and, as a result, have been invited to play in the NCAA Tournament both years. He has also led his teams to four Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Tournaments, winning it in 1997-98, when the Chargers set the New Hampshire Division III record for victories in a season with a 25-4 mark. Students on his teams excel on and off the court and continue that pattern of success after graduation. Bill’s ten-year record of 199-68 (.745 winning percentage) compares favorably with that of great coaching legends in Division III or even Division I. Bill has been named the CCC Coach of the Year four times, and he has produced an All-American in T.J. Gondek ’95.

Anne – I’d like to begin by congratulating you, Bill, on the extraordinarily fine program you’ve built for us, and, at the same time, point out that the upward trajectory of your program somewhat mirrors the growth and success of the college as a whole over the last decade.

Bill – I couldn’t agree more. Ten years ago, when I was interviewed for my job, I saw a huge amount of potential at this college. I’d seen other schools with excellent academic reputations build strong athletic teams and I knew with the resources and support I would receive at Colby-Sawyer, there was no way we couldn’t do the same with the new men’s basketball program here. Athletic Director Deb McGrath was instrumental in convincing me of this, and she’s been instrumental in making sure I have the necessary tools to keep our men’s basketball in the forefront of New England Division III programs.

Anne – You make it sound easy, but, as we both know, achieving excellence, whether in academics or athletics, requires a lot of hard work and a well-conceived strategic plan.

Bill – The strategy definitely needs to be sound, but the tactics for success are straightforward in that we try to attract as many quality student-athletes as we can who take their studies seriously. They take their basketball seriously, too, and we make demands on them by setting the bar a little higher than they, perhaps, think is attainable. We’ve been able to do that consistently over the last ten years.

Anne – Recruiting prospective student-athletes is part of what you do. How important is that aspect of your work?

Bill – It’s important to remember that in Division III, as opposed to Division I, there are no athletic scholarships, so we recruit players who play strictly for the love of the game.

Anne – I think we were a little under 600 students when I first arrived here. Now, we’re closing in on 1,000 students. It’s a definite advantage when you can show a prospective student new residence halls, an athletic facility like the Dan and Kathleen Hogan Sports Center, the Lodge, and first-rate playing fields such as the Mercer and Kelsey Athletic Fields. Our growth and improvement in academics, facilities, and reputation have been in a steady upward climb in the last decade, and this has
made Colby-Sawyer a first-look college for many young men in New England, including some of the region’s top athletes.

**Anne** – In order to establish the record of success you’ve built for Colby-Sawyer, you must have learned from some splendid role models. Who has had the most influence and positive input in the Bill Foti coaching philosophy?

**Bill** – My old boss, Stan Spirou at Southern New Hampshire University, has had a profound affect on me. Probably more so than anyone except my parents. Stan was my coach in high school. A lot of his influence did not have to do directly with basketball on the court. It had to do with the way he interacted with his players and the way he would ask us to strive for more than we thought we were capable of producing. He was also a master at establishing roles for each player and, with a team sport, that’s very important. He would always raise the bar for us, and as competitors, that’s what we liked.

**Anne** – What was your proudest moment in the season just completed?

**Bill** – I would say it was not an individual moment, but rather the way we played against the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) schools on our schedule. We made a concerted effort to compete with those schools that have top national academic reputations for small liberal arts colleges, such as Bowdoin, Colby, Bates, Trinity, and Amherst. The reason we do this is because schools with national academic reputations have strong recruiting, and that translates into strong athletic programs. Our ability to compete successfully with those schools with their resources and reputations spoke very highly of Colby-Sawyer and our team, and we were listed regionally in the national rankings. The NESCAC is viewed as, perhaps, the best conference in the country in Division III, and we were five and three against teams from that conference this year.

**Anne** – Bill, you’ve been instrumental in the addition of some important championship banners in the David Coffin Field House, and a lot of hard work has gone into each of those banners. Accomplishments such as those must make you proud.

**Bill** – Very much so. I’m proud of our five 20-win seasons and I’m proud of our championships and tournament appearances. But, perhaps, the greatest satisfaction comes from the fact that we’ve produced six District 1 Academic All-Americans. This year, Brendan Carney ’02 was named to the National Academic All-American team. While this is a great individual accomplishment for Brendan, it’s also a great accomplishment for the team and the college, because it’s very hard to do, and everyone had a hand in helping make it happen.

**Anne** – Do you see a connection between success in athletics and academics?

**Bill** – I definitely feel athletics helps students become stronger academically. I always talk to my players about how basketball forces you to be honest with yourself. What I mean by that is, if you haven’t prepared properly, if you haven’t prepared yourself to be a team player, if you haven’t prepared in your off-season workouts, you’re not going to have the confidence you need to achieve success. Our players make the connection from that to their academic work, and they realize that if they study hard for a mid-term or put forth extra effort writing a paper for a class, then they’ll take that mid-term test or present that paper with confidence, which, as we know, is what breeds success. It’s no accident that we were recognized by the NCAA in the top ten nationally among all Division III schools with a student-athlete graduation rate 17 percent higher than the overall student body average.

**Anne** – Generally, in athletics, the athletes gain highly transferable skills such as mental toughness, emotional resilience, strong work ethics, discipline, dedication, and the ability to function as part of a team. We’re learning every day that some of the big successes in business and science and industry are as the result of teams working effectively together and not just from the accomplishments of individuals.

**Bill** – That’s so true, and at Colby-Sawyer we stress the importance of individuals sometimes taking on roles with which they may not be familiar, but which are going to benefit the team. In jobs, in relationships, in life we sometimes have to take on those unfamiliar roles, and this is where sports can teach young people life skills. There will be adversity along the way, unfamiliar roles, injury, and losing streaks. It’s how you respond to these setbacks that determines how you grow as a person.

**Anne** – What do you see in the future of Colby-Sawyer men’s basketball?

**Bill** – It’s difficult to attain success, but even more difficult to sustain it. I believe we’ll be able to sustain our level of success because we’re attracting the type of student-athlete who knows what’s come before him and he doesn’t want to let anyone down, especially the alums who attend the games to see that the legacy is in good hands. I want our players thinking big and to know they can go to an NCAA Tournament and advance to the Sweet Sixteen or, someday, to the Elite Eight. It’s important to dream a little bit, to not know where your ceiling is. Given all we have to offer the student-athletes who come here, the Colby-Sawyer Chargers can and will continue to succeed.
It’s a downright balmy Saturday night in February, a cause (or good excuse) for celebration at the Crescent City Bistro and Rum Bar. Like bears roused from winter slumber, we enter the crowded saffron-colored dining room, struck at once by the lively Zydeco beat and enticing aromas of Cajun and Creole cooking. Memories stir of old New Orleans, where the four of us once lived, and those carefree days before real jobs and boisterous children claimed us. The towering 19th-century brick mills visible from our window seats soon wrench us back to reality. That’s not the dark Mississippi glistening in the distance, it’s the Cocheco River. We’re close to home in the perpetually up-and-coming, and suddenly more promising, city of Dover, New Hampshire.

In the open kitchen behind overhanging copper pots, chef Chris “Koz” Kozlowski ’95 flips sizzling redfish and shrimp on the grill and stirs pots of jambalaya while he instructs his fellow chefs and wait staff. It’s the busiest day of the week for the five-month-old restaurant, which often fills to overflowing and has already garnered The Phantom Gourmet’s prestigious Hidden Jewel Award. Yet Koz appears calm and happy, in his element, often breaking away from the kitchen to chat with customers at their tables or the bar.

Dining “Big Easy” Style

Chris “Koz” Kozlowski ’95, with his Crescent City Bistro and Rum Bar, has brought New Orleans cuisine to Dover, New Hampshire.

by Kimberly Swick Slover
in the old, downtown Dover building splashing paint on walls and woodwork and building a sturdy wooden bar. He then brought in copper-topped tables and custom-made chairs and hung large painted canvasses and festive masks. In short order, Koz succeeded in re-creating the “upscale casual” charm of a southern cafe in small-town New Hampshire.

The Emerging Entrepreneur

After graduating from Kimball-Union Academy, Koz chose Colby-Sawyer College, attracted by the low faculty-to-student ratio, its close proximity to home, and the growing reputation of its Business Management Program. From the beginning, he connected with his business professors, aware that what he was learning in their classrooms would soon prove invaluable. Koz describes Professor Leon-C. Malan as an “amazing” teacher and views department Chair Tony Quinn as one of the three great mentors of his life. “When I’d tell Tony I’d worked hard on something, he’d say ‘Never confuse activity with accomplishment.’ I’ve never forgotten that.”

Koz based the bistro’s 20-page business plan on what he learned in Professor Quinn’s class on entrepreneurship, Business 406. “The bankers thought it was so good, they wanted to know if I had professional help with it,” Koz says. “If I could say one thing to students, I would tell them, ‘Take your studies seriously. You’ll need to use what you learn.’”

Quinn smiles at the mention of his former student. “I think Chris is going to be the first millionaire in his class. He’s got a low-key style that hides a burning intensity,” Quinn remarks. “He has such a strong desire to be good at what he does, to make everything as perfect as possible. He lives to create something from nothing.”

In his junior year, Koz completed a managerial internship at the Chart House restaurant on the Caribbean island of St. Croix, and he returned with an idea for a product that did not yet exist. He signed up for an independent study with Professor Quinn to develop a business and marketing plan for Caribbean barbecue sauce, based on his own recipe. Koz conducted extensive demographic research and taste testing on campus and at local supermarkets. In his apartment kitchen, he created a sauce so delicious that he soon had more orders than time to fill them. “It was one of the best independent studies I’ve ever seen,” recalls Quinn. “Chris could have turned that product into a successful business, if he’d wanted to.”
As a student, Koz demonstrated the driving spirit, the ability to inspire others with his ideas, and the perfectionism typical of the entrepreneur, according to Quinn. When Koz saw things he wanted to change on campus, he became active in student government and campus activities. He served as president of his junior and senior classes and helped create a lively music scene by bringing a great variety of bands to campus. One night, Koz invited the business faculty to his apartment for dinner, which he cooked and served by candlelight. “It was delicious and beautifully presented,” says Quinn. “Chris was serious about all his endeavors.”

After graduation, Koz spent the next few years gaining experience in the hospitality industry as a winemaker, a brewer, and chef. He went on to earn a degree from the Culinary Institute of America in New York, which he calls the “Harvard of cooking schools.” “I had a good foundation in business management from Colby-Sawyer, but I still needed more formal training as a chef,” he explains. After a short stint as an executive chef at the Governor’s Inn in Rochester, N.H., Koz began preparing to launch his own restaurant.

Quinn suspects that Koz, like many entrepreneurs, will experience a crisis point at which his business has grown so large and complex that he will no longer be able to manage it all himself. “It’s very hard for an entrepreneur, but one day they get overwhelmed and have to learn to delegate,” he says. Ultimately, Koz’s passion for his work will ensure his financial success and happiness, according to Quinn’s prediction. “This young man has that spark,” he concludes. “If you can be successful and enjoy life at the same time, that’s a great gift.”

Back at the Crescent City Bistro and Rum Bar, Koz, along with fiancée Christen Wallingford ’96, who helps him with all aspects of the restaurant, is already planning his next moves. He’s thinking about expanding the restaurant to include another 50 seats and contemplating his next culinary adventure. “I’m concentrating on smaller towns,” he says, unconsciously sounding a bit like a corporate magnate. “I’m thinking about an authentic Caribbean restaurant in North Conway...”

Each dish Koz serves arrives at the table looking as much like art as food. His painter’s palette is the stove where he mixes exotic ingredients to excite the palate of the most discriminating diner. Photos: Katie Dow ’90

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**Lobster Etouffee’**

*Chris Kozlowski, Chef/Owner*  
*Crescent City Bistro*

Yield: 6 Portions
Lobster meat 1 1/2 pounds
Spanish onion, medium diced 1 cup
Celery, medium diced 1/2 cup
Green bell pepper, medium diced 1/2 cup
Creole garlic, minced 5 cloves
Green onion, small diced 1 cup
Parsley, rough chopped 1/4 cup
Lobster stock 3 cups
Flour, all-purpose 1/2 cup
Bacon oil 1/4 cup
Butter 1/4 cup
Salt 2 tbsp.
Pepper, fresh ground 1 tsp.
Cayenne pepper 1/4 tsp.
Basil, chiffonade 1 tbsp.
Thyme leaves, chopped 2 tsp.
Tabasco to taste
Steamed rice 3 cups

Heat bacon oil in a large cast iron skillet just until it begins to smoke. Add flour to pan and stir roux until it turns deep red in color, about three to five minutes. Remove from heat and stir in Spanish onion, celery, green pepper, and garlic.

Combine salt, pepper, cayenne, thyme and basil. Add one tablespoon of spices to roux. Heat lobster stock to a boil. Add roux to stock while whisking continuously. Whisk until thick then remove from heat.

Heat up large sauté pan. Add 2 tablespoons of butter to pan. Sauté lobster and half of the scallions and parsley for one minute. Slowly pour thickened lobster stock over lobster. Add remaining parsley, scallions, and butter. Season with remaining herbs and Tabasco. When butter is completely melted, serve over rice.
As soon as she was asked, Rosamond “Roz” Manwaring ’66 knew her answer had to be a decisive, irreversible, not-open-to-misinterpretation NO! It wasn’t because she didn’t want the job. It was mainly because she felt she would be unable to handle the strong emotional tides that would ebb and flow on the job all day, every day. Roz was sure the other problem with the position as manager of the Harvest Hills Animal Shelter in Fryeburg, Maine, was that she’d end up with a houseful of dogs, cats, rabbits, hamsters, and other displaced four-legged creatures of every sort. She knew the temptation to take them all home would be too great. But sometimes fate steps in, and sometimes fate is a persuasive manipulator. It was presented to Roz that if she didn’t care to manage the shelter, she might be able to help on the
board of directors. She said okay, but that she still wouldn’t be visiting the shelter. At the first meeting of the board of directors, everyone, including Roz, agreed she really couldn’t be an effective director if she didn’t at least view the animal facility. On a Monday Roz visited the shelter and by Friday she was the manager. This was the genesis of her very big dream.

Roz is tall and fit, a woman who looks as though she could still fly through the gates on a downhill ski run or drive to the hoop on the basketball court just as she did in her Colby Junior College days. “I was the president of the athletic association and received the departmental award in athletics,” she recounts with no small amount of pride. “I was on every team there, including basketball, skiing, softball, and lacrosse, and I won the ping pong tournament. I was also quite adept in the water fights. I lived in Colgate, and the stairwells were highly effective places to have water battles. My days there were the best, and when the college was so rude as to graduate me and make me go home, I cried all the way,” she says, smiling now in fond remembrance.

After Colby Junior College, Roz attended Colby College in Maine, where she graduated with a degree in British History. She worked a variety of jobs over the years, always searching for her true calling, which she found as manager of Harvest Hills. “For the almost seven years I was there, I made it a point to learn,” Roz says. “I went to every possible regional, state, and national convention in order to study about the shelter business as it functions today, as well as to learn about the evolution of animal care. Our society is getting away from the animal pound mentality and realizing there’s more to the human-animal bond than previously appreciated. It’s a bond that has become therapy for prisoners, for elders, for teenagers at risk, for those with mental problems, and for people with physical handicaps such as blindness or paralysis.”

With her human-animal bond beliefs evolving in their sophistication, Roz saw a need for someone with her expertise and abilities in the Mount Washington Valley area around Conway, New Hampshire. But she knew she couldn’t open just a shelter. She felt something much more was necessary. “We had to be architects of the human-animal bond and take that premise to the cutting edge,” Roz states emphatically. “Plus, I felt that as a non-profit organization we would need something that was for-profit to supplement the overall income.”

Thus was born the idea for the Conway Area Humane Society (CAHS), which will consist of an animal shelter, learning center, and boarding kennel. It’s planned as an approximately 15,000 square-foot facility on 25 acres, and, because of its size, it will be able to offer a wide variety of programs and services not normally associated with a traditional humane society. The land has been bought and cleared and the site for the facility, which will be right off Main Street in Conway, could not be located in a better spot. The boarding kennel, while supplementing income, will also allow space for the numerous programs being developed for people in crisis who need housing for their companion animals. There will be educational and social programs, and Roz expects to help between 1,000 and 1,200 homeless animals per year. Her goal is to network with other organizations to house large animals and other types of creatures the CAHS cannot serve. She does not want to have to turn down any animal brought to the door.

“Our for-profit activities in the boarding kennel will open so many avenues,” Roz says earnestly, “because of the programs they’ll allow us to put in place. For example, in one of our programs we’ll be housing animal victims from homes broken by domestic violence. We’re also going to help people as they near the end of life and are concerned about their pets. Through our Guardian Program, they can entrust their animal companions to us in their wills. The peace of mind this will bring...Roz expects to help between 1,000 and 1,200 homeless animals per year.”
bring is incredible. We’ve had twenty people change their wills to include us, and we’re not even open for business yet.”

In the learning center of the CAHS facility, the Education Committee will introduce a wide range of topics and classes from obedience training to environmental subjects. There will be certificate programs for students from kindergarten through high school, as well as a variety of outreach programs. Children will be able to come in and use a library that’s been planned, log on to the Internet to research a project, or attend an art class. As Roz states with practiced purpose, “Learning is the key to breaking the cycles of abuse, cruelty, and pet overpopulation, and it fits in with the CAHS’s long-term goal of protecting and enhancing the human-animal bond.”

The dreams are big, and big dreams often require big money. The goal for the CAHS fundraising effort is $1.5 million, of which more than $1,008,000 has thus far been accounted for in gifts and pledges. Much of this success is because Roz Manwaring is astute, articulate, sharply focused, and completely knowledgeable about her subject. It doesn’t hurt that she and the others involved in the CAHS have a terrific talent for marketing and fundraising strategies. One of their ideas is to have a mural contest throughout area school systems, with the winners’ murals being painted on the walls of the learning center. The savvy CAHS marketers have also offered naming opportunities on eBay, which so far has been more of a publicity-builder than a fundraiser. Among the more effective marketing strategies has been Marathon Bingo, an eight-hour stint of number and letter calling at the local American Legion Hall. But the most spectacular event is a rouser of a carnival called Bark in the Park. It takes place year-

If you spend any time with Roz, it becomes evident she thinks about the CAHS project during ninety-nine percent of her waking hours. As much as she has put into the effort, she is quick to credit the people from the community and her board of directors for the tremendous financial and volunteer support they have added to the dream. “This is an all-inclusive, two-way street,” she offers. “We ask the community for its support, but we want to give back as well. An example of that is when we cleared the land for the building, we offered the wood to those who needed it to heat their homes.”

A construction start date has not yet been set for the CAHS building because Roz and the board of directors do not want to begin before they’re positive they can complete the project as planned without any debt service. However, as the goal gets closer, Roz can see the dream ever more clearly. “Is it about saving animals and ensuring them of a decent quality of life?” she asks. “Yes, it’s about that, but it’s also about the human animal and making sure we serve the needs of the people who can use our help. That’s why it’s important we never lose sight of the wonderful things that can be accomplished if we continue to strengthen the human-animal bond.”

If you would like to follow the progress of the CAHS, visit www.conwayshelter.org on the Web.

Harry W. Anderson (age 94) of Vero Beach, Florida and New London, New Hampshire, who, in 2000, established a gift of $1 million to the college in honor of his late wife, Helen Henry Anderson, passed away in February of this year in Vero Beach. The Helen Henry Anderson Scholarships were established by Mr. Anderson to assist qualified undergraduates in meeting the comprehensive annual cost of attending Colby-Sawyer. Twenty new scholarships of $5,000 each were established for selected students.

Mr. Anderson was born in Waterbury, Connecticut. He graduated from the University of Cincinnati Engineering School and Harvard Business School. During World War II, he served on active duty with the U.S. Army for five years, retiring as a full colonel. After his Army service, he returned to his duties at the Bank of New England in Boston. He eventually retired as a senior vice president of the bank to become executive director and treasurer of the Frederick J. Kennedy Memorial Foundation, which contributed more than $40 million to charities in the Boston and Mid Pines, North Carolina, areas. He retired from the foundation after 11 years, when its mission was completed. His wife, Helen Henry Anderson, died in 1988. She was a graduate of Abbot Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, where she later served as an active trustee. She was also a graduate of Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts.
The place of natural sciences among the liberal arts stands as solid as bedrock. However, Colby-Sawyer’s approach to teaching science is evolving to meet shifting societal needs. Contemporary programs are more interactive and interdisciplinary than curricula that were relevant when the Reichhold Science Center opened in 1962. The planned Ivey Science Center, slated for groundbreaking in 2003, will establish a permanent home for Natural Sciences, Nursing, and Community and Environmental Studies. It will help today’s students contend with tomorrow’s complex natural, social, and technological environments. This is not your mother’s BIO 101.
Sport Sciences (ESS) concentrations—with a program total of 140 majors—rely on science. The college’s newest major, Community and Environmental Studies (CES), has 18 students. The program requires a laboratory course in an area of science and employs relevant scientific methods and practices in nearly every course.

“There’s much more molecular biology work we could do if we had the equipment,” Sarchet indicates, “but for now we have resources close by, such as at Dartmouth. Also, with the seacoast nearby, we offer interesting marine science opportunities.”

New opportunities are at hand with revision of the college’s liberal education model, which guides curriculum structure. The college currently requires four first-year core courses, one each in natural sciences, humanities, social sciences, and arts. Next fall, the core courses will be replaced by two seminars called Pathways. Faculty from each department will introduce themes through the seminars, each attended by 20 students.

For example, the theme Professor Sarchet has chosen is “The Mind and The Brain.” Students will encounter the history of how people viewed the mind and brain, per-
perspectives of such relevant disciplines as psychology, and major questions and problems surrounding the topic. To strengthen their knowledge and skills, students will then choose among supplemental “stepping-stone” courses in philosophy, biology, and other disciplines. In spring of their sophomore year, the same 20 students will take Professor Sarchet’s second seminar on the mind and brain to formulate answers to questions and apply solutions to problems.

In addition to qualified students, the department seeks two mathematicians and recently hired a chemist, Dr. Cheryl Coolidge, who’s considering a 100-level course on everyday chemistry. Peter White, a molecular biologist hired last year, is creating molecular biology offerings. With a new science building and equipment, the college hopes to attract sufficient students to offer upper-level courses in molecular genetics and molecular biology.

Upon completion, the 30,000-square-foot, $7-million Curtis L. Ivey Science Center will house Natural Sciences, Nursing, and Community and Environmental Studies. Designed for flexibility in teaching and research, it will accommodate six classrooms, eight laboratories, several workspaces, a computing laboratory, and a 180-seat auditorium.

To stay abreast of developments in their fields, Natural Sciences faculty engage in research. Associate Professor Bill Thomas recently studied molecular adhesion in Paris, France. Associate Professor Ben Steele will soon conduct research on ocean birds in Finland. Professor Sarchet will explore relationships between amphibian ecology and physiology and malformations found in frogs.

“They’re a key indicator species and almost every collection site in New England has found mutations. We’re not sure what causes this. We initially thought it was environmental pollution,” he explains. “A lot of frogs with multiple limbs also host parasites. We see an alarming increase in mutations and a decrease in all amphibian populations worldwide. I know amphibian physiology, but I don’t know a lot about finding them in the wild or their habitats in relation to malformation. I’ll study that this summer.”

Students in the Cove

Tom Remmers had an unusual problem for a college student—not enough rain fell during his senior year. In fact, it was the second driest on record. Excited at the prospect of being the first Community and Environmental Studies (CES) graduate, Tom, and two juniors, Morgan Jenkins and Thad Soule, had counted on normal precipitation. Rain would help them determine the effectiveness of a pollution-control project on a small tributary feeding Herrick Cove on Lake Sunapee. Residents worried about algae blooms in the cove, the only place on the pristine lake where it occurs. Algae might warn of compromised water quality.

The Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA) and New London Conservation Commission (NLCC) requested that the Community and Environmental Studies Program conduct an analysis of the wetlands near Columbus Avenue in New London. The analysis would determine if the town, and the LSPA, got their money’s worth in 2000 when they spent $26,000 to construct a small weir, or dam, near the cove. The weir was supposed to capture a stream to expand the size and function of a nearby wetland, and thereby mitigate the effects of runoff from I-89, 600 feet from Herrick Cove, before the runoff reached the lake. That was the theory, anyway.

Do salt and other pollutants impact the cove? Does I-89 send down too much sediment, too many nutrients, or is too much iron leaching from a gash blasted into the granite when the highway was born? A result of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956, the proposed route of I-89 through New London created controversy over its possible socio-economic effects. The question was, would “the road” erode the town’s idyllic character?

“The interesting thing about I-89 was that more than one route was proposed for the highway through and around the town,” says Tom, of Centerville, Cape Cod, Mass., who wants to become an environmental consultant. “It was built in the 1960s, so environmental issues weren’t as prevalent. I don’t think anybody thought about the ecological impact.”

The Columbus Avenue analysis helped Colby-Sawyer students fulfill credits for the interdisciplinary CES major, which requires all juniors to conduct an in-depth, yearlong analysis of an environmental problem. In its first two years, the program draws from the natural and social sciences and the humanities. The program’s interdisciplinary nature...
helps students understand the aesthetic, ecological, economic, historical, and social perspectives of complex environmental situations.

The students learned to document plant inventory with digital imaging and conduct site analysis using geographic software. They learned wetland delineation and functional values analysis, environmental and social impact analyses. At the project's conclusion, they presented their findings and proposed a long-term plan for ensuring the weir is optimally managed.

This all sounds high-minded enough, but they also had to contend with the nitty-gritty. There wasn't enough rain to cause typical highway runoff. Were their samples representative of non-drought years? A wooden plank controls water flow through the weir. Should they recommend seasonally removing the plank or keeping it in, thus maintaining high water year-round? This is where the community came in.

The LSPA offered 15 years of documentation on water sampling. Michael Simpson of the Antioch New England faculty, a wetland scientist with a private practice, also worked with the students. He previously conducted a baseline study of the cove and served as an adjunct CES faculty member, helping analyze water-quality data and comparing findings to state standards. On Town Meeting Day, the students presented a poster and surveyed 120 respondents regarding wetlands, among the most significant aspects of the environment. The survey's purpose was to assess local knowledge of wetlands to design effective communication materials for the project.

"The most interesting thing about the project is interaction with the community," admits Tom.

Colby-Sawyer recently received a $4,500 grant from the Wellborn Ecology Fund through the Upper Valley Community Foundation. Part of a $9 million gift for environmental education in the Connecticut River's Upper Valley, the Wellborn Fund represents the nation's largest concentration of money for environmental education. Colby-Sawyer's share provides internships for three CES students to work this summer with the LSPA, the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust, and Friends of the John Hay National Wildlife Refuge, known as The Fells.


John Callewaert, director of the Institute for Community and Environment, is working with Maggie Stiers, executive director of The Fells, to determine the scope of the next third-year CES project. This will assist The Fells in determining future programming and land-management objectives.

Thad, a double major in CES and History, Society, and Culture (HSC), already got a head start at The Fells. Last year, he did an HSC internship, researching the history of the Hay family property in Sunapee and preparing interpretive materials on the estate's architecture for volunteer tour guides. This summer, he returns as a CES intern to re-route a trailhead, coordinate publication of a new trail guide, conduct tours of gardens and trails, and provide other visitor services.

Photos—Top: Tom Remmers '02 (red jacket) is aided by (l to r) Thad Soule '03, Morgan Jenkins '03, and Professor John Callewaert as he collects a chilly water sample for testing. Above: Tom, Thad, and Morgan enjoy not only field collecting and water sampling, but the opportunity to use their findings as part of their interactions with members of the local community. PHOTOS: KATIE DOW ‘90
Last March, American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) reviewers assessed the Colby-Sawyer Nursing program for accreditation. Usually, this process makes colleges a little nervous. However, reviewers told our students that the quality of their clinical education places them in the top five percent nationally.

Reviewers were impressed that, in one semester, students worked with the same faculty in both the classroom and clinicals. Their community nurse-mentors were well trained. Their faculty had excellent relationships with staff at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC). However, what impressed reviewers most, says Kathleen Thies, associate professor of nursing and chair of the department, was continuity in the new, community-based curriculum, funded by a Fuld Foundation grant.

“Reviewers were blown away that students saw a patient in a high-technology, tertiary care environment and, two weeks later, visited the same patient at home at the end of a dirt road with no running water. Our students looked at the reviewers and said, ‘Well, right. What does everybody else do?’ Welcome to the world of rural nursing.”

“Some people don’t appreciate how heavily science-based nursing is,” says Professor Thies. “But how well students do in science is a good predictor of how they’ll do in nursing. You can’t understand pharmacology if you don’t get pathophysiology and microbiology.”

Nursing education involves systematic assimilation of mountains of information. Students learn to assess patient conditions, identify needs, plan health outcomes, implement plans of care, then evaluate. That can occur as patients move from home, to hospital, to rehabilitation facility, to home again. With this in mind, Professor Thies led the team that developed a new curriculum to address such changes.

“When I went to nursing school, my first patient had his gallbladder removed two days previously and was still hospitalized,” she says. “Today, that patient is home by noon the day of the operation. This means that otherwise healthy patients no longer are in the hospital for students to learn from. For example, when juniors began medical-surgical rotations last fall, one student on her first day encountered a patient with a kidney transplant.

“Where do you begin to learn in this environment?” asks Professor Thies, who maintains it is overwhelming for 19- and 20-year-olds. These days, hospitalized patients are “high acuity.” Thus, patients in regular units would have been in the ICU ten years ago. Patients in the ICU would have been dead ten years ago. Acuity is not only increasing at major medical centers, but also at community hospitals. Acuity is up because insurers won’t underwrite longer patient stays. Thus, when people are hospitalized, they are sicker than previously and with more complex conditions.

Given this, it became difficult to find basic things for students to do because even simple tasks, such as turning a patient in bed, is complicated. Under traditional curriculum, students spent their first two years studying social and “hard” sciences. As sophomores, they learned to do physical exams and take health histories. Clinical rotations began in the third year with introductions to disciplines such as psychiatry and pediatrics. Their first clinicals were on medical-surgical units. However, if today’s surgery patients are intubated, with several
monitors attached, where do students—who have never turned patients before—begin? Liability is a worry—as are medications.

“My first gallbladder patient had three prescriptions,” says Professor Thies. “Nursing students now deal with patients with as many as 15 different prescriptions. Patients don’t just have heart attacks anymore. They have heart disease, diabetes, and lots of social issues. When patients go home, they depend on visiting nurses, social-service workers, or family—if they’re lucky.

“It’s easy dealing with a child with asthma in the hospital,” says Professor Thies. “Of course his oxygen saturation rates are fabulous—he’s on our turf. It’s another thing when he’s in school, where the nurse only works two days a week. Or home, where there are three dogs, a woodstove, and a parent who may not be coping. If students see patients under these conditions, they’d better know about family dynamics, local social-service agencies, and other resources. The child still needs to breathe.”

Through the new curriculum, students begin with normative transitions—such as obstetrics, adolescence, and aging. They then move toward restorative care, where patients have curable conditions. They finally learn tertiary care, where disabilities or diseases are incurable and must be managed by nurses within a provider team.

Juniors now rotate out of DHMC to practice in the community, for which they prepare using self-study modules. Colby-Sawyer College trains RNs from Lake Sunapee Visiting Nurse Association and Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire to serve as nurse-mentors for the students. With their mentors, students go out to practice, one-on-one, taking along laptops to update patient records. Students sometimes get into the car only to have mentors request that they read patient charts aloud while the mentors drive. Visiting nurses don’t know what they’ll face until they reach a patient’s home. This can be challenging for students, who encounter sobering issues, such as poverty, on the road.

“Students were stunned by what they saw,” says Professor Thies. “The good thing was that they were seeing it with mentors who could talk them through it. The other benefit was that they could return to the hospital and view patients from a different perspective.

“Now, when doing hospital discharge planning, students read the record of a child with asthma that might say, ‘wood stove.’ Previously, that wouldn’t have meant much. However, they’ve been to the home and seen the stove. They know what to ask patients. ‘Who’s at home to help you? Is there central heating? Someone to plow your driveway?’ These often are patients who are not well educated, with limited resources, who are expected to respond to medical emergencies at home.”

Next year, the same students will complete a yearlong, senior capstone at a school-based health clinic in the Newport, N.H., school system. They will do the same work there as RNs. One project will be assessing the need for health-education programs. Students will create an education project, implement and evaluate it, then pass it on to the next class of nurses. One issue will be following up on children after visiting the school nurse. Did they see a doctor? Did they change how they use their inhalers? Professor Thies maintains that follow-up is especially important when children suffer from chronic illnesses.

Heartache sometimes occurs when students cannot discuss their work because of patient confidentiality. Sometimes this involves hospice care, when they must provide psycho-social intervention for families as someone is dying. They can’t come back to campus and tell friends at dinner, “I saw someone die today.” Nursing faculty and nurse-mentors help them process these experiences.

However, students still spend about 70 percent of their clinical time in the hospital. Nursing is America’s largest healthcare profession, with more than 2.5 million RNs. That sounds impressive but heralds a shortage. Even as healthcare continues to shift toward community-based primary care and other alternatives, projections say rising complexity in acute care will see demand for RNs in hospitals climb 36 percent by 2020. Couple that with the growing demand for community-based services, and it’s safe to predict that Colby-Sawyer nurses will enjoy job security. Sooner or later, everybody needs a nurse.

**Photos – Opposite page:** Lisa Killam ’01 practices as a registered nurse at the Albany Medical Center in Albany, New York. “As a nursing student at Colby-Sawyer,” Lisa says, “the practical experience of my preceptorship in post-anesthesia care at Elliot Hospital helped lead directly to my present RN position in intensive care.” Above: In her junior year, Colby-Sawyer nursing student Melissa Underhill ’01 served her clinical internship on the birthing pavilion at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.
It’s 11 o’clock Sunday night. You’re a Colby-Sawyer sophomore who blew off a concert to work on a paper for your Foundations of Ethics class. You need to find a quote on happiness by some guy named Jeremy Bentham to finish your paper. The problem is, the library is closed. To make matters worse, a friend has borrowed your printer installation disk, and your printer won’t work. The paper is due at 8 a.m. tomorrow. You think.

There are solutions to our sophomore’s problems. One is to boot the computer and log on to a program called Blackboard. All right, we’re beginning to sound like a Dell Computer commercial. However, as they say on campus, this is for real. Blackboard, and other technologies, can make college life easier.

Blackboard provides a Web-based venue for file sharing, posting class notes and announcements, class e-mail and discussion boards, electronic assignment submission, communication in workgroups, a hot links page, and much, much more. Someone, please, tell me what all this means.

Ask our sophomore, who logs on to Blackboard and sees that Amy Knisley, assistant professor of Philosophy, has posted last Wednesday’s lecture notes along with a page linking to ten Web sites on Bentham. A couple of clicks and our sophomore learns from one of the sites that Bentham entered Oxford at age 12. No way! Hey, it has that quote on happiness from his 1789 essay, “An Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation.” Our sophomore copies the quote, attributes the source, and completes the paper. Blackboard displays the Foundations of Ethics syllabus and, it turns out, the paper, as suspected, is due tomorrow. The student electronically submits the paper through Blackboard’s assignment drop box.

One down, one to go. Our sophomore searches online for the manufacturer of the disabled printer, downloads the installation software, lets it run, and goes for a soft drink. With the printer now working, our sophomore e-mails Mom, asking, “Will you check out my résumé?”

Elements that comprise Information Literacy, or Digital Literacy, or Fluency in Information Technology—what our sophomore is practicing—are being explored and studied at Colby-Sawyer. A college subcommittee is considering how the school should address this phenomenon, as are other colleges and universities nationwide.

The National Research Council’s FITness (Fluency in Information Technology) Report on higher education explains information literacy as more than just the ability to use...
programs like Blackboard, e-mail, or spreadsheets. It’s fast becoming the baseline for professional development of faculty fluency in technology as well. Experts indicate this is more than a trend. They call it a sweeping cultural change. It involves mastering skills and concepts, applying them, and riding the wave of emerging technology indefinitely.

When entering the workforce, liberal arts majors increasingly need to hit the high technology ground running. Eventually, students may voluntarily want to “show what they know,” says Linda Ryder, assistant professor of information resources and academic technology coordinator. One approach is to pass a vendor-neutral certification, such as that offered by TekXam. It tells employers that graduates grasp more than rote tasks in a single suite of vendor-specific software. It assures their ability as employees to engage in complex problem solving and creative thinking by using evolving technologies.

Pass rates for liberal arts students currently are low on such certifications. However, as colleges further define what it means to be technologically literate, these scores will improve. Although colleges won’t necessarily require students to pass such certifications, employers might. Today’s technology-conscious students saw it coming.

That’s because our sophomore, according to Bill Bitzer, director of Information Resources (IR), is different from students who entered ten years ago. “Today’s students increasingly learn through mediated experience—watching TV, surfing the ’Net, sound bytes, images, information in chunks,” says Bitzer. “That’s the nature of the generation. But the shift toward student-centered learning embraces it.”

Student-centered learning amounts to replacing the “sage on the stage” with the “guide at the side.” Students now learn through interaction with faculty, mass media, each other, and lots of personal heavy lifting. As guides, professors coach them through rigorous experimentation, individually directed research, and deciphering such materials as archives and professional journals. In short, students are architects of their own temples of knowledge. The workload to construct them can come as a shock. However, technology can help students from their first SAT experience until the moment they celebrate that sheepskin.

At Colby-Sawyer, more than 2,000 pages of information—everything from admissions to catalogs to policies—reside on the computing network. The college Web site currently boasts 2,214 pages. The campus supports 500 PCs and 1,650 connections to a network moving 1 billion bits per second. Its 17 technologically enabled “smart” classrooms, with ceiling-mounted projectors networked into computers, are popular. Everyone wants to teach in them, says Bill Bitzer. The college is close to making all classrooms “smart.” IR also is piloting a wireless computing laboratory, using radio telemetry to reach...
the network. All four of the student computing laboratories are highly used.

Yet, infrastructure only scratches the surface. A common assumption is that the PC on the desktop, a “port for every pillow,” constitutes technology and ensures fluency. IR people, who include Information Technology folks, as well as those who manage the college’s extensively wired library system, partnered in recent Liberal Education discussions. These discussions defined what direction the curriculum should take. As Colby-Sawyer shapes its curriculum to meet student needs, IR assists in integrating technology across curriculum and campus. This involves encouraging students to apply technology in learning and creates opportunities for faculty to factor it into their pedagogy.

For students, it starts with CIS105, Introduction to Computing, coordinated with adjunct faculty by Linda Ryder. Energetic, with quasi-encyclopedic knowledge of technology issues and applications, Linda, who reads 10 journals a month to stay current, always has one eye on the big picture. It’s been said that time spent with her is less like being in class than pumping iron with a personal trainer who also flies and wants to show you how.

As part of the IR team, which faculty and staff in other departments have called “wonderful” and “miracle workers,” Linda is among several administrators supporting the college’s customized Blackboard server. She serves as liaison between academics and computing. So how do students learn where to look in that haystack of online information?

“We ask them to drill down into topics,” explains Linda, “to go beyond finding answers to questions using just any online search engine and stopping there.” An example might be in trying to answer the question: What are “conflict” diamonds? The easy way to answer that would be to do an internet search on the term, find a definition, and review archived news stories on political corruption in diamond-exporting economies. Better to ask: What are the ethical implications of price fixing in the world diamond market? This leads to understanding how demand contributes to social devastation in some countries and reveals the hidden human costs behind glossy advertising by the diamond industry.

While they are online, students will encounter good sources, as well as independently authored pages on every topic imaginable. Maybe the authors of those pages are experts, maybe not. “Our students are smart people,” says Linda. “By giving them a little history, a little context, a little critical thinking analysis, they can figure things out.”

For those who want expertise beyond CIS105 and related courses, the college offers an Information Management Technology minor. A new computer major is not on the college’s current curriculum agenda, however, digital literacy is not the sole domain of technology majors, who sometimes score lower on vendor-neutral certifications than their liberal arts counterparts.

“The Educational Testing Service says some computer science majors do worse than liberal arts students because they are less well-trained in problem solving,” says Linda. “They know how things work but aren’t given the big picture. There’s also a problem with students believing everything they see out there, and that has to be dealt with,” she adds.

“The Web is 65 to 75 percent commercial, and students frequently have used it as consumers. One thing we struggle with every semester is helping them get past that superficial orientation.”

At Colby-Sawyer, this involves taking personal responsibility for learning, evaluating the relevance and validity of information, critical thinking, and ethics. These issues concern everyone on campus, but especially Amy Knisley, assistant professor of Philosophy, who teaches other courses in addition to Foundations of Ethics.

“In my Environmental Philosophy class,” she says, “We often encounter issues involving environmental organizations and their strategies. So, when studying a theory called Deep Ecology, a radical view, we discuss an environmental group that associates itself with this theory. One group is called the Earth Liberation Front. They have taken credit, if that’s the right word, for a number of arsons and other property damage. I was able to attach the link for their Web site to Blackboard. Students check it out so that, when we meet, we can talk about the theory of Deep Ecology in the context of this movement.”
Professor Knisley notes that, despite all the talk about technology, some students still feel intimidated by it. “They don’t log on and, as a result, they can get left out. In my classes, in response to that so far, I haven’t required that they log on. The way I’m using Blackboard now doesn’t require that much technical savvy because students don’t have to conduct work over the site. Teaching philosophy, which is traditionally very text-based, is an interesting challenge, but I’m not a curmudgeon about it. I don’t see why we can’t involve all sorts of devices and remain true to tradition.”

She agrees that ethical issues are emerging with higher education regarding technology as a learning tool. Are we allowing or even encouraging technology to replace professors? Articles often extol the ability of faculty to better communicate with students through technology, such as Blackboard, in large classes at big schools.

“My angle is that critical thinking and reasoning are central to teaching and learning philosophy,” explains Professor Knisley. “I think there is an extent to where sitting in front of a computer encourages passivity, whereas, when sitting with a book, you are active. Insofar as interactivity and active learning are a good thing, we need to reflect about whether to ask students to spend more time sitting in front of a screen, which can have a brain-numbing effect,” Knisley adds.

There’s never been a better time to contemplate these issues. IR estimates that 90 percent of entering students brought their own computers to campus last fall. Every year, this percentage increases. Will the day come when Colby-Sawyer requires students to bring their own computers, as have some other schools?

“We’re reluctant to require students to have computers,” says Bill Bitzer. “It’s a very complex issue. If you require it, the expectation is that they will use them every day in class.” As for requiring that faculty use technology, that’s also sweeping with too broad a broom.

“Sometimes,” says Linda Ryder, “the best thing technology can do is leave teachers alone in the classroom and just manage all the other logistical and administrative aspects of running a class.”

What about students in teacher-certification programs, who will “guide at the side” of the next generation? A federal PT3 Education Grant for “teaching the teachers” funded Colby-Sawyer’s semester-long institute this spring, which enrolled ten faculty members. They’re the ones who teach students who want to become Art, Biology, Early Childhood Education, English Language Arts, and Social Studies teachers. Taught by Linda Ryder, the institute is designed to help faculty teach students to use technology as a learning tool in kindergarten through 12th grade classrooms.

As part of the sweeping cultural changes, today’s students and faculty live in what the technology literati term a “distributed” environment. It draws on information and tools and capabilities from virtually infinite sources. Students and faculty can collaborate with others in real-time or in different places in different time zones. In this new environment, maybe we don’t need 150 books on our shelves anymore. However, books, like old friends, will never be displaced. And, like books, databases on demand are also at the command of those who appreciate and know how to work with them.

Professor Knisley, for one, is up to the challenge. “If you’re accessing course materials over the Internet, it opens up an extraordinary world of information, which is exciting. I can go to the American University in Beijing, for instance, and find out how they’re teaching Plato. For faculty, as well as students, this is an adventure, and it has enhanced the community feeling on campus.”

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Professional Profile

SHE’S NUMBER ONE

by Adam S. Kamras

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In the spring of 1966, Debi McGrath (Debi Field at the time) was a senior at The Winsor School in Boston. A standout athlete who had spent four years on the varsity field hockey, lacrosse, and basketball teams, Debi’s trip to New London helped the Weston, Massachusetts, native come to a quick decision as to where she would enroll in the fall and where she would go to earn an associate of arts degree in 1968.

“Colby-Sawyer was a welcoming campus,” says Debi. “The people I met on my visit made a significant impression on me and influenced my choice. It was a gorgeous place and I really felt so comfortable and at home.”

Debi completed her undergraduate education at Wheaton College (Norton, Massachusetts), where she was awarded a B.A. in psychology in 1970. A notable field hockey and lacrosse player at both colleges she attended, Wheaton’s Debi Field Athletic Award is given to the school’s outstanding female athlete of the year. She began her career in athletics shortly after her graduation from Wheaton, when she became the athletic director and women’s field hockey, basketball, and lacrosse coach at The Pingree School in Hamilton, Massachusetts. While working at Pingree, she spent time as a member of the United States National Field Hockey Team (and National Reserve Lacrosse Team) and represented her country in South Africa, Holland, England, and Jamaica. “Every time I hear the National Anthem play I remember those special moments in time which produced such joy and pride for me, our country, our team, and our coaches,” Debi recalls.

For the last 16 years, as the college’s athletic director, Debi has done more than her share to make Colby-Sawyer a welcoming campus and a home for others. She is one of a handful of females in New England to direct an intercollegiate athletics program for men and women, and she is responsible for the oversight of 16 intercollegiate varsity sports.

The college has had significant growth during Debi’s tenure, and nowhere has that been more evident than in athletics, where nine varsity sports have been added since 1990-91, including each of the seven men’s programs. When Debi
returned to Colby-Sawyer in 1986, she served as the only full-time coach in the athletic department. Today, the department has 14 full-time employees (35 part-time), including three certified athletic trainers and an administrative assistant, as well as three assistant athletic directors who also serve as men’s basketball coach, women’s basketball coach, and sports information director. In addition to quantity, the Chargers have displayed quality as many of the college’s teams have reached unprecedented success in the last few years.

The equestrian, women’s volleyball, men’s and women’s basketball, men’s and women’s Alpine skiing, and men’s and women’s outdoor track and field teams have all been invited to postseason national competitions, while several other programs have met with great success at the regional level.

“I feel one of my greatest strengths is the ability to create an effective team,” Debi says of her current Athletic Department staff. “I chose athletic administration over coaching because I wanted to spend more time creating something that could have a greater impact on more student-athletes. I really believed that I could be more effective in administration.”

Debi cites student contact and the opportunity to play a role in their lives as the most rewarding part of her job, and she has been a key factor in much of the growth at Colby-Sawyer. She was greatly involved with the decision to begin admitting males in the fall of 1990. There were various task groups studying the process and she was one of those assigned to formulate a plan for athletics and recreation.

“I truly believe the move to coeducation was made for all
the right reasons. It’s exciting for me to be at a place that’s committed to excellence,” she says. “Colby-Sawyer has never stood still, and that’s a good thing.”

With the addition of males came the building of the 63,000-square-foot Dan and Kathleen Hogan Sports Center, which is used by every team in one way or another for games, practices, and/or conditioning. Debi was very involved with the planning of the building as she took part in budgeting, visiting other sites for ideas, and developing modifications. She was also a pivotal consultant during the construction of the Kelsey Athletic Fields, Kelsey Tennis Courts, and the renovation of Mercer Field.

As a supervisor, Debi is clearly not one who stands over her staff. She gives them a significant amount of independence. “I believe in empowering others,” she offers. “It’s important to establish your expectations and guidelines and to be very clear about them. If you have good people who are capable professionals, you’ll be successful as a unit. I like to think that I listen to others but will choose a course of action that is appropriate for this area and for the department’s integration with the rest of the college.”

Bill Foti is familiar with Debi’s management style. He is one of the country’s most successful men’s basketball coaches and has worked with her for ten years. (See related story in this issue, “A Conversation: the President and a Friend.”) “Deb is very supportive of what we do,” Foti says. “She has always been fair, helpful, and someone that we, as coaches, really trust will do right by us. She is hands-off with many things, yet deeply involved when appropriate.”

While she certainly is not in search of praise and honors, people have taken note of her hard work and efforts. Although it’s been 34 years since her graduation from Colby-Sawyer, she has been known to leave commencement celebrations recently with awards in hand. The recipient, in 1995, of the Gown Award, which is presented to an individual from Colby-Sawyer College whose work and contributions in the New London area are extraordinary, she was honored this year with the Distinguished Alumni Award, which recognizes an alumnus or alumnus who has made a distinctive and unique contribution to his or her profession and to society.

“When President Anne Ponder invited me to her office and asked if I would accept the Distinguished Alumni Award, I was floored,” Debi says. “It’s a special honor and I’m very proud to be a member of the alumni and to receive the award for my years of service.”

Debi also recently received recognition for her athletic career when she was inducted into the New England Lacrosse Hall of Fame in a ceremony at the Fleet Center in Boston last fall. Each of the honorees was presented with a videotape which included recorded messages from people who had played important roles in their lives.

Amy Liner ‘93 had these words of praise for her former coach: “Deb, on my graduation day you gave me a card and it says, ‘To laugh often and love much, to win the respect of intelligent persons and the acceptance of children, to win the approval of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends, to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others, and to know that one life has breathed easier because you have lived is to have succeeded.’ You really taught me how to succeed, Deb. You represented all of this and more as a coach, as a person, and as a friend. Every time I look at this card on my wall I think of you and I always strive for the best.”

Allison Risch coached Debi in high school, New England Lacrosse, and U.S. Lacrosse and praised her former pupil’s ability and attitude. “Her enjoyment of the game translated into her effectiveness,” said Risch. “She truly loved playing it and, as it does for many of us, the pure joy of the game came through in her playing style.”

Debi has served on a number of NCAA and ECAC committees and was the commissioner of the New England Women’s Athletic Conference. She has been the president and founder of the New England Women’s Lacrosse Association and president of the Boston Women’s Lacrosse Association. She is most proud of being a selector for the Women’s National Lacrosse Team as well as a rated national official.

Outside of work she serves as the chair of the Sunapee Recreation Committee and is an “expert” on the MomsTeam.com Website, responding to parental issues relating to athletics. She also spent six years on the New Hampshire Special Olympics Board of Directors.

Debi likes to channel her efforts in directions that will help kids and she especially loves spending time with her 14-year old son, Corey, who has taken part in a variety of sports and is currently into soccer and Nordic ski jumping. She has remained an athlete to this day and enjoys golfing, skiing, biking, and kayaking.

Debi is as excited and passionate about her job today as she was 16 years ago, and she relishes the challenges that lie ahead. She is proud of the success achieved by the Colby-Sawyer athletic program, but by no means thinks there isn’t more to accomplish in the future. “I think regionally, and in some cases nationally, Colby-Sawyer is very well respected,” she states with conviction. “However, I believe that we cannot rest on our laurels. Excellence is all about never settling for what you have accomplished today, and more about extending your limits for the tomorrows.”
Colby-Sawyer senior Chung Sohn, from Seoul, Korea, is a young woman who’s been places and done things most college students have yet to experience. She speaks Korean, English, and Indonesian fluently, as well as some Japanese. Chung lived in Korea until the age of ten, when her father’s clothing manufacturing business moved to Indonesia. (The family business moved from Korea to Indonesia to Mexico, and now is located in Los Angeles.) She attended the International School in Indonesia for four years, learning to speak English. “It was difficult,” she recalls, “because in school I had to speak English, outside of school I had to speak Indonesian, and at home I had to speak Korean. At first, I was kind of confused,” she says with a bemused laugh, which implies a certain amount of understatement. But Chung eventually met the challenge of the United Nations-like language demands placed on her and decided to spread her wings farther into the world. She decided to come to school in the United States because of her interest in American culture. She applied and was accepted to the Kent School in northwestern Connecticut, where she was a student “for four years that were among the best of my life. I actually learned to speak Japanese in America because there are Japanese students at Kent and at Colby-Sawyer.”

She learned about Colby-Sawyer from her counselor at the Kent School, and when Chung visited our campus, she was impressed with its beauty. She picked business as her major because “from the time I was a little girl I watched how my father ran his business. He’s the person I admire and respect the most in the world, so it was natural for me to want to become like him.”

When describing those things she likes about her studies, Chung immediately mentions the size of the classes, which she feels are ideal. “I like the small class groups because I get full attention from the professors and can go to them directly whenever I need extra help. I get to participate in discussion when I want to and have been able to become friends with some of my professors.”

Of course, the college experience would not be much fun without activities outside the classroom, and Chung is a veritable font of energy and innovation when it comes to extracurricular accomplishments. The energy part has to do with winter sports. “I love anything that has to do with the snow,” she says with a smile. “I especially like to ski. I also like to cook Korean food and I do that almost every weekend.” Her specialty is bulgogi, a barbecued beef seasoned with a sweetened soy sauce. It’s a savory dish her friends are more than willing to share with her.

Chung says she was told before her arrival in the United States that Americans are
not friendly, but she says she has found just the opposite to be true. “The students here are very friendly. They seem truly interested in my culture, and that’s a good feeling. It’s also been a big help that the school supports us so much with the English as a Second Language and the English Language and American Culture programs. Besides, I’m the type of person who doesn’t wait for someone to come to me. I go to them and say hello and shake their hand. That’s the best way to meet people and make friends.”

As an example of her innovative side and her how-to-make-friends philosophy, Chung was instrumental in re-starting the Cross-Cultural Club, and, with other international students, she sponsored the first international night, an evening which has become a much anticipated annual event on campus, to promote cultural diversity and to allow students to showcase the various cultural treasures of their homelands. She was also instrumental in developing the international suite where, on weekends, students from all cultures could gather to play games, share foods, drink tea, and tell stories about their homes. Always looking for new ways to connect to her peers, Chung also acted for three years as a resident assistant in her residence hall. As an RA, her prime responsibility, among other duties, was to get to know a small number of students and to help them to get to know each other. “I like to solve problems, to help people, and to be a leader, so being an RA gave me the opportunity to do all these things,” Chung explains.

“Big.” Without hesitation, that is the word Chung uses when asked to describe what she likes about America. “I love the fact that the country’s so big,” she continues. “It’s so wide open. I love my homeland of Korea, but it’s very crowded and cramped. When I arrived in America and walked into the airport, it was the happiest moment of my life because it was so spacious and it made me feel so free. Here, it seems as though the land and the forests never end. There are so many things I feel I can do here that I can’t do in Korea, which is why I plan to stay on the East Coast after graduation.”

And what will Chung do after she graduates? She completed her internship during her junior year at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel and Suites in Los Angeles and greatly enjoyed the experience. “The best I’ve had so far,” she says with a wide smile. “It was hard, challenging, and fun.” So, recently she packed a suitcase and a bunch of résumés and went to New York City by herself by bus. She spent a couple of days taking the subway from hotel to hotel in downtown Manhattan, meeting the managers, and leaving her résumés. Some of the hotels responded to her inquiries within days.

Chung Sohn is multi-lingual, intelligent, a self-starter, an innovator, a hard worker, wants to lead, and is as friendly a person as one could ask for. Some hotel in New York City is about to enjoy a very big stroke of good luck.
Ayumi Endo, from Tokyo, Japan, began to speak our language at age nine, encouraged by her mother who was writing scientific papers in English. In Japan, all students are required to study English from grades seven through twelve, so Ayumi’s skills continued to improve. Her first twelve years of education were different from many Japanese students in that she went to a private institution where uniforms were not required, and classes were based on discussion and opinion rather than on memorization. When asked what intrigued her about coming to America, Ayumi tactfully states, “For me, expressing my opinion and being an individual is a little more comfortable than being in the group society, which is the way it is in Japan for the most part.”

When she first arrived at Colby-Sawyer, Ayumi was surprised by the small size of the college. However, she soon learned, there were advantages specific to her needs in the smallness of the classes. “I felt comfortable in the classes and found that, as a speaker of English as a second language, being able to ask questions of the professors directly in class was a big help. I was also able to take advantage of the facilities at James House, where they helped us with our questions about the English language as well as assisted us in our classroom subjects. I don’t think this would have happened at a big school. Plus, the people are so nice here and everyone is ready and willing to help.”

Ayumi chose Colby-Sawyer because she is interested in psychology and art, and she felt both programs were strongly represented at the college. Eventually, she chose art as her major because she wanted to “express myself through a creative style of communication. Even in Japanese, I don’t feel I can express myself fully in words,” she explains. “With art I can communicate the things I really want to say, as well as those feelings that are deeper than words can explain.”

Outside of class, Ayumi likes to read for pleasure in both English and Japanese, but, above all, she enjoys traveling. Other than the United States, she has been to Korea, Thailand, Australia, Cambodia, and Italy. She traveled to Australia as a high school exchange student and lived with an Australian family while she continued her studies. Her travels in Italy were inspired by a Colby-Sawyer art history class, which made her feel compelled to go see some of the great Italian art. “I didn’t spend as much time with the Italian people as I would have liked because I was always in museums studying their magnificent artwork or roaming around studying the incredible architecture,” Ayumi

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Ayumi Endo ’02, Portrait of the Artist as a Young Woman

by David R. Morcom
says with equal parts of regret and happy recollection. “Wherever I go, the best part about it is just being immersed in a different culture.”

Another of Ayumi’s interests is a mixture of art, tradition, and etiquette; the Japanese tea ceremony. She has studied it and can perform it with all the grace and dignity it deserves. “The tea ceremony is complicated,” Ayumi says, “and it’s much better to show it than to try and explain it. For me, the tea ceremony is soothing. Performing it gives me an inner calm, almost like meditation. It appeals to all the senses because floral arrangement is part of it, and some of the utensils used are made from beautiful ceramics. It’s about being a gracious hostess, as well as being a gracious guest. And for each, the rules to follow are different. In the tea ceremony there is artistry and tradition coming together in a very peaceful and precise way.”

During her first year at the college, Ayumi admits focusing on her studies, which was a bit of a detriment to her social interactions. However, her outgoing personality was soon noticed, and she was asked to join a group of American women in their residence hall suite. She now considers them to be good friends.

Ayumi gives a lot of thought to the difference between the American and Japanese cultures, between exercising her individuality and what she sometimes thinks of as selfishness. “My mother tells me to think of other people first and then myself, because that’s the way it’s done in the Japanese culture. But in America, I’ve gotten used to the individual way of living and I’m sometimes torn between these two totally different cultural styles.” This became apparent when Ayumi went back to Japan to take her internship in ceramics. “I was used to the way Professor Jon Keenan taught us by giving us instruction and then letting us do our things the way we wanted. Of course, he gave us guidance when we asked for it or he felt we needed it, and it was quite a free way to learn. In Japan, my instructor was a nice person, but he was totally Japanese. He told me how to make a pot, for example, and if I didn’t follow his instructions carefully, he would not accept what it was I did. I didn’t have freedom at all. I know that’s one way to do things, but that was difficult for me.”

Ayumi plans to go to graduate school for art. Her current interest is in two-dimensional art, and she very much wants to paint in all media. “I just love to make things, to create beauty,” she offers.

“When I graduated, I was both happy and sad,” Ayumi says. “I was happy because four years ago I didn’t think I’d make it, but now I’ve passed every class and it gives me a great sense of accomplishment. It also fills me with confidence.”

For Ayumi Endo, the future is sure to be filled with inventive art created with a unique flair, inspired by people and cultures from all over the world. Perhaps, it will be a type of art that mixes various social cultures with paint on canvas so smoothly and freely that it all blends into one work of definitive beauty.

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Men’s Soccer (8-9-2)

The men’s soccer team put together one of the top offensive seasons in the 12-year history of the program. The Chargers matched their second-greatest total of 42 goals, previously set last year, and tallied their third-most points (113). Colby-Sawyer went 8-9-2 overall and 6-4-1 versus Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) opponents in the regular season. The Chargers were 3-0-1 in their last four CCC games and have posted a winning conference record in each of their seven years in the league.

Five members of Coach Peter Steese’s team were recognized by the CCC at the end of the year. Matt Solazzo ‘04 followed his CCC Rookie of the Year campaign by being named First Team All-Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) as a sophomore. Newcomer Aaron Cinquemani ‘05 was a Second Team All-CCC selection and the Chargers’ second straight Commonwealth Coast Conference Rookie of the Year. Senior tri-captains Marc Ezekiel, Andrew Cesati, and Conor Anderson also received postseason honors. Ezekiel was named Second Team All-Commonwealth Coast Conference for the second consecutive season, while Cesati and Anderson were Honorable Mention All-CCC picks.

Women’s Soccer (10-8-1)

Women’s soccer went 10-8-1 overall and was just one win shy of the program’s single-season victory record that was previously set in 1990 and 1997. The 10 wins were the greatest total compiled by the squad in the four years Jill Donovan has served as the head coach.

The Chargers also matched their most-ever victories in the Commonwealth Coast Conference with a 7-4-1 mark, finishing 5-1-1 in their last seven CCC games. Colby-Sawyer traveled to second-seeded Endicott for the CCC quarterfinals and battled the eventual champions for over 128 minutes before finally being defeated 2-1 in triple overtime. The Chargers were the only team to score a goal versus Endicott in the conference tournament.

Colby-Sawyer’s formidable defense shut out six opponents this season, including five conference foes. Two members of the Chargers’ backfield were recognized at the end of the year by being named First Team All-CCC selection and the Chargers’ second straight Commonwealth Coast Conference Rookie of the Year. Senior tri-captains Marc Ezekiel, Andrew Cesati, and Conor Anderson also received postseason honors. Ezekiel was named Second Team All-Commonwealth Coast Conference for the second consecutive season, while Cesati and Anderson were Honorable Mention All-CCC picks.

Women’s Tennis (10-10)

The women’s tennis team bounced back from a 3-7 start by winning seven of its last 10 matches to complete the season with a 10-10 record. The Chargers recorded five straight wins in eight days (October 2-9). Colby-Sawyer reached double-digit victories for the eighth time in the last nine years and claimed four of its final five Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) contests en route to a 6-3 league mark.

First-year Coach Jen Ellis’s squad tied Endicott for fourth place in the conference standings and was the fifth seed for the tournament since the Power Gulls were 9-0 winners over Colby-Sawyer in the regular season. The Chargers avenged that loss with a 6-3 road win over Endicott in the CCC quarterfinals. The season finally came to an end in the semifinal round at Gordon, the undefeated conference champion.

Junior co-captain Kim Tocci (No.1) was a Second Team All-Commonwealth Coast Conference singles selection. Tocci also managed the top doubles place in the lineup with sophomore Kate Rocheford, and the duo was named Second Team All-Commonwealth Coast Conference for doubles. Jen Wood ‘05 was a three-time Commonwealth Coast Conference Rookie of the Week in her first year of college competition.
Women’s Volleyball (14-12)
The women’s volleyball team reached the final match of the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) Tournament for the sixth consecutive season. The Chargers, who have been active members of the conference for seven years, won their last four CCC matches and finished the regular season with a 6-2 league mark.

After beating Eastern Nazarene in the quarterfinals, Colby-Sawyer avenged a regular season loss to Roger Williams with a road victory in the semifinal round. The Chargers then met top-seeded Gordon in a rematch of last year’s final and, unfortunately for Colby-Sawyer, the Fighting Scots prevailed by a score of 3-1. The Chargers ended the season as the conference runner-up for the second straight year and fifth time in the last six seasons.

Chad Braegelmann guided Colby-Sawyer to 10 wins in its last 13 matches and a 14-12 overall record in his first season as the head coach. Braegelmann had three seniors on his squad and the CCC recognized each one of them at the end of the season. Heather McMahon and Amy Callahan were named First Team All-Commonwealth Coast Conference and Karen Kotopoulis was chosen as an Honorable Mention All-CCC player. Newcomer Kelsey Donahue ’05 also had a strong finish to the season, joining Kotopoulis as an Honorable Mention All-CCC selection.

Men’s Basketball (22-6)
The Colby-Sawyer Chargers began the 2001-02 season with a 19-6-93 record through their first 11 years of play. Their 67.8 victory percentage made them the third winningest all-time NCAA Division III men’s basketball program. The Chargers maintained their standard of excellence and remained among the nation’s elite squads with a 22-6 campaign, which put them at a 68.8 percent clip (218-99) after a dozen seasons.

Colby-Sawyer finished first in the Commonwealth Coast Conference by going 10-1 versus CCC opponents in the regular season and earned its second consecutive automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Men’s Basketball Championship by capturing the conference tournament.

The Chargers went to Hartford, Connecticut, for a first-round NCAA game and the season concluded with a 75-47 loss to Trinity of the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC). The Chargers went 5-3 versus the highly regarded NESCAC in 2001-02.

Bill Foti was chosen as the Commonwealth Coast Conference Coach of the Year for the fourth time in the last five years. Foti, who has gone 199-68 (.745) in 10 seasons, started the campaign with a 74.1 victory percentage, which made him the sixth winningest, active NCAA Division head men’s basketball coach.

Grant Kelly ’02 was named First Team All-Commonwealth Coast Conference, Ethan Betts ’03 was a Second Team All-CCC pick, and Calen Paquette ’02 earned an honorable mention selection. Brendan Carney ’02 was also recognized by the conference as well as on the national level. Carney was named to the Verizon Academic All-America College Division Men’s Basketball Second Team and was the Commonwealth Coast Conference Senior Scholar-Athlete.

Women’s Basketball (18-10)
The women’s basketball team continued to be one of the top programs in New England in 2001-02. Once again the Chargers reached the final game of the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) Tournament and were selected for postseason play, registering both accomplishments for the fifth time in the last six years. They went 18-10 overall and finished second in the league standings with a 10-2 record versus CCC opponents in the regular season. Colby-Sawyer was the runner-up at the conference tournament and was invited to participate in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III New England Tournament for the second consecutive year. Seeded fifth by the ECAC for the eight-team competition, the Chargers visited No. 4, Keene State, for a quarterfinal matchup. A 73-58 defeat brought the season to an end.

George Martin increased his record to 155-60 (.721) after eight seasons as the team’s head coach. The two-time Commonwealth Coast Conference WINTER SPORTS

CCC Champions. For the second straight year, the Chargers won the Commonwealth Coast Conference title and went on to the NCAA Tournament. Photo: John Quackenboss
Coach of the Year began the season with a 137-50 mark and a 73.3 victory percentage, which made him the 23rd winningest, active, NCAA Division III women’s basketball coach.

Two of Martin’s players were recognized by the conference at the end of the season. Co-captain Ashley Bramwell ’02 was named First Team All-CCC for the second straight year, and Amy Callahan ’02 was an Honorable Mention All-CCC pick. Bramwell, who scored her 1,000th point this year, was selected to the New England Women’s Basketball Association (NEWBA) All-Star Second Team and was chosen to play in the NEWBA Senior Classic.

**The Colby-Sawyer Men's and Women's Alpine Skiing Program was recently presented with the MacConnell Cup Team Sportsmanship Award for the second consecutive season.**

### Men’s Alpine Skiing

The men’s Alpine skiing team joined the U.S. Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Association (USCSA) in 1998 and has gone to the USCSA National Championships in each of its five years of membership. The Chargers matched their best national finish, accomplished a year ago, by placing third at the 19-team competition in Waterville Valley, New Hampshire. Colby-Sawyer placed first among 10 schools in the Eastern Collegiate Ski Conference (ECSC) MacConnell Division after the five regular-season carnivals and also led the field of 16 at the ECSC Regional Championships.

Colby-Sawyer came home from the USCSA National Championships with five All-America awards. Drew Drummond ‘02 and Scott Bailey ‘03 earned two All-America honors each. Drummond came in eighth in the slalom and 11th in the combined rankings of more than 100 racers. He was also 30th in the giant slalom (GS) and completed his career as a six-time All-American. Bailey finished 18th in the GS, 14th in slalom, and 12th for his combined effort. Bailey, who had a 14th-place combined performance in 2001, is now a three-time All-American. Tim Ingraham ‘02 also returned as an All-American after coming in 12th in GS. Andrew Norton ‘02 came in 23rd in slalom and was selected as a USCSA Academic All-American for the fourth straight year.

### Women’s Alpine Skiing

Andrew Gannon, head coach of both of Colby-Sawyer’s Alpine skiing teams, has led the women’s squad to the USCSA National Championships in all five of its seasons as a member of the USCSA. The Colby-Sawyer women tied for fifth in the country out of 19 schools and duplicated their top performance of a year ago in the process. The Chargers earned a berth in the postseason by placing fourth in the Eastern Collegiate Ski Conference MacConnell Division regular season, which consists of five carnivals. They were also fourth of 16 at the ECSC Regional Championships.

Colby-Sawyer then proceeded to the national competition in Waterville Valley, New Hampshire, where it was led by newcomer Eugenia Manseau ’05 in both races. Manseau placed 24th out of more than 100 competitors in GS and 18th in the slalom as she capped off a rookie campaign in which she paced the squad in 12 out of 14 competitions. Kristin Surowiec ’03 followed Manseau in each event at nationals by placing 30th in the GS and tying for 26th in slalom. Team Captain Kelly Wigmore ’02 was chosen as a USCSA Academic All-American.

### Women’s Swimming (2-7)

Women’s swimming was added to the varsity sports lineup at Colby-Sawyer this year and the Chargers made their mark on the regional level under the direction of head coach Rick Goerlitz. They sent seven competitors to the New England Swimming and Diving Championships, which were hosted by Bentley College in Waltham, Massachusetts, and finished 17th out of 18 colleges. Kristy Gerry ’05, Katie Louzek ’02, and Casey Mitchell ’02 were part of each of the four relay teams that earned 32 of the Chargers’ 36 points. These three were joined by Meaghan Smith ’05 on both the 200-yard medley relay and the school-record setting 400-medley relay. Senior Emily Sullivan swam the 50-yard freestyle. Heather King ’03 was part of the 16th-place 200-yard freestyle relay, while Lindsey Oneto ’05 teamed with Gerry, Louzek, and Mitchell in the finals of the 400-freestyle relay, which broke a school record and finished 16th. Gerry accumulated four additional points for the squad by finishing 15th in the finals of the 200-yard individual medley.

Colby-Sawyer had nine dual meets this year and posted a 2-7 overall record, which included a 2-1 mark at home. They celebrated their home-opener by claiming their first-ever victory when they defeated Elms by a score of 151-97 on December 8. Their other win was a 110-77 triumph over Western Connecticut in their next meet.

Gerry led the 2001-02 squad with five individual school records, while Oneto, Louzek, Mitchell, and Smith put their names on two Colby-Sawyer individual records apiece.
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June-August:
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PO Box 65
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Please see In Fond Memory
1930
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1931
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Barbara Vaughan Garside
writes of attending the Atlantic
Flower Show, “a knock-out event.” Otherwise, she’s enjoyed
a quiet winter of concerts and
good symphony. She reports,
with her greetings, that life is
good. Prudence “Prue” Potter
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Clara Burr
Miller
continues to serve as a
deacon in the Montview Blvd.
Presbyterian Church, as well as
taking her turn as bible study
leader. She continues to be editor
of Metamorphosis, a Montview
Manor publication.

Elizabeth
Grimes Smith
spent Christmas
with her son and family in
Gainesville, VA, and New Year’s
with her niece and husband,
who live in New London, NH.
Harriett Gray Vangsness
continues her busy life in Sun City
Center, FL, teaching classes.
Congratulations, Harriett, for
your 90th birthday! Word has
just reached me that Helen
Goodwin Yeagle has moved to
the Anne Marion Rest Home,
1398 Main Street, Worcester, MA,
01603. Helen has been so faithful
in sharing her news with us. I am
sure she would appreciate hear-
ing from you by a personal note.
My life continues to run smooth-
ly, partly because of emphasis on
therapy and renewed association
with this region experienced so
happily in my childhood and
adolescence. Thank you for writ-
ing. I encourage the 16 class-
mates who have not responded
to send me brief notes or have
someone do it for you. We live
in a rapidly changing world. The
class of 1931 of Colby Junior
College are not to be forgotten
as pioneers to Colby-Sawyer
College.

Please see In Fond Memory
1932
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Have I had a 90th birthday! I
went to my daughter’s in Stowe,
VT, where 22 family members
and close friends had gathered.
We had a ball! Then I came
home to a Colby-Sawyer recep-
tion in Colgate Hall. I recently
spoke with Elisabeth “Betty”
Ball Hughes, and she doubts
that she will be able to attend
our 70th reunion. She uses a
walker, and says it would be too
complicated.

Barbara Wilson
Lenox will not be able to attend
either. Unfortunately, I have to
be at Bald Peak in NH for my
niece’s wedding on June 1. I
don’t like the thought of missing
reunion, but family comes first!

Please see In Fond Memory
1933
Class Correspondent Needed
Pauline “Polly” Rogers Barker ’34
1915 - 2002

The college community joined family and friends to honor the memory of Pauline “Polly” Rogers Barker, 86, of East Walpole, MA, who died January 25, 2002. Polly was a sister, wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who spent her career as a public health nurse. For 40 years, she volunteered for the Girl Scouts, retiring in 1980.

She was also a dedicated volunteer and worked diligently on behalf of her college. Since 1963, she was deeply involved in the Annual Fund Campaign and was class agent for 36 years. She served as the Class of 1934 Reunion Giving Chair during her 50th reunion celebration. For her continued service and devotion to Colby-Sawyer College, Polly received the Alumni Service Award in 1984.

Polly was respected and loved by all who knew her. She visited Seamans Alumni House whenever she was in New London and was always warmly welcomed. Those of us who knew her will miss her cheery and lovely smile and the great big hug that always was there for us.

— Submitted by Lucille Shevett

1936
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Thanks to all who sent in news. It was great to hear from you. For those who didn’t make the deadline, send news anytime by using those double postcards. Beulah Carrigan Crosby has moved to an assisted living home. Her new address is Canterbury Woods, 100 Garfield Ave, Apt. 344, Attleboro, MA 02703. Athelyn Gay Hale is still busy with the church choir, a new church start in Deland, weekly shuffleboard activities, as well as trying to keep up with more than 40 family birthdays. Lois Wheatley Hopkins has nothing exciting to report, except her son Jack’s 2nd marriage to a lovely woman from Chile. It was soon after Christmas in her home where 28 years before her daughter Suzan also had her 2nd marriage. A good luck house, they said! Good friends, various local activities, and great memories, including Colby, keep life interesting.

Judith “Judy” Clarke Kitchen writes that it is hard to believe that it’s news time again. Life at Laurel Mead keeps us busy and stimulated most of the time. Last Thanksgiving brought an especially happy week for her, as she spent time at her daughter’s in Evanston. “I sincerely believe that after the terrible tragic events of Sept. 11 families become more precious,” says Judy. Most of her news comes from her grandsons. Chris, the oldest at 27, has finished Georgetown Law and is working for a prestigious law firm in Chicago. He is proud of his new apartment, where he and Jackson (his wonderful Dalmatian) are enjoying life to the fullest. Middle grandson, Justin, is graduating from Colgate this spring and has a job waiting in Chicago. Ryan, the youngest, is in middle school in MN. He loves it, along with his athletic program. Everyone is happy, healthy, and doing well. “My thanks to ‘Barb’ for her continued good care of the class of ’36,” writes Judy. Ruth Bennett Lougee spends time playing golf and lawn bowling 5 days a week. She goes back to MA, NH, and FL in the fall and spring to visit family. Ellen McCloskeye Riley writes that her mother, Catharine Horton McCloskey, is in a nursing home, suffering from Alzheimer’s. She is non-verbal and has no memory. I received a call from my roommate, Gertrude “Trudy” Hawes Reynolds, telling me that Marjorie “Marge” Underhill Christian passed away on June 10 from cancer. Trudy called Olga “Charlie” Niedziela Kassab to tell her, as the 3 of them were called the “three musketeers” at Colby. Nancy Fuller Sargent says her life isn’t very exciting, but it does fly by with bingo, visits with friends, going out with family, and church. “Many friends and neighbors have come here to live. There’s Bible study and a small ice cream parlor. I keep in touch with Constance “Connie” Mason Lane. Loved the picture of the campus in the President’s letter. Heard from Judith “Judy” Clarke Kitchen at Christmas. I am fortunate to walk sometimes with a cane or walker. LAughter is our best medicine.” Gertrude “Trudie” Myers Sunderland finds it difficult to write a note at the age of 85. She writes, “On the minus side, I am watching my extended family and friends die. My brother-in-law died in my presence at a Christmas gathering. Having no children means I have no grandchildren to watch grow up. But on the plus side, I am still in my own home, which is my security blanket. I have a good number of young people around (40-55) and I still have the love of my life, my Cairn Terrier with me, 17 years old next month.” Sadly, news was received of the passing of Barbara Davis DeFriest on June 19, 2001, and Jean Yates Bowman on Dec. 31, 2001.

1934
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Sadly, last year we lost Hildreth “Hillie” Aiken Bourn, and this year Pauline “Polly” Rogers Barker. Sometimes encountering these withdrawals from our world are too shocking to discuss. But should we forget? Never! Hillie’s efforts on the CJC campus were solid and strong. Then a BU student, a teacher, a world traveler, a business owner, and a mother of 3 children. She remembered CJC on the hill every June, smitten with ill health, but not complaining. She was always involved. Hillie, we miss you and your inspirations. And Polly—always our trusted financial manager—she made our class of 1934 shine every year. Polly’s positions in every phase of her life were handled with grace, dignity, good cheer, and generosity. She is survived by her daughter. Let us recall others who have impacted our friends’ lives, such as Ruth Carlton Hall’s husband, Ledgard, who after many months of debilitating illness, left Ruth in April 2001. Reviewing CJC’s songbook recently brought back memories not only of the songs, but of the authors: Elizabeth “Lib” Gay Nelson, Phyl Brown, Bert Horvitz, Betty Hart, Enid Kiernan, Pearl Merriam, Nat Bradstreet, and Eleanor Chase. How can the years be forgotten? Never!

Please see In Fond Memory

1935
Ethelyn “Jackie” Dorr Symons
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I keep in touch with Marjorie “Marge” Rolfe on a regular basis, and she is doing well. I recently had a nice phone conversation with Doris “Dottie” Cooper. She is living in FL. Ina Faulkner Bourgard fell and broke her hip, and is on the mend in a nursing home in CT. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Ina. I do think about you, my classmates, often, and I do hope you’ll drop me a line. I would love to put your news in our class column.
The college can supply her address and telephone number. She would love to hear from you. They have “moved to a newer, larger house and find that getting settled is infinitely harder with Faith’s affliction.” Their daughter, Judith “Judy” Wyer ’64 helped them get settled. Jane Bantly Behnke is still in her lake home in CT. She had a mild stroke a couple of years ago and has recovered nicely. But, the following year, she fell chasing a squirrel from her bird feeders and broke her hip! She’s well again and back driving. With 3 daughters of her own, it is different to have 3 grandchildren and a great-grandson. Justine Mintie Caldwell recently heard from Margaret Raleigh Hennessey after many years. I would love to hear some news from both of them for this column. Lois Alley Ferguson writes that she is having trouble with arthritis in her hands and feet, but otherwise she and her husband, Crawf, are doing well, going back and forth between FL and ME. Marjorie Thomas Reynolds goes to see Colby-Sawyer every summer when she visits her son at his summer home in Woodstock, VT. Midge is now working on some oil paintings for an art show at her country club. She enjoys the many fine art galleries and art shows in Jacksonville, FL.

Eleanor Rich Brothwell says she will be at reunion. She has a song she hopes we will all sing. At reunion, she’ll have a good time greeting old friends and making new ones. She keeps in touch with Eleanor Hedges Hale at Christmas. Constance Warner Regli loves living at Kendal in Oberlin, OH, where she enjoys lots of activities, wonderful people from all over the world, and healthcare. She enjoys the concerts of Oberlin Conservatory and lectures at the college. Best of all, she is with people she has known since grade school and college. She’s looking forward to a long life. I am still enjoying The Virginian, especially the computer room. I’ve learned a lot in 3 years and am constantly amazed at the enjoyment I get from e-mail. Lost friends have turned up and we’ve caught up with the passing years. I’d recommend it to anyone willing to put in a little effort. My family are great travelers. My oldest granddaughter, who is a junior at Oberlin, is spending her final semester in Nicaragua. I’m looking forward to our 65th reunion in May. Hope to see some of you there to renew our friendship.

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1938

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Janet Marcia Drabble writes, “I’ll always remember my days at Colby because I learned a lot and I made many good friends.” She still keeps in touch with many of those friends.

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1939

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Welcome 39ers, and many thanks for sending so much news. It seems that many of you are either in a retirement community or assisted living facility. If not already there, you have plans to be. One of those is Virginia “Ginny” Wells Chandler, who with her husband, Jim, has been at Harvest Hill in Lebanon, NH, for 5 years. They have met nice people and there is a lot going on. Ginny is secretary of the association and in charge of flowers and the greenhouse. With sons nearby and 9 grandchildren and 1 great, they have lots of family gatherings. Another happy camper is Helen Reynolds Williams, who has been living in Rivermead in Peterborough, NH, for almost 5 years. She enjoys the nice mix of residents who come from all over the country. Ai-Li Sung Chin has bought an apartment in Brookhaven, a retirement community in Lexington, MA. She hopes to meet interesting people and expand her cultural activities. Ai-Li started piano lessons 2 years ago and will continue with her informal writing group, as well as the Chinese Women’s Oral History Project. When Ai-Li can get a consultant friend to help out, she flies to China to “teach” management. She enjoys her 4 granddaughters. Barbara “Mickey” Mix Wells is in an assisted living community. She gets around in a wheel chair. Mixie takes courses and writes poetry. All but 1 of her children live in New England. Always good for a chuckle, she asks, “Are you as surprised as I about living so long?” Miriam “Mim” Runnels Demallie says news is scanty right now as Peter spent some time in the hospital and rehab in Sept. She’s happy to report that things are getting back to normal. Before this all happened they had been to the weddings of 3 grandchildren—only nine to go! An Elderhostel junkie is Virginia “Ginny” Mahard Laming, who with her husband, Bernie, has been on 13 Elderhostel trips and enjoyed them all. At home, Ginny volunteers at a nursing home where she works with Alzheimer patients 3 days a week. She says she’s taking “loads of pills” so she can make it you our 65th reunion. Jack and Marion Sage Boyd continue to spend 6 weeks on Siesta Key in Sarasota, FL, during March and April. “I’m in good health,” writes Sally Stevens Ayres. She keeps busy with volunteer work at church and gardening, and is on the board of the condo where she lives. Sally keeps in touch with Virginia Hayes Earle, Joan Helms Hunter, Natalee Brown, and her long lost roommate Lucile Woolam Berrizbeitia, who lives with her daughter in No. Richland, TX. From Harwich, MA, Anette Caldwell Blais writes that she is still volunteering for the blood drive in Hyannis. She is also on the care committee at her church.

Miriam “Mimsie” Cluff Worthley visits with family here and there. Her daughter, Betsy, her husband and 2 children now live with her in Barrington, RI. Historian Phyllis Lee Schwabe Levin has written another book, Edith and Woodrow: The Wilson White House. Her first book, Abigail Adams, has been reprinted. I must say that Abigail is a fascinating woman, a must read.
Anne-Shirley Orent Hudler and her husband, Lynn, have decided to confine their 2002 travel plans to the “good ole USA.” She says that since September 11, their priorities have changed considerably. Anne-Shirley’s children, grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren are doing well. Janet Morton Coates and her husband, Fred, spent the month of February in Naples, FL. They continue to take senior citizen courses at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN, and belong to a book club. Exercising at their local health club keeps them going, and they feel fortunate for their good health. I, your class correspondent, Frances “Fran” Holbrook Armstrong, am still volunteering at my church. Ed has bad knees so we are staying close to home this year. Keep those card and e-mails coming, please. Luv ya.

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1940

Class Correspondent Needed

Macular degeneration has slowed down Harriet Tillinghast Fuller, but she still enjoys traveling. She will be bargeing on the Ohio River in June. Last year was tough for Margaret “Peggy” Brewer Cooley, as she had 2 lengthy surgeries less than a month apart. She did enjoy Christmas in TX with her son. Her granddaughter, who is “joyously pregnant,” was there as well. While this will be the 1st grandchild for her daughter, her son enjoys his 4 grandchildren. Eunice LaMarsh Ayres is living in a super retirement community in Gainesville, FL. Her only daughter, Heather, lives in IA and is married to a Methodist minister. Eunice has “3 grandchildren, scattered about,” and she visits them often. She would love to see any “Colbyites” who might be in the area. Reid Francis Morris writes, “After almost 30 years of book publishing, on top of his previous career, my husband and I have closed shop. He’s going to start painting again, and I hope to do some personal writing. At 81 and 85 we decided it was time to relax a bit.” Good for you, Reid! Margery “Peg” Valentine Rugen’s husband, Dick, died in 1999. Peg spends summer, spring, and fall in RI, and mid-winters in FL. Peg writes, “no grandchildren ( alas), but I have a pacemaker and a new knee. Hey, you can’t have everything!”

Margaret Van Duser Hurlbut, who was recently married, says that FL living continues to be fun and very busy. Golf, traveling, and family trips keep her on the go. “Best regards to Janet ‘Jan’ Canham Williams for her loyalty to ‘40! Thanks, Jan,” writes Margaret. Marguerite Biggs Lovelace has moved to a retirement community in South Yarmouth, MA, where she swims 3 times a week and plays a lot of bridge. She says, “I’m still alive, but not kicking as high!” In November she enjoyed a cruise down the Coastal Inland Waterway from RI to Stuart, FL.

Elizabeth “Betty” Thomas Densmore enjoys retirement and is keeping busy with church and outdoor activities, including hiking, cross-country skiing, and snow shoeing. She travels some, mostly in New England, and is taking courses at the College for Lifelong Learning. From Sarasota, FL, Jane “Holly” Hollings Gordon writes that she enjoyed Christmas in NYC with her daughter, son-in-law, and her son, who traveled from Boston to be with the family. She was also elated to learn while in NYC that she did not need open-heart surgery. Jane reports that her condo neighbor, Helen Clarke Hall ‘41, was doing well when she left for Dearborn, MI, to be with her daughter for Christmas. Helen remains in MI until she is in better health. Jane also reports that Shirley Johnson Watt ‘38 made her yearly visit in Feb., and the 2 of them drove across FL to visit Dorothy “Dotty” Skilton Peterson ‘38.

All 3 are doing well and thoroughly enjoyed their visit together. Helen Tripp Davies recently returned from a wonderful trip sailing around Cape Horn, “viewing the rugged, but beautiful, Andes,” followed by brief visits to Argentina and Chile. Her eldest son, Dr. Fred J. Davies Jr, professor of horticultural sciences and molecular and environmental plant sciences at Texas A&M University, recently completed his 3rd time as co-author of Hartmann & Kester’s book, Plant Propagation Principles and Practices, often referred to as the international bible of plant propagation. Helen’s eldest grandson is a happy freshman at Dartmouth.

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1941

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As I write this on March 2, here in north-central MA, we have had not more than 15 inches of snow and, coupled with a lack of rain, we face a critical drought. The warmest winter in recorded weather documentation! Even in northern ME, there hasn’t been much snow and Margaret “Margie” Law Brunckow Best has left FL and returned to RI. Isabelle “Emma” Duffett Langner has moved down from New London to Claremont, NH. Margaret “Peg” Cawley and Jean London left NY and are now settled in their new condo in Concord, NH. Charlie and Susan “Sue” Speir Parker moved into their new residence in Largo, FL, and then promptly took off on a 7-day cruise to AK, followed by a prolonged visit with family in CA. Their Christmas letter said they were still unpacking! Sue’s second knee operation has gone well. Other Christmas greetings were received from Margery “Marge” Tunison Hoch and Gene from NH, and also from Brij and B. Kumari Paul Batra, which included an invitation to visit them in VA. Shirley “Sherry” Hemming Garwood and Peter had a pre-Christmas Caribbean cruise to celebrate her 80th birthday. They included in their card some snapshots from our 60th reunion—great memories! Last week, I had lunch and a 3-hour chat with Anne Weston Miller, who continues her long road to recovery from last year’s devastating illness. You can imagine how startled and totally delighted I was when she and her son, John, were part of the gathering at my surprise 80th birthday party in Sept.!! My children and Roger really pulled a fast one on me! It happened on the Sunday following the Sept. 11 tragedy, so I’m sure you can understand how much the joy of that occasion was appreciated. That’s it. I warned you: tiny news equals skinny newsletter. ‘Fess up, now: what have you been doing, and where have you been? Keep well!

Please see In Fond Memory

1942

Margaret “Peg” Lasher Muller 151 Langley Parkway #326 Concord, NH 03301-7537

Jane Rayner Groo had quadruple bypass surgery in 1999. She says she is feeling much better now, but not as young as she would like to feel. She now has 2 great-grandchildren: Shelby (4) and Christopher (6 months). She also has a grandson attending the University of Delaware, which is near her home, so she gets to see him often. Sadly, Katherine “Kitty” Gordon Ridgway lost her beloved husband, Bruce, on Christmas day. Our sincerest condolences to you, Kitty.

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1943

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Virginia “Ginny” Hansen Gato’s note is a good way to start our column. “No news, but a happy, healthy, and safe New Year is my prayer for all.” Patricia “Pat” Stickel Crandall and husband Steve gave their 42nd annual road party for about 30 of their neighbors on New Year’s Day. Last Sept. she joined
Steve on a business trip to Rome. After searching, Pat finally located the marble statue of Apollo in the Vatican Museum, a copy of which is in Boston Symphony Hall, where she continues to be a tour guide. As a change of pace, Doc and I spent the end of 2001 in CA where our son and family had made arrangements for us to take in the Pasadena Parade of Roses. Those floats up close are unbelievable, and I, who dislike brussel sprouts, found a good use for them as part of the wings on several floats. This summer is a "Saint" summer as we travel to dance in Saint Paul, MN, and after our grandson's wedding in CA, head to Saint John, New Brunswick, for more square- and round-dancing. We agree with Virginia "Ginny" Davis McGlynn that time floats by too fast. She writes that life is good to her. She still has her Abbott Yarn Shoppe, remains on the Beverly City Council, and her family still speaks to her. What more could she ask for? Hard to believe they've been in Venice, FL, almost 2 years now, writes Priscilla Parker Craig. They're still settling in their new home and meeting church friends and neighbors, which they find a challenge as seniors, but so stimulating. They celebrate their 59th anniversary this August and are thankful for each day and each wellness. They continue to put up and taking day trips is about their speed now. Jean

Wackerbarth Hadidian is impressed with all that is being done at CSC, as are all of us, I'm sure. Last summer they had non-stop company at Dodge Pond. She and Dikran keep publishing a few books every year and their annual journal. They look forward to Wednesdays, when they care for their 7- and 8-year-old grandchildren. Good news from Barbara "Connie" Constantine Johnson who wrote from sunny and dry AZ that Spence's cancer is in remission. Connie is trying to recall how to swing a golf club again. She also plays lots of bridge and does water aerobics. By the time you read this they'll be back in VT. While there was no travel to France this past year for Carolyn Sigourney Holtz, they did explore the Canadian Rockies. When weather permits she's been doing outdoor sketching at a nearby llama farm. Jane Hamlin Horton's older son is enjoying working at U.A.E., while her older daughter now lives in Scotland, as her husband is with British Petroleum. While Priscilla Coan Barnes wrote that home is where the heart is, and that's where they enjoy being the most of all, their family tree continues to sprout new branches. They have 3 more great grandchildren, 4 are married, their youngest is a freshman in high school, 2 are in college, with 1 working for her master's in physical therapy, and another working on his Ph.D in chemistry, while the rest are in the "real" world of work. Their son, Paul, and his wife, Nancy, are proud new owners of Williams House B & B on Florida's Amelia Island. Jim and Priscilla thank the Lord every day for their good health. (Amen from us all.) Memories of Burpee's "Butt Room" days at CJC return whenever Virginia Stevens Butteringer plays bridge. She's also involved in local women's club activities and making stuffed toys for hospitalized children. She and Bob both enjoy working in their garden. They're fortunate both of their children are staying near. Her granddaughter is married and living in VA. One grandson is finishing college in AZ and hopes to tour the west, while another is in 6th grade. Virginia has kept in touch with Arlene Porter Levenson and enjoys reading our class news. (A hint that more classmates should use their return postal!) You may have missed the mention in the last issue's "In Fond Memory" that Nancy Kley Wittman passed away suddenly Nov. 6, 2000. A short note from her daughter, Susan Wittman Hanover '67, mentioned that Nan was looking forward to attending their firstborn granddaughter Tracy's wedding that November. The wedding did take place, with the ceremony dedicated to her memory. Nan is survived by Susan and a son, Peter, as well as 7 grandchildren. Barbara "Bobbie" Tinkham Conant wrote that her life has been quiet since Dwight died, but she keeps busy with bridge, indoor tennis, golf, weekly volunteering with the visiting nurse thrift shop, and taking part in many of the senior center trips. Her daughter is only an hour away, while her son is in FL. She has 4 granddaughters and one great granddaughter, with another on the way. Doris Douglas Butler's husband, Bob, passed away in May of last year. Thanks to attentive family and friends, she is recovering and carrying on, as he would have wanted her to do. She has an active painting club and was on the committee for a successful Christmas party for 52 artists. Having done pastels for a while, she's restarted watercolor lessons and likes to do still life pencil drawings. How about an exhibit for our 60th in 2003? It's never too early to start planning for our 60th. Start saving your special state quarters now for this auspicious occasion. Please see In Fond Memory

Change of address?  
Looking for classmates?  
Need information about the college or your reunion?  
Contributing news for your class column?  

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1944

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I know everyone will be happy to hear news of Dr. Nancy Furstenberg. She writes, "Yes, I'm still alive, although retired from my medical practice in geriatricians. I couldn't find any patients older than I am!"  

Shirley Tunison Eustis had a marvelous trip to Spain, zig-zagging across the Pysemus Mountains from Barcelona to Ballao and back. In September, Shirley had back surgery, but now is doing well. In May, Kathleen Howden Shellington was in the Philadelphia area and had lunch with Catharine English Kipe. In Sept., Ruth Burnett MacAnespie and her husband, Mac, were vacationing on Cape Cod and visited the Shellingtons in Plymouth for dinner. My husband and I are headed to FL for a few weeks. Maybe we will bump into Jeanne "Penny" Losey Bole and Barbara Janson Green, among others. Please be in touch with your news and stay well.  

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1945

Class Correspondent Needed

Joy Waldau Hostage has been elected chair of the Cheshire Public Library Board, and looks forward to the new challenge. She was interested to learn that many librarians will be retiring in the near future, and at present, there is no library science program available in NH. Nancy Dean Maynard says she had an exciting winter. Her grandson is a freshman on the swim team at UMASS-Amherst. Nancy and her daughter drove to Buffalo in Feb. for his team's championship meet, which they won. Nancy also has a granddaughter who will be getting married in IL in June. Nancy Teachout Gardner was pleased to be able to return to campus for Genevieve "Gen" Millar's '32 memorial service during reunion last year. Nancy lived with Gen and her mother for 2 years while working at Colby. "Gen was a good friend and will be missed," wrote Nancy. A highlight for Nancy last year was a cruise on the Norway. They left from Miami and visited NY, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Scotland, Ireland, and France, before flying back from London. Nancy especially enjoyed their tour of Paris. They were in the mid-Atlantic on Sept. 11 when they heard news of the terrorist attack on the U.S. She said there were about 150 people from NY onboard, and another 450 from France. There were also many other countries represented on
the ship, and she said it was a traumatic experience for all to hear of the U.S. being attacked.

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Shirley Holmes recently returned from a month's vacation in HI with the Elderhostel. She flew to Los Angeles, where she met with Charlotte "Bobbie" Knight Carrasco and her son, who also lives in CA. While in HI, she visited with Bobbie's grandson, who is stationed there with the service. Shirley has been living in her condo for 8 years now, and loves the Boston area. She is able to walk to museums and discover all the sights Boston has to offer. She takes a yearly trip to Paris at Christmas and says she loves the city a little more with each visit. Harriet "Willie" Close Skipton tells me her husband, Bruce, finally retired this year. He was honored by 80 friends, co-workers, and family members at Storrowton. Willie still loves to ski, but this was not a banner year for skiing—no snow! She plans to spend a lot of time on the golf course this spring. I hope it doesn't rain too much, Willie. She also sings in her church choir and enjoys playing cards with Jean "Hendie" Henderson Read, who lives nearby. While loading groceries into my car at a local supermarket, I turned for a moment and saw Beth Piatt Bascom '47. Naturally we spoke that's all for this issue.

Jean Thomas Gray

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What a pleasure to read that 50% of our class contributed to the annual fund and our dollar total surpassed our gifts in 2001. With Cornella Fay Wilder at the helm, we are really steaming along, dear, I'm sure, to her creative dancing, which she finds is an energizing activity that gives her agility. Your reunion committee is doing a super job for our 55th. Hopefully we'll have some great stories from that event for the next issue. Meanwhile, we learn that Martha "Marty" Worth Oberrender, Jean Goubert Sisly '46, and Annette "Bunkie" Hill Rea met for an enjoyable lunch in Syracuse, NY. There was lots of reminiscing over the luncheon table. Jean attended her 55th in 2001. Marty (co-chair of our 55th) and Bunkie will be attending ours. Claire Couble O'Hara and husband John had a great reunion with Jeanne Courtmanche Gay and her husband, Roger, in Stow, MA, Jeanne's hometown. Let's not forget that Claire and Jean were co-chairs of our wonderful 50th reunion. Among those returning for our 55th will be Marion Nickerson Paulson, June Morse Parker and Shirley Holmes Dunlap. Shirley will be hosting this group at her home in Hopkinton, NH. Sounds like fun to me! Jean Thomas Gray made a trip back to the Colby-Sawyer campus last Aug. with her daughter, Pamela, and her grandson, Justin. She was amazed to see all of the new buildings on campus, and said the trip brought back many fond memories of her days at Colby Junior. Those traveling Langas are at it again. Margaret "Peggy" Fish Langa and Paul went on a thrilling 14-day cruise through the Panama Canal on the maiden voyage of the Norwegian ship, The Star. It was the largest ship ever to go through the canal. With them was their granddaughter, Rachel, who celebrated her 12th birthday aboard ship. How exciting! The Langa's daughter, Melissa '74, is a junior partner at the law firm where she works. Jean "Je-Je" Harding Pierce sent me a photo of her 6 handsome grandchildren—blondes, brunettes and redheads in various ages, heights, and sexes! She spent a fun-filled Thanksgiving with half of them at Disney. Je-Je reports that she's really feeling good after having both knees replaced last summer. Betty Funk Smith writes that this column has brought some help to one of her classmates. Nancy Rhoades Gramm read of Betty's back surgery in this very column and was facing the same surgery and needed to hear from someone about it. They connected and Betty was able to tell Nancy how successful her surgery had been and sent her some literature on the whole process, pictures and all! Nancy expressed her gratitude and how she felt God had come to her aid. Perhaps through this column we can set up a "hotline." On a sadder note, Patricia "Pat" O'Connor Jovner tells us that Leona "Lee" Curley Daly's husband, Mike, died in his sleep in May 2001. He had been her devoted and loving caregiver for 5 years. Since then, Leona has been living in a nursing home in Danvers, MA, near her youngest daughter. Because of her memory loss, Lee is unaware that her husband has died. Pat last saw them both in March 2001 when they met for dinner in CT. The Alumni Office received a note from Lee's daughter, Mary Daly, who confirmed that Lee is indeed in failing health, suffering from a type of dementia. Mary encourages any member of our class who would like more information about Lee to contact her at dalym@hotmaio.com or (203) 327-1924. In closing, there are 117 of us '47ers out there we would love to hear from, and wouldn't it be great if 117 of us contributed to the annual fund!

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Last spring, Nancy Dexter Aldrich and Roger enjoyed a 2-week cruise of the waterways of Holland, traveling through canals and visiting ancient homes and beautiful flower gardens. They returned home in time to help their children reopen Polly's Pancake House. They have more time to travel as their daughter, Kathie, is managing the business efficiently and effectively. In Sept., they traveled to Wells, ME, for the ocean and a seafood fix! The devastation of Sept. 11 occurred while they were sailing with friends. It was hard on Roger, as it brought back memories of his time in WWII. They returned to NH to find business had slacked off. However, once the fall foliage began, the people flocked to Polly's. Nancy still paints a lot and sent me a lovely rendition of a nearby mountain on a cold winter's night. Beverly "Bev" Johnson Bittern and John's newest grandson, Dylan, is doing well after being born with an absent pulmonary valve. After surgery at Boston's Children's Hospital, cardiac intensive care, constant hospitalization, and more surgical procedures, he is doing very well, gaining weight, and doing things all babies do. While in Boston, the Bitterns renewed ties with their New England families, who were constantly at their sides. These families donated blood, clothed the Floridian family with winter gear, and fed and housed them during Dylan's stay in Boston. Husband, John, oversaw the maintenance of their 3 FL residences and temporarily closed their Gainesville home. Bev and John have 3
other fast growing grandchildren, 4-year-old twin boys, a 7-year-old girl, and 1 graduating from high school and looking for acceptance at University of FL in Gainesville. Beryl Knight Brown sent a photo taken last July, near the Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland. She enjoyed seeing all the picturesque places that were in the tour brochure. She loved her stay in Dublin, and did a number of garden tours and some museum hopping. She remarked that some gardens were so large that she could have used a golf cart while touring them! Frances “Fran” Wannerstrom Clark and Sam were blessed with another special year. They moved into their new Middletown, CT, home last April and, in May, took off for South Africa. In 3 weeks, they toured 5 countries with 4 couples who are all friends. They were led by 2 fun-loving Ph.Ds from Oxford, the daughter and South African bred son-in-law of one of the couples! It was an exciting adventure with numerous animals in their natural habitats and many picturesque wild game camps. At Christmas, they still had multi-boxes in their new home to unpack, but decided to ignore them in favor of waltz lessons. Why? To prepare them for a New Year’s holiday in Vienna! Way to go, Clarkers! Katherine “Kay” Heinrich Clark and Jim spend a lot of time at “Heinrich’s Folly,” their family camp in Algonquin Park, Ontario. Their children enjoy visiting each summer. Kay had a gratifying experience working on a dedication project for her high school classmates killed in the Korean and Vietnamese Wars. Plaques were dedicated last Veteran’s Day. Jane “Jimi” Adams Darnell and her husband, Carter, shared a year of body maintenance. After bouts of the flu, an artery roto-rooter job, pneumonia, and a replaced hip for Jimi, they are now in good health. Each year, the Darnells flip-flop between La Jolla, CA, and Sanibel, FL. They returned to Sanibel in Sept. and found their garage had been flooded. Even though the water had receded, they were left with some punished appliances and shorted-out house circuits. This meant major repairs and replacement of appliances. Jimi says you can’t be depressed long in Sanibel. Her orchid garden has been beautiful, with plants blooming for up to 4 months. They thrill over the sight of “Captain Hook,” their resident gator, enjoy the antics of 2 resident dolphins, and rifle through tempest books when an exciting new bird appears. Susan “Sue” Hight Denny had a successful knee replacement last Aug. She was excited about spending Christmas at her son’s in San Jose, CA, as she hadn’t been able to visit her 3-year-old grandson in a year. Grace James Evans recently reported the sad news of the loss of her beloved roommate, June Paton Hughes. Bud Hughes notified Grace that June died in Dec., soon after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Grace wishes she could have visited with June more often. Every time they were together, it was such fun and so special. In Sept. and Oct., Grace and Stan had a wonderful trip to the UK, Austria, Hungary, and Italy. They just happened to be traveling in Austria on Sept. 11, but continued on with their tour and were able to get home safely after the tour finished. Another Shepard Dorn resident, Jane Maynard Gibson, also wrote to report June’s death. Jane and Jack did the Caribbean Islands over Christmas and New Year’s. It was a great get-away solution for the Gibsons, who find it difficult to choose with which of their families they’ll spend the holidays! Jean Klaubert Friend and Paul spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Indianapolis and Columbus, OH, before leaving for Myrtle Beach, SC, for golf and a 10th reunion with old friends. They spent Christmas in FL, then back home to Pinehurst, before returning to FL and Siesta Key until March. Marilyn Belding Hilly’s husband, Gerry, sent me their Christmas letter. In 2001, Gerry had a quintuple by-pass after discovering that 90% of his arteries were clogged. He’s so grateful for Marilyn’s TLC and her constant reminding of the 1,001 things he had to do each day to be “good as new.” Even the Hilly’s dog, Lucky, got into the act. Each day of Gerry’s recovery, the dog reminded him of the required twice a day hill-climbing routine by pulling on his trouser leg! Marilyn’s still a working therapist and was re-certified as a myotherapist in May. In Jan., she also registered as a ski instructor at Mad River Glen, VT. Their children and families reside in Palm Beach, Salt Lake City, and NYC. Their NYC family was scattered between NYC and London when the 2 planes struck the twin towers on Sept. 11. They were finally reunited a week after the attack. In late Jan., Carol “Shoe” Shoemaker Marck and Chuck left MD and drove to Snowmass, CO, for their usual skiing holiday. Emily Simon Croke and Cornelia “Nini” Hawthorne Maytag joined the Marcks during the first week of Feb. Nini had her usual busy Christmastime schedule. She took her grandchildren to San Diego to the famous zoo, Legoland, and the “Grinch” at the Old Globe in Balboa Park. They went on to LA for the “Glory of Christmas” at the Crystal Cathedral and 2 days at Disneyland. To recoup, she spent an annual after-Christmas week of exercise with pals in Vail before her ski days with Shoe in Snowmass. She hoped to visit with Nancy “Hobby” Hobkirk Pierson in NYC on her way to the Philadelphia Flower Show. Hob has finally been relieved of her job as class agent. She has carried this job alone for many years. Barbara “Bobbie” Schulz Watts and Sybil “Billie” Adams Moffat have replaced her as co-class agents. All 3 women have been faithful CSC volunteers for many years. CO residents, Herb and Mary Ogden Sutcliffe now have 8 grandchildren. Mary still participates in the Senior Olympics as well as aerobics, swimming, and skiing events. CO senior citizens receive free ski lift tickets. Mary says western skiing seems easier than skiing in the east, as there is far less ice. She tried a “Senior Outdoors” 11/2 mile, straight up, billed as an “easy” hike at Mesa Verde. The participants’ ages start at 50, so many leave her panting in the dust. The Sutcliffes invested in a new RV and traveled 6,000 miles last summer visiting relatives and friends. While in NH, Mary had 5 of her knuckles replaced. She’d had titanium knee surgery done in the same place several years ago. Pauline “Polly” Carver Watson says her 6 grandchildren, ranging in age from 7 to 22, keep her happy. She’s going to break down and join the computer e-mail gang since it’s such a great way to keep in touch. She lost her best friend, her 95-year-old mom, last Aug. She loves her summers in Marblehead, MA, and enjoys the golf, bridge, and socializing in Naples, FL, during the winter. Mase and 1 (Phyllis “Les” Harty Wells) have had an unusually quiet winter. Last Aug, I had major reconstruction surgery on my severely arthritic right foot. After repair, I was unable to put any weight on my foot. I traveled around the house in a wheelchair until Dec. Having a computer to play with kept me from going stir crazy. Those of you who were on the receiving end of all my e-mail will be relieved to know I’m lightening up. It’s now Feb and my still swollen foot is limited to 2 pairs of walking shoes and a pair of fisherman sandals. I’ve managed to play golf several times and hope to be back to full swing soon! Martha “Patsy” Dimmitt White says husband, Peter, underwent triple by-pass last year; but, due to finding his problem early, his recovery was fast and he’s back to normal. She continues to keep busy with the League of Women Voters, a non-profit CA affordable housing project, and the Novato, CA, Chamber of Commerce. The Whites have a grandson at University of CO in Boulder, and a granddaughter who is a junior in high school. Betsey Cook Willis and Dave have a great story. Sitting in Miami Airport’s Ambassador’s Club (AA) they struck up a conversation with 1 of 4 people waiting to fly to the Honduras for a bit of vacation. Dave asked a nearby gal where she was from and her response was Keene, NH. Dave explained that Betsy went to CJC. The gal replied, “So did I! I’m Patricia ‘Pat’ Cooke Dugger ’56, and this is my roommate, Patricia ‘Pat’ Thornton ’56.” My, my, these CSC gals do get around! Please see In Fond Memory
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Sarah Church Popko writes she attended a 50th wedding anniversary celebration for Ethel McCuey Kyle ’50. Peter and Nancy Nespor Wilbur also attended. Sarah and her husband have their own business called Foamtech Corp. They spend their summers on Lake Winnipesaukee. She had a visit with Marilyn Smith Hooper ’50. Barbara Hall Austin writes of a busy single life being involved in garden club, church, playing bridge, etc. She has 4 children and 8 grandchildren nearby. She also enjoys traveling. Frances Comey Reid writes they traveled to Cortona, Italy, last Sept., and Spain for 2 weeks in Feb. In Aug, they are moving into their new house, which her daughter, an architect, designed. Barbara “Babs” Conkey Armstrong writes that her daughter, Laura, moved to GA to enjoy the open space and scenery. Barb stays active with gardening, walking, playing golf, and bridge. Margery Stouffer Biggar is in Cleveland, OH, where the winter has been very mild with very little snow. The first flakes fell on Christmas Eve gave a slight white ground cover, but then soon melted. This is a year of graduations for 3 grandchildren. The other 8 keep them busy. “We pray for peace worldwide,” writes Margery. Sally Randall lives in New London, NH. She writes that the campus “on the hill” has really grown under President Ponder’s leadership, and that the college and town have grown together in true spirit. She vacationed at Hutchinson Island, FL, in March to play golf. She sends her best to all ‘49ers. A note from Lois Patterson Sligh states that they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year with all their family. She lives in MI, but now winters in Vero Beach, FL, from Nov. to May. Maybe she can connect with other alumni. Pat “Smitty” Smith Beach writes that they vacation in St. Simon’s Island and Sea Island, GA. She has had several surgeries, which she said might have been due to being involved with sports. She plays golf and bridge. Sally Woodbury Handy went on a 3-week fishing trip to Argentina and Chile in Feb. Then it was on to Harbor Island, Bahamas, in March, where the children and grandchildren come to visit. They’ve rented a house there for the past 4 years. Virginia “Ginny” Farrar Richardson says they will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this year with a cruise trip with all their family. Cynthia “Cyn” Overton Blandy writes that they will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in April. They are proud parents of 2 daughters and a son, have 8 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandson. This was the first time to ever receive news from Constance “Connie” Dow Madison. She went on after Colby to gain a B.S. in education from State College in MA. She was a teacher for 25 years, but is now retired. She keeps busy with church, library, sewing, knitting, and reading. Now a widow, she was a busy mom with 8 children, and now has 25 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild. Beverly “Bev” Grant Dodge lives in NH, where skiing is a big winter sport. Her husband teaches at Bretton Woods. Bev no longer skis. They enjoyed traveling to visit their 2 children last fall. In April they planned to attend a national convention of SMART (Special Military Active and Retired Travel Club) in Myrtle Beach, SC. Their plans are to continue on to FL and then to MO for a grandson’s graduation. Helen Casciani has now joined the retired group. She is enjoying volunteer work for AIDS and at Key Bay Boys & Girls Club, in between travel trips. She cruised to Australia and New Zealand last year. In Nov, she enjoyed a 35-day Mediterranean cruise aboard the Seabourne Sun. This year she plans to visit friends in Seattle in Aug., followed by a short AK cruise and perhaps a trip to Vietnam in the fall. Other activities include bridge lessons, viewing Broadway shows, and dining out. Dorothea “Scooter” Walker Dressler writes of a great Christmas with their family—3 sons, 4 grandsons, and 2 German Shepards. This would be a “full house!” They were planning an exciting trip to Bhutan in the Himalayas in March, and AK in June. She sees Carol “Shoe” Shoemaker March ’48, who lives nearby, and Nancy Sellers Mion at garden club meeting. Verna Williams Seidensticker writes that her husband, Bob, died on Oct. 26, 2001 from pancreatic cancer. He had battled the disease for 5 years. Joan Trainer Kirsten talked by phone to one of her roommates, Margaret “Peggy” Welch Moore, in Dec. This was their 1st communication since graduation. This proves that friendships made at Colby do last. Last Oct., Joan took a trip to the low countries (Holland, Belgium, and Luxembourg), with an extended stay in Paris. In March, they planned to visit Marco Beach, FL. They also hope to get to CA to visit their son and 2 grandchildren. Jane Coulson MacDonald keeps in touch with Julie Hamm McDowell. They were roommates their 2nd year in Burree. Jane keeps busy caring for her aging mother, and has 2 daughters and 7 grandchildren. Her oldest daughter lives in AZ and the younger one is in Mattapoisset, near Jane. One granddaughter is a freshman at Plymouth State College. Patricia Trewthella Armstrong has now joined the ranks of retired people. She had worked for the University of CT. She spends her time doing counted cross-stitching, making her own greeting cards, and working at the library 1 day a week. A note from Nancy Perry Delarm-Fogwell states that she spends part of her year up north at Hauge, NY, on Lake George, and the rest of the year in the south at Hobe Sound, FL. She sees Ann Hull Sargent and Dave in the spring and fall in Jupiter, FL. Nancy has 8 grandchildren to enjoy. Sally Nicolais Rattray moved from FL to CA to be closer to her children. She lives in a high rise overlooking the harbor in San Diego. She is busy making new friends and having a new single lifestyle. Susanne Neiley White works at the Urban Institute 1 day a week in Bethesda, MD. She plays tennis, paddle tennis, and golf in the summer, and bowls and goes to a physical fitness center in the winter. She has 3 children and 4 grandchildren. Her daughter, Cindy, got a job as manager of compensation for the Consumer Products Division of Disney and moved to Valencia, CA, last Aug. Last year, Sue and her husband took a trip through the Panama Canal. She plans to take another cruise this spring, starting in London and including stops in Paris, Ireland, Scotland, Iceland, Greenland, and LaFavre, NV. They have another house in NC, where they retreat to in April, Oct., and a post-Christmas holiday. Sally Jenkins Kimball writes her son, Rick, is working as a controller for Curtain Bluff Resort in Antigua. It is nice that children find such good jobs in places to give parents an opportunity to visit. She has 4 children and 8 grandchildren. Sally enjoys playing tennis, and is very active in the Harwich garden club. She enjoyed a visit to FL for a week in April. Annabelle Gates Broderick sends word of retirement living on Marco Island, FL. Summers are spent in northeast CT, visiting their 6 children and 17 grandchildren. A very busy schedule! Joanne “Jody” Brown Remington writes that she is remarried and is now Mrs. Robert Bromhead. She enjoys traveling and retirement. They have 18 grandchildren between them. There was mention of having mini-reunions with Colby classmates Sally Jenkins Kimball and Evelyn Hesse Coughlan on Cape Cod, MA. Pauline Dunn Lanata sees Jean Bryant Meyer often at Westwood Women’s Club. “Pomme” mentioned hearing from Cynthia “Cyn” Overton Blandy when shopping. She lives in the next town. She keeps in touch with Raemah Gooly Williams, Joan Ford Delaney, and Mary Ann Hamilton. Elizabeth “Betty” Pearson Brennan writes from CA that she is now part of the widowhood group. She is busy with golf, Tai Chi class, and family. She plans to go to FL in March and Italy in May with her daughter. Margot Hageman Smith moved back from sunny CA to New England 2 years ago. She lives in an old house in Windsor, VT. She is enjoying gardening and being a part of a garden club and...
Windsor County Partners, a non-profit mentoring agency. She will be spending a month visiting London on an Elderhostel trip for performing arts, and visiting her daughter, who lives there. She sent her e-mail address (vtmagot@aol.com) for any classmates who want to stay in touch. (This is for the benefit of computer owners. I am not in this group!) I, Margaret “Peggy” Monroe Mink, did not take the trip on the Danube as reported in the last bulletin, due to the events of Sept. 11. This has been rescheduled for Aug. of this year. In May, I will be traveling to Italy with a college classmate. My daughter, Jane, is moving to Aiken, SC, in June, as her husband was transferred with Rieter Automotive NA. I am facing back surgery in Jan., but is on the mend. A nice long letter was received from Sally Harlow Terry, who lives in RI in the winter for 7 months and summers in AK for 5 months. (This is different!) They have owned a house in AK since 1990. They enjoy being outdoors to hike and fish. After Colby, Sally went on to get a degree in early childhood education. She taught nursery school for 22 years and is now retired. She also celebrated a 50th wedding anniversary last June. Her 3 children are scattered about, and live in MA, VT, and PA. Julie “Skip” Abel Heath writes from CA that they plan to drive back east this summer. She hopes to visit the CJC campus. They have 4 children and 4 grandchildren. They also have a step-grandson from Salvador. She had a visit from her cousin, Susan Shonnard Brenner ’62, who lives in LA. Hope Cushman Cisneros wrote a reply from Ft. Collins, CO. She moved there from Denver. Her 1st husband died and then she remarried. She was a teacher for a while. She has 2 sons and 2 granddaughters. “The wild west is just the place for me,” says Hope. Patricia “Pat” Hammond says she lives in the family homestead in Orford, NH. She is a newspaper reporter for the New Hampshire Sunday News. She hears from Betty Hannstein Adams at Christmas. Betty runs a coffee plantation in Guatemala. Penelope “Penny” Morse Bolton writes that she winters in SC and summers at Lake George, NY. She attended our 50th class reunion at Colby-Sawyer and had such a good time with Barbara “Babs” Conkey Armstrong and Nancy Perry DeLarm Fogwell. It went by all too fast. Just remember, classmates, to attend our next reunion. Sally Holmes Woodbury Korn is selling real estate for Remax in Atlanta, GA. She has 4 sons, 2 daughters-in-law, 3 grandchildren, and 1 granddaughter. Her husband died in April 2000. They all live in Atlanta. She writes, “I think of beautiful Colby-Sawyer often and the additional strength they now offer.” I was pleased to hear from so many classmates. Thank you, one and all! However, some of you only signed a first name and gave no return address. In the future, please sign with a full name. I was saddened to hear from her daughter that Anne Staudinger Abels died on Nov. 6, 2001, and her husband, William, died on April 11, 2001, 3 days before their 50th wedding anniversary. Another classmate, Pat Olson, died on Oct. 1, 2001 from pancreatic cancer. Our condolences to their families. Please see In Fond Memory.

**50th Anniversary Celebration**

Jim and Ethel McCauley Kyle ’50 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last fall by hosting a downeast clambake at their home in RI. Standing with the Kyles is Nancy Nespor Wilbur ’49.

Among the many Colby-Sawyer friends at the Kyle’s celebration were (l to r) Janet Richardson Pearson ’50 and Nancy Beales Tuccillo ’50.

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**1950**

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What a pleasant surprise! I wrote Colby-Sawyer postcards to 155 classmates asking for news, reports of activities, and events in their lives. You responded! Everyone wants to know what you are doing. A big thank you to the people who sent news! Dick and I keep busy with bridge, 3 dogs (labs), 1 cat, and 1 fish. Lake George did not freeze over this winter. The last time this happened was 1919. Therefore, the weather has been very unusual and we need rain or snow badly. At the end of March we went to “The Cloister” (golf and vacation resort) at Sea Island, GA. Joan Eaton Maak is thoroughly enjoying the Colby-Sawyer rocker that she was lucky enough to win at our 50th reunion. She and her husband, Robert, enjoyed a good part of the winter at their home in Grand Harbor, Vero Beach, FL, despite the fact that their golf games seem to be going downhill instead of up! They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last July. They were very pleased to see Gerald “Gerry” and Virginia Murphy Sarno during the spring at a Dartmouth gathering at Harbour Ridge. Last summer they spent a couple of wonderful days with Elizabeth “Liz” Harrison Morgan and A. Perry Morgan at their place in ME. Joan and Robert’s oldest granddaughter attends Colby College in ME, and another is a freshman at Kenyon College. Their other 7 grandchildren range in age from 4- to 17-years-old. Ethel McCauley Kyle and her husband, Jim, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Oct. by having a catered clambake in RI. They enjoyed “recreating their wedding gang.” In attendance were Ethel’s roommates Nancy Beals Tuccillo and Jamie Richardson Pearson, as well as bridesmaids Nancy Nespor Wilbur ’49 and Sarah Church Popko ’49. Ethel and Ann Floyd ’48 lunch together occasionally. Sarah and her husband, Peter, had a nice visit from Marilyn...
Smith Hooper and her sister, at their home on Lake Winnipesaukee last July. Janet Phelon Lawton and her husband, Tom, recently celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary. Janet is happy to report that they are doing well health-wise, “just some of the usual slowing down as we get older.” She has been retired from Fleet Bank since Nov. 1994, and is now able to spend her time enjoying her home, family, friends, gardening, cooking, cross-stitching, and traveling. Feb. and March were spent in SC, where they have been renting a condo on the beach for the past few years. Janet and Tom get to New London occasionally, as they have friends on Lake Sunapee. “It’s always a pleasure to return to the area. My goodness, the growth over the years has been remarkable,” writes Janet.

Martha Frey Allen and her husband, Don, thoroughly enjoy their 9 grandchildren, who range in age from 10 to 19, with 2 in college (1 at the University of Denver and the other at CO State University). They enjoy daily walks with their dog (a Bichon Frise), watching their grandchildren in sports and other school activities, playing a lot of bridge, as well as fishing and hiking during the summer. Nancy Hendrickson Latham writes that her biggest news is that her husband, Dick, and their 3 sons bought a computer for Christmas, and she proclaims that one of these days she’ll learn how to use it. She and Dick are thoroughly enjoying retirement life, and play a lot of golf, as they are across the street from the 1st fairway of the country club. They enjoyed a trip to Bermuda in April. They had planned to get together with Julian and Elsie Joan “El” Martin Albergotti ’51 last Oct., but the events of Sept. 11 changed those plans. Nancy wrote, “Our youngest son’s office was directly across the street from the World Trade Center, but luckily he was traveling that day. We are so grateful.” Barbara Schlicht Hanington was happy to report that she and Wes celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Feb. with numerous family and friends, including her roommates Harriet Smith Barteau and Nancy Clark Webb. Harriet was actually in Barbara’s wedding 50 years ago, while “Nance was present, but very pregnant!” In April, Barbara and Wes enjoyed a 25-day trans-Atlantic cruise to further celebrate. En route to her husband’s 50th Dartmouth reunion last June, Barbara James Mueller made a stop at Colby-Sawyer. They were very impressed with the campus. The NH trip was followed by a joyful 50th wedding anniversary celebration with their 5 children and their families in CO. Jean Wheeler Blackmur writes, “When we had homes both in MA and CA, our motto was ‘East-West, home’s best,’ but since switching from CA to Jupiter, FL, with homes in MA and FL, the rhyme doesn’t work as easily!” She and her husband love their summer and winter spots, which afford good weather most of the year, and the opportunity to have their children and 7 grandchildren visit often. Dorothy “Dottie” Zucchi Tosti and her husband recently sold their homestead of 38 years, but they are enjoying their new condo. They also continue to enjoy their Cape house in Dennis, MA, year-round. Dottie keeps busy running “Nana’s Bed & Breakfast” for her 11 grandchildren, ranging in age from 1 to 13. She and her husband always put the grandchildren first. “We never put out the ‘no vacancy’ sign,” writes Dottie.

Maxine Morrison Hunter enjoys her getaway place in Paradise, FL; a place to read, bird, and contemplate. She would love to hear from her 1st year roommate, Pat Marshall, and her 2nd year roommate, Nancy Brown Pieper. Gwenyth “Gwen” Hall Dunbar and husband Jim are fine, and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last June with a Crystal Cruise to AK, leaving from San Francisco and stopping in 6 ports. Gwen and Jim spend most of the year in Timonium, MD, just outside Baltimore. Their 2 children, Kathy and Kevin, live with their families in the Baltimore suburbs as well, so it’s a blessing to have 6 grandchildren nearby. Sadly, Gwen and Jim’s son, “J,” died in 1994 from pancreatic cancer, which was the heartbeat of their lives. The Dunbars will be in the New London area for grandson Bob’s graduation from Proctor Academy June 1. They will stay at the New London Inn, and plan to make a stop on campus for part of this year’s “All-College Reunion.” Gwen enjoys seeing Joan Spencer Ranta and Gertrude “Trudy” Riley Oaks most every summer in CT. After living in NJ for 14 years, Marjorie Hamilton Gorham and husband Jim moved to Williamsburg, VA, during summer 2001. They live about 2 miles from the historic area and the College of William & Mary, so the town is “alive with all sorts of activities, lectures, museums, and cultural events,” in which Marjorie and Jim are eager and active participants. Jim suffered a mild stroke in July 2000, but fortunately, time seems to have made the recovery just about complete. Marjorie’s Abbey roommate, Jean Holmes Duffett, and her husband, John, visited in the fall, returning to NH from a visit in FL. “It’s wonderful being on the ‘flyway’ north/south, so we look forward to more visitors,” writes Marjorie. Marjorie ends her letter by writing, “We are thankful for our good health and after the events of Sept 11, realize how precarious one’s life is and that we should fill our days with kindness, hugs, and no regrets.”

Joan Van Idertestine Peterson and her husband have been happily married for over 50 years, spending the last 15 1/2 in Savannah, GA, in a lovely area called the Landings on Skidaway Island. They enjoy the opportunity to travel in their retirement, and have covered much of Europe (England, Ireland, France, Spain, Portugal, as well as some of the northern area), and have also spent time in South Africa and South America. They recently enjoyed a trip to Japan and a cruise on the Princess line. Shirley “Leigh” Smith Crawford and husband Bruce enjoy their summers on Lake Winnipesaukee with their family. During the winter, they are in Sarasota, FL, where they stay busy with volunteer work, golf, and visits from family and friends. They thoroughly enjoy all the arts that Sarasota has to offer, such as opera, ballet, wonderful theater, and Broadway shows. “The beaches are the best,” says Leigh. Jane “Janie” Grayson Slover and her husband, George, keep busier than ever with their extensive volunteer work. Jane does a wide variety of work for her church (extended-care cook, bookstore seller, and funeral reception committee), and both she and George drive for “Meals-on-Wheels.” They enjoy traveling, and had the opportunity to visit HI with friends last winter. While there, they had a wonderful visit with Peter and Lois Carpenter Nottage, who invited them for dinner. Phyllis Sanderson Scott and husband were in Hilton Head Island, SC, from mid-Jan. through the 1st week of April. They enjoyed visits to their 2 daughters and their families en route from Peterborough, NH, to SC. They also have a son who lives with his family in Phyllis’ old family homestead in Portsmouth, NH. They feel very lucky to have 6 wonderful grandchildren: 5 boys and 1 girl. After the grandchildren, Phyllis’ main focus is the Monadnock Chorus, of which she has been a member since 1972. The group has done 6
European concert tours. They are currently planning their next trip, which will be to Scotland and Wales in June 2003. Phyllis says her husband continues to work part-time, and those of you who live in New England may have heard him on the radio with the “Yankee Report,” a syndicated radio show that is heard 5 days a week on approximately 60 stations, mostly in New England. He has been working for Yankee Magazine for a long time, and has become known as “the voice of Yankee.” He also does the weekend report on WBZ radio out of Boston. Following her days at CJC, Alice Morris Schrade went on to earn her master’s degree in social work, a career from which she learned a lot. She is a volunteer at the hospital there. A wonderful support group of widows. Alice is excited about the changes at CSC. She encourages anyone who wishes to reconnect to e-mail her at amorris@earthlink.net.

1951

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Correction: In the last issue of the magazine, the co-chairs of an extremely successful 50th reunion were not correctly identified. Sally Conner Parry and Barbara Easterbrooks Mailey spent 5 years in coordination of all the festivities, and their hard work was deeply appreciated.

Hope everyone is well and busy. Wasn’t that warm winter weather wonderful? As I write this in March, it feels like Jan. again. I received a nice card from Patricia “Polly” Ford Labalme saying that she is a proud grandmother. You didn’t say if it was a girl or a boy. Anyway, congratulations, Polly! I also got a card from Janet Roberts Romaine. No news, but no news is good news. My roommate, Janice McLane Spear, writes that she was saddened by the death of her mother, who was 90 when she died of cancer. The Spears are putting an addition on their house. Ruth Gray Pratt writes that she wonders if I am changing my name. I am keeping my name—less hassle. Oh yes, Bill Gove and I were married in my home on Dec. 16. We had a nice wedding with 30 people present. What a happy day! Marilyn “Lyn” Savelly Fotheringham writes that she has a new granddaughter, Samantha, on Oct. 26. After reunion we ran into Lyn and Bill on the freeway—what a surprise. Last Sept., Bill and I had a very nice lunch with Barbara Gesen Trulson and her hubby at their home in Hopkinton. It was nice seeing them again. Barbara is a watercolorist as am I, so it was nice to see her paintings. Helen Simms Alberti lives on Hilton Head Island and loves it. They are both involved in tennis and golf. Both of her children are married. Margery Bugbee Atherton and her husband are enjoying a home in New Smyrna Beach, FL. At this writing, she just finished a member.quest golf tournament for 150 women. Nancy MacCalla Bazemore lives in Leland, NC. She is trying to get a breast cancer clinic group started at the hospital there. A wonderful thing; good luck, Nancy. Dorothy Ernst Bean lives in Concord, MA. She was director and administrative assistant in the Concord Family Service when her children were growing up. They have a summer camp on Lake Winnipesaukee in NH. They also have 2 surrogate sons, 1 from Uganda and 1 from Argentina. Cornelia Bingham Roland writes that she has retired from real estate and is a watercolorist. All of us watercolorists should get together. She is in Rehoboth Beach, DE, and would love to see any “Colbyites” during the summer. Eleanor Merken Cambrey writes that she just moved to a condo and finds life much easier. She plays as much golf as she can. She has 6 grandchildren. Deborah “Debby” Dettenborn Cheney ’52 writes that she raises golden retrievers. She has had many champions in Canada and several in the states. Anne Rantoul Conner is living in Quechee, VT, and works as a volunteer at a small Christian mission school, Potter’s House, in the town of Hartford, VT. All of her children have left the nest. One of her children works for Simon Pearce Restaurant (our favorite restaurant!) as a prep cook. Ann Houston Conover writes that her hubby retired in 1990 and they built a small house in Venice, FL, for the winter. They do a lot of volunteer work and play a lot of golf. Joan Gilbert Crossley met her husband at Dartmouth and they were married in 1952. They lived most of the years in the Chicago area. In 1991 they moved to Pinedale, WY, and love it. Patricia Day is a volunteer at the Morton Hospital and Medical Center in Taunton, MA. She has a granddaughter, Bianca. Elsie- Joan “E.J.” Martin Albergotti has raised 8 children and has 17 grandchildren “at last count.” She writes that tennis was her game for years, but now she has taken up golf. MaryEm Bodman Kenner enjoyed being back on campus for the 50th reunion last spring. She carried with her the metal hair pin box the Sawyer’s gave each of us for graduation 50 years ago! Last year was eventful for MaryEm, as she traveled to AK to visit her 3/4-year-old granddaughter. She enjoyed days with 19 hours of sunlight, moose for dinner, salmon for lunch, bears roaming through the yard, and almost no “sight pollution” to spoil the beautiful scenery. She recently received recognition from the mayor for contributions to heritage and architectural conservation in her area, and was also named the recipients of the Junior League’s Loyalty Award. MaryEm’s daughter, Dayna, was married in Nov. in the Bahamas, amidst a hurricane. MaryEm held a post-wedding reception in Toronto in Dec., after the newlyweds had returned from honeymooning in China and Bali. That’s all for now. Hope you have a pleasant winter. Till next time.

1952

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I have heard, via e-mail that the following classmates are planning to attend our 50th reunion, May 31 - June 2: Nancy Shumway Adams, Noel Henriques Brakenhoff, Marilyn “Chasie” Chase, Sarah Bond Gilson, and Barbara “Bobbi” Smith Schoen. The Alumni Office has heard from a number of other classmates, including our 50th reunion chairperson, Janet Udall Schafer, that they are planning to attend. The next column should be filled with great stories of that weekend. By the time you read this, I will have retired and moved to FL. I’ve been looking in the Vero Beach area, but as of this writing, had not found anything. While visiting FL in Nov., in search of a home, I got together with Marilyn “Chasie” Chase. She looks fantastic, although neither of us recognized the other at first. She drove me to Vero Beach, thank goodness, as I had no idea where I was going. I’m looking forward to meeting up with other FL alumni. Please send me your e-mail addresses, and note mine above. Using e-mail not only saves money on postage, but saves me hours of work. Plus I get instant news!

1953

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Greetings and happy summer to all of you. In the previous alumni magazine I wrote about the new CSC community “Adventures in Learning” program. As part of the schedule, President Anne Ponder spearheaded a course entitled “Leadership in Higher Education,” a fascinating series in which 6 college presidents discussed the educational challenges they have faced. Speakers represented Dartmouth, Albion, Kenyon, Daniel Webster, UNH, and CSC. Among the class
participants were local alums Elizabeth Moss Phillips ’54 and Janet Rich Nixon ’54. Now for the latest adventures of the class of ’53: Joy Appel Halstead tells us that she still enjoys exhibiting her artwork, mainly in the Boston area, but also at various galleries across the country. Joy sees Lee Kingman Natti ’38 quite often, as they both reside in Lanesville, a community outside Gloucester, MA. With 4 grandchildren and getaway trips to the Eastern Shore, Joy stays very busy. Helen Grone Haerie and her husband love to cycle in Europe with family friends. This past year they bicycled in France, covering an unbelievable 380 miles in Normandy and Brittany during their 2-week visit. Helen’s 5 grandchildren range in age from 1½ to 24 years old—quite a span. I do remember that Carolee Chisholm Miller also loved to cycle and had conquered many famous trails, both in the US and abroad. Lois Enman Marshall retired this year as New London’s town clerk. Lois’ retirement comes at a good time, coinciding with daughter Carlyse’s return to the US after several years in Russia. Carlyse was the director of finance and human resources for Chadbourn and Parkes, a Moscow law office, and her husband worked as a television executive, also in Moscow. Lois was lucky enough to visit on several occasions. What interesting careers! Nancy Traynor Stewart and her husband, Dick, also retired recently and moved to Searsmont, ME. Nancy says that

their new house, next to the Texaco station on Route 1, is easy to locate if you are driving up the ME coast. Margaret “Peggy” Magoun Rothrauff sadly relates that Guido, her husband of 46 years, died last Thanksgiving eve. In spite of this great loss, Peggy did have some wonderful moments in 2001. Her youngest daughter was married in Sept. and another daughter delivered a baby boy 1 month later. Janet Graves Bates checks in with 7 grandchildren. Two are toddlers living in nearby Lakeville, CT, and another grandson attends the Salisbury School in an adjacent town. The remaining Bates children reside in FL and OK. Janet and husband Jim volunteer for various local organizations and also love to baby-sit for their younger grandchildren, whom they have seen grow from infancy to school age. Joan Otis Peterson serves as her high school class correspondent, so she understands how hard it is to

coax classmates to submit news. Joan, therefore, writes that her 3 children are all married and have produced 7 grandchildren, the oldest in college. Joan’s husband died about 5 years ago, so she hasn’t traveled much recently. However, tennis, golf, bridge, and volunteering are more than enough to keep her occupied.

Nancy Bijur Wallace writes from beautiful Naples, FL, reporting that she is also active in many local volunteer organizations, especially the new Naples Art Museum, the first of its kind in southwest FL. Nancy’s recent travels have included Mexico, South America, the Caribbean, Puerto Rico, and Costa Rica.

Maureen Maroney Kinney and Frank had a wonderful trip to Australia and New Zealand. They departed in a snowstorm, missing a planned stopover in Los Angeles, but Maureen says it was well worth it, jet lag and all! Phyllis Coppeto Mischou vacationed in Barbados recently.

Phyllis’ 2 granddaughters are now at the cute ages of 1 and 3, and she’s really having fun with them. Phyllis also writes that her 10-year-old English bulldog, Casey Jones, is beginning to show his age. (Sound familiar?) However, Casey still loves to romp in the Westport, CT, dog park, where he still attracts lots of attention. Barbara Johnston Rodgers and John are now residing permanently in Grantham, NH. After a hectic spring move from Blue Bell, PA, they found time to take the family to Yosemite National Park for a Memorial Day weekend holiday, where their son and his wife renewed their wedding vows at the Akwanee Lodge. Bobbi’s daughter, Sue, and family were visiting last Sept. when the horrific events of Sept. 11 occurred, delaying their return to Bellingham, WA, by 6 days. Despite the unforeseen circumstances, Bobbi and John enjoyed the extra time with their family.

Patricia “Trish” Dobbs Montgomery also visited the Rodgers in Grantham, NH. Trish reports that she enjoyed attending her 50th high school reunion last year in Ridgewood, NJ. Back home in Denver, CO, Trish is an active tennis player, earning the USTA 2001 state championship in the super senior category (over 39, we presume) with her doubles partner. What a coup! I hope the rest of you “super seniors” send me more news for our next issue.

Class of 1954 Mini-Reunion. This group of lovely ladies from the class of ’54 enjoys a mini-reunion at the home of Janet Rich Nixon. Back row (l to r) Elizabeth “Bets” Laidlaw and Janet Rich Nixon. Front row (l to r) Sally Browne Foster, Janet Hofmann Hansen, Marian Tweedle Anderson, Jean Cragin Ingvesen, and Anne Dwyer Milne.
1955

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Sallie Lou Johnson Elliott wrote to tell of a mini-reunion that she attended in Quechee Gorge, VT. Attending with Sallie Lou were Joan Peterson Bishop, Joanne Holden Miller, and Barbara Harmon Sawyer. The mini-reunion was held in Aug., with hopes that VT would be cool and comfortable. Unfortunately, they found that Vermonters don’t seem to know the meaning of “air conditioning.” They visited the college and had lunch at the New London Inn. Joanne lives in Canaan, NH. Barbara lives in Hampton, NH. Joan resides in No. Hatley, Quebec, and Sallie Lou lives in Kiawah Island, SC. Sallie Lou has 3 grandchildren: 1 in Cincinnati and 1 in Charleston.

Stephanie Brown Carleton had a show of watercolors at AVA Gallery in Lebanon, NH, January 11 to February 9, 2002. I have 2 part-time jobs totaling about 21 hours per week; one job in a hospital library, and the other doing books for a very small design firm. How perfect is that! My spare time is spent fixing up my condo. I just completed the kitchen and bathroom floors. It’s been quite fun working on it, but I still have a long way to go.

Nancy Keys Dooher and I are back and forth, visiting from CT to MA. My daughter, grandson, and I visited Nancy, her daughter, and grandchildren on Cape Cod for a few days this summer and as usual, we had a great time. We had barbecues on the beach, cookouts each night, and swimming every day. Have a wonderful 2002.

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1956

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Sarah Rudy Terhune has lived in MD for 16 years, after spending 15 years in TX. She and Frank have a daughter in OR and a son in TX, both with 3 children. Sarah looks forward to seeing their family for part of each summer at their summer cottage in Canaan, NH. Sarah is now retired but keeps busy with church work, travel, and other volunteer activities. They are docents in 2 period homes and volunteer teachers in a literacy program.

Susan Wahl Treiss went to Columbia University after CJC and worked for 3 years at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. Susan then married and raised her family of 2 sons and a daughter. One of her sons, not married, lives in Berlin, NH. One son and her 2 grandsons live in Lebanon, CT, and her daughter lives in Hebron, CT. Susan’s husband died in 1993. She keeps busy with her local chapter of AARP and as secretary on the board of her condo complex. Susan spends March in FL and summers at her cottage at Moody Beach, ME. Susan still knits and she remembers the bear mug socks that were popular in college. She sends her best wishes to everyone. Judith “Judy” Tinsman White lives in Yarmouth, ME, in an 1817 Federal style home. She has called Yarmouth home for 34 years and has been involved in many of the town activities, such as the annual clam festival. Judy and I try to have lunch each summer. She is divorced from Charlie White (Dartmouth) and has 3 children ages 38, 33, and 30.

Traveling is mostly to see her children in PA, FL, and CA, and to see her 95-year-old father who still lives in his own home. Ed and I are looking forward to spending several days with Ellie 45th wedding anniversary last fall. They have a daughter living in Northern VA, a son in PA, and 4 granddaughters. In late summer/early fall you’ll find them at their beach house on Long Island, entertaining family and friends. They both are retired, enjoy traveling in the US and Europe, and play platform tennis in the winter months.

Betty Boyson Tacy is thrilled to welcome granddaughter Tacy Jane after 5 grandchildren. Congrats, Betty! A wonderful Christmas letter from Cynthia Oswald Sipos tells of a year of traveling to Braunsfels (near Austin) with family, to Hilton Head with friends, then to the east coast. While in MA she and her cousin drove up to New London to see our beautiful campus. What wonderful memories! Now at home in TX she is taking an interior decorating course, which, she says, will satisfy her passion for decorating. Maybe she will start her own business? Augusta “Gussie” Crocker Stewart wrote at Christmas of her busy year of traveling to Sedona, Rincon, Puerto Rico, and CA. She and Dick spent a great 7 weeks last summer at their place in Manchester, MA, entertaining children, grandchildren, and extended family. Log onto www.aranagallery.com to see some of Gussie’s works.

Sally Marker Hayward and Don took a fabulous river cruise in Europe and who should they meet on the cruise but a gal who lives in New London, does some work at the college, and is a dear friend of Louise Kory. I’m sure everyone remembers Miss Kory! Sally says she ate her way through Austria, Germany, and Amsterdam, but what fun! She also enjoyed getting reacquainted with her German roots in Heidelberg.

Eleanor “Ellie” Kent Chastain writes that she and Jim are still very involved with their film society as well as golf for Jim, and aerobics, cooking, and long walks with their dog Happy for Ellie. She also enjoys playing her new piano. I remember Ellie accompanying the “Buzzin Dozen” while at college. I still have a recording of this group, which should be in the archives. Ed and I are looking forward to spending several days with Ellie
and Jim in March. It has been many years since we have seen each other. I am now in the 21st century with e-mail, so please send news to wlang@blazenetme.net. Till next time.

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Brenda Schneckenburger Colby retired in Feb. 2000 after 25 years as a dialysis social worker at Rochester General Hospital. She built a new townhouse and moved in Aug. 2001. Brenda enjoys her 2 children and 1 grandchild. Sharol Reed Stewart enjoyed an intracoastal waterways cruise from Nov. 24 - Dec. 2, 2001. The “American Eagle” left Charleston, SC, and made stops at Beaufort, SC; Hilton Head, SC; Savannah, GA; St. Simons, GA; Jekyll Island, GA; and Amelia Island, FL. Sharol thoroughly enjoyed this “fabulous cruise in our beautiful country.” Elizabeth Lucie Perreault is working as an office manager for a national real estate brokerage firm in New Haven. She has 3 children and 5 grandchildren, ranging in age from 9 months to 12. She encourages her classmates to get in touch if they are in the area.

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My husband and I are still pursuing Olympic projects (8 so far) with our U.S. flag business. We provided our aluminum bracket banner hardware for the Salt Lake City Winter Olympic Games. Unfortunately, we did not attend. At the present time, we have a local office and representative in Athens, Greece, trying to do as much as possible for

1959

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Marion Hill Dunn writes that she and her husband have been enjoying life in Tallassee, FL, for the last 3 years. Marion is an active member of the Tallahassee Garden Club. Mary “Polly” Willand Calhoun has been in touch with Susan Chapman Melanson ’66 regarding her book, Wentworth-By-The-Sea, 1969, featured in the spring/summer 2001 Alumni Magazine. Polly’s younger brother worked several summers at the Wentworth, and her family has fond memories of being there. Susan graciously autographed copies of the book for Polly’s brother and other family members, personalizing the copies with anecdotes and memories, which they all will treasure. Caroline “CeCe” Parker now lives in Bend, OR, with her lovely dog and cat. After teaching skiing many years at Stratton Mt., VT, she moved with their golf school to Scottsdale, AZ, handling all the administrative/sales work. When the school changed hands, she headed back to ski country. During the winter, CeCe skis and sells ski tickets at Mt. Bachelor. The ski resort at the top of the Cascade Mountains enjoys great amounts of snow – over 100” last Dec., and the skiing is “awesome.” CeCe says Bend is located on the dry high desert side of OR, with an average of 12” of moisture, most likely in Dec. – quite different from up in the mountains! The summertime temperature averages 75-80 dry degrees – just perfect for lots of golf. Sounds like a great place to live. Last summer CeCe and Colby roommate Nancy Kolar Bowen and her husband enjoyed a day of golfing while CeCe visited VT. Keep the news coming. E-mail works well, so let’s hear from you! Until next time!

1960

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I do hope most of you realize that Jimmy Shea, the Olympic Skeleton racer, is the son of Judith “Judy” Butler Shea. Jimmy enjoyed wonderful success at the Salt Lake games, bringing home the gold. It has been a very exciting time for Judy, Jim, and their family. I do want to express our condolences to Jim over the death of his father, Jack. They were a 3-generation Olympic family. Judy attended the Alumni Summit 4 days after 9/11. It was a very interesting brainstorming session, and Judy was able to see how the college dealt with the post-Sept. 11 trauma. Judy has been very busy with Joan Perry MacDermott, who has Lou Gehrig’s disease. Judy says that Joan has incredible spirit and wants us to live our lives to the fullest. Judy worked on a golf tournament to benefit ALS, Joan is the godmother of Judy’s son, Jimmy. Our thoughts and prayers are with Joan in her fight! I got a Christmas card from Emilie “Em” Merritt Cobb, who has returned to real estate. She has had a very busy year traveling to such places as Lima, Peru, the Machu Pichu ruins, and the Galapagos Islands. This winter Em will be skiing in Bend, OR, on Mt. Bachelor and in Sun Valley. In the spring she will sail with friends in the Caribbean. In between, she is selling houses. Her daughter, Alison, will present Em with her 5th grandchild, a boy, in May. Another e-mail response came from Susan "Sue"
Barto Monks, who recently enjoyed her 1st professional football game, which the Denver Broncos won. Her recent travels include Machu Pichu and the Galapagos Islands. In Jan. she and her husband went to London for a 10-day theatre trip with a group that they have traveled with in the past. They saw 8 plays, had meals and discussions with the actors, as well as backstage tours. Sounds fabulous. She is also busy with volunteer work, tennis, platform tennis, bowling, etc. Bill still works 3 days a week for their local public TV station as budget director. They recently celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary! She sends her best to everyone. Judith "Judy" Provandie Johnson e-mailed that she keeps in touch with Carol Sherman House. Judy went to a Children’s Literature Festival at Keene State College where she saw Tomie dePaola, who was a guest speaker. She had not seen him since our days at Colby Junior when she worked with him on the production of "The Matchmaker." Judy still works with the Belgrade, ME, Central School library, and loves it after 20 years. She and her husband, Dick, have 3 grandchildren. She drives her grandson, Kevin, to school each day and has wonderful conversations. In her free time she is resourceful and tender side in her husband. A grimly comic sudden incapacitation with a broken ankle reveals an unexpect- 
ted resourcefulness and joy with which she began their life together. Her love for her new book! New London was only the beginning of Joan’s travels this spring. Her national book tour, including visits to The Today Show and The Oprah Winfrey Show, introduced and promoted An Unfinished Marriage, the sequel to her national bestseller, A Year by the Sea. In her latest book, Joan explores the challenges of rebuilding and renewing a marriage, and does it with her trademark candor, compassion, and insight.

With A Year by the Sea, Joan struck a chord in many tens of thousands of readers. Her brave decision to take a year for herself away from her marriage, her frank assessment of herself at midlife, and her openness in sharing her fears as well as her triumphs won her admirers and inspired women across the country to reconsider their options. In her new book, Joan does for marriage what she did for women at midlife. Using the same very personal approach, she shows us her own rocky path to renewing a marriage gone stale, satisfying the demand from readers and reviewers to learn what comes next.

When Joan and her husband, Robin, decided to repair and renew their marriage after her eye-opening year of self-discovery, the outcome was far from certain. He had so- mething to say, and she chose to write. Her novel of midlife reinvention. After the initial shock of incorporating another person back into her daily life and into her treasured cottage, they begin the process of "recycling"—using the original materials of their marriage to create a new partnership. Rereading the letters that she had written from Uganda during the early years of their marriage, she is reminded about the nervousness and joy with which she began their life together. Her sudden incapacitation with a broken ankle reveals an unexpected resourceful and tender side in her husband. A grimly comic and strained dinner party with three other couples reveals to readers and reviewers to learn what comes next.

1961
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Barbara Green Gramenos writes that she and Stuart Webster were engaged last June, shortly after our class reunion. They will be married in CT over Labor Day weekend. Warm wishes to you both as you begin a new life together. Barbara mentioned in her note that she talks often with her Colby roommate, Joan Appleton Jevne. Joan resides in Wilton, CT. I received a nice note from Dorothy Bartels Denault. She had a busy summer vacationing with her husband, Peter, and her family. She enjoyed our class reunion last year, and was a great asset on the committee. Elizabeth "Tizzie" Grove loves. I have become a certified rug-hooking instructor and hook with 2 groups here in ME. I helped my daughter, Annie, move to Phoenix, thanks to Sept. 11. She had worked in Pentagon City when the plane went over. We had a great time driving west with a full car, a dog, and a cat. My son, CB, is arriving with his fiancée, Jessica, who is giving him the trip as a surprise birthday gift. Their wedding will be in Oct. in the Denver area. I continue to be a busy volunteer with the YMCA and will go on the board of directors in April. I am leaving on a trip to Knoxville, New Orleans, and San Antonio with Dick in our big motorhome. We tow a car behind us, so we are 65 feet long. My dog, McKinley, a Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, travels with us, so I get my exercise. A final note of condolence to Frances "Frannie" MacKenzie Seemann on the death of her mother. I hope everyone had a great winter and enjoys the spring and summer.

Editor’s Note: The Alumni Office wishes to congratulate your class and your school. Joan Anderson spent two days on the Colby-Sawyer campus in blustery February. She visited class and spoke to a packed house in the Cleveland, Colby, Colgate Archives, leaving her audiences smiling, introspective, and eager to read her new book! New London
and her husband, A
A special thanks to Lynne will host the fall reports that daughter became a grandmother Alumna Gina Simonds White '64 poses with her family.

you're retiring or moving to a ly or a new grandchild, or maybe you have a wedding in the fami-

hearing from you, girls! Perhaps she doesn't seem to find much but keeps busy during tax season spent her summers in New MA, on Cape Cod. They love summer home in Yarmouth Port, NH. recently purchased a band, Stu, recently purchased a Hanover, NH.

New York City and her condo in forth between her apartment in Jan. She plans to go back and 1962 Reunion

1963 Class Correspondent Needed

Editors Note: A special thanks to Beatrice Campbell Kempster for serving as 1963 class correspondent for the last 5 years.

A short note from Lynne Reno Peirce told us that they have constructed a new home on Lake Sunapee and plan to spend 6 months a year there. The other half of the year will be spent in Vero Beach, FL. She reported that she got together at the home of Nanci Cate Steen in AR for a yearly reunion. Also in attend ance were Bonnie Whitney Burton, Susan “Sue” Vaill Bosworth, M. Gretchen Burrough Morse, Patricia Cunningham Sullivan, and Cynthia “Cindy” Nelson Pitcher. Lynne will host the fall reunion at her new home. Susan “Sue” Gordon Venable’s 2nd son is a chef in a restaurant in a suburb of Philadelphia. He was married in New London last Aug. Sue’s oldest son works for Outward Bound in FL. Her oldest daughter is training to be a nurse and lives in NH. Her youngest daughter is still in high school and excels in music. Sue is an early childhood program coordinator at Sussex County College in Newton, NJ. Her e-mail address is sgvenable@nac.net. I’m sure she’d love to hear from you. As for the Kempsters, after a 3-week visit with my sisters in FL, Jack and I have decided to relocate to Lakeland. We have enjoyed living with Mom in NH this past year, but Jack prefers constant warmth, so building up there is out. Also, this will be my last column as your correspondent. I thank those of you who have written me over the past 5 years. I hope you continue to contribute news so our class-

mates can enjoy keeping in touch. Have a safe, happy, and healthy 2003 Sadly, the Alumni Office received news of the passing of Margaret “Peg” Alice Burding. She died May 15, 2001 in Orlando, FL, following a brief illness. Also, Carolyn Mug O’Connor’s husband, John, died Nov. 30, 2001 in Cambridge, MA. Among the hundreds who honored him were members of Colby-Sawyer classes of ’63, ’55, and ’50.

1964

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Hi Classmates! Isn’t e-mail the greatest! I have had some wonderful e-mail from classmates. Please get online and keep us up to speed on your life. Mary-Lynn “Mimi” Rand Jost continues her work as assistant to the principal at Phillips Exeter Academy, in Exeter, NH. (We work in the same town and try to get together for lunch every so often). She & Chick continue to work on their new home, and I mean work—they are doing most of the construction themselves! Chick enjoys working on the robotics program at FIRST and seeing what Dean Kamen (of the Segway fame) comes up with next. Mimi is waiting for daughter Sarah’s 2nd baby to arrive, knitting more sweaters and making a crib quilt. Their other daughter, Molly, and her husband are still not ready for children. Alice Lawton Lehmann and husband Bill are still very involved with their market awareness research company, Lehmann Informedia. They both enjoy running, biking, swimming, and cross-country skiing. Alice completed her 1st triathlon last Aug. and placed 1st in her age group. She lives in Concord, MA, and daughter Heidi lives close by. She is director of operations at Emerging Interest. Son Fred is on the last leg of his MBA at Simon in Rochester, NY. Linda Bailey Schneider continues to live close to the ocean in Ipswich, MA. She has been working as a learning

All in the Family. Alumna Gina Simonds White ’64 poses with her family. (L to r) Steve White, Gina, Hilary White (daughter), Danielle Fillion White (daughter-in-law), and Christopher White (son).
disabilities specialist in the North Reading, MA, school system for a number of years, after having gone back for a master's in education from Lesley College about 15 years ago. She also enjoys teaching courses in learning disabilities to her peers through professional development coursework. Linda is looking forward to the summer and getting her canvas and oils out. Her husband is a Russian Orthodox priest in Ipswich. Their son, Nicholas, is married with 4 children, and daughter Seraphima was married this past summer. Their youngest daughter, Juliana, is finishing up her senior year at Simmons College, after having returned from a wonderful semester abroad in St. Petersburg, Russia, with a trip on the Trans-Siberian RR. Dr. Valerie Taft West completed her doctorate in 1995 and is working at the Medical University of SC as associate provost for education. “I never thought when I was a student that I would become a professor and academic administrator, but it has been rewarding,” she says. Valerie has 2 sons living and working in NYC. The eldest, John, just became engaged. She has 2 stepdaughters and a wonderful 15-month-old grandson living in Charleston. Wallace, who is an alumni officer for the Citadel, and Val live just outside Charleston on a golf course and play as often as possible. She visited with Sally Sonntag Gale ’63, her roommate at Colby Junior, and her husband, David, earlier this year. “I haven’t been back to NH in ages and would love to go. I’ve been a southerner for 30+ years.” Jean returned to secretarial work with the superintendent of schools. Dick, who is retired, drives special needs students to school. They are both active in the Nobleboro Historical Society, the Nobleboro Conservation Commission, and the Mid Coast Audubon Society. She is a master gardener and a certified horticulturist. In addition, they are beekeepers, belonging to the state association, and began a beekeeping school in March through the local adult education program. Jean keeps in touch with Linda Ainsworth, who has been in Mexico City since the 1960s. Margaret “Peggy” Davison Freeman wrote that her son, Jonathan, got married in the Trinity College Chapel on Aug. 4th to Alyson Guild, a Trinity graduate also. Judith Adams Shadron writes, “For the past 13 years I’ve managed a small gift shop (The Tabby House) located in a 200-year-old slave cabin that originally belonged to one of the Sea Island plantations. Two stepchildren, both in their 30s, run our businesses and live nearby. My husband is semi-retired and is enjoying time spent in his new woodworking shop. If you’re ever in the area, I’d love to hear from you.” Ruth Corbin Caruso has been back in New England for the past 8 years, having left FL after her divorce. Her daughter, Lisa, is in her 3rd year at Nova Southeastern College of Optometry, and her son, David, is at the North Bennet Street School in Boston. Her son, Russell, graduated as an electrical engineer from Worcester Polytechnic Institute this year, and son John is a senior at Haverford College in PA. I received a wonderful Christmas letter from Nancy Woodring Hansen with a picture of her family, including children, spouses and grandchildren. In retirement, Nancy keeps herself very busy with docenting in the education program at the Colonial Theater, being on the board of trustees at Colby-Sawyer, fund raising for the United Way, working on the local garden show in March, bowling in a league during the winter months, reading for The Book Group, skiing with Roger, friends, and family, and visiting with her 90-year-old mother on the Cape. She and Roger traveled to Ireland last year and head to Whistler, near Vancouver, in March, and Germany in May. Gina Simonds White and her husband, Steve, have lived in Dover, MA, for 25 years. Their son, Christopher, married his Dartmouth College sweetheart, Danielle Fillion, last summer in Jackson, NH. They both attended the Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth, and are currently working in the Boston/Southern NH area. Gina and Steve’s daughter, Hilary, is at Yale Medical School, studying to become a physician’s associate. Gina and Steve enjoy skiing, golf, sailing, and traveling together. She has been involved in planning programs for the Colonial Dames of MA. I really enjoy hearing from you all, as do your classmates. Please continue to keep us updated.

1965

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1966

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Since we’ll be well into 2002 by the time this edition comes out, I’m sure that I will have overcome most of the trauma of rolling and totalizing my Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited last Dec. 14, and Linda’s rolling and frolicking in the sun and surf of St. Thomas and St. John this past spring will be but a memory! Linda is the much more brilliant-ly organized half of this duo, to wit: “Sandy and I have been writing this column for 5 years (egads!—from SKD). Out of curiosity, or perhaps too much time on my hands, I went through all the columns for the past years (she could find hers!—SKD) and identified 71 names of classmates who have contributed news to this column during that time. This is roughly a third of our class, a percentage that surprised even me! We want to thank each and every one of you who has written, and encourage you to keep in touch. One of our goals for this year is to add a few new names to this list, so if you haven’t dropped us a line lately—or ever—this is the year we want to hear from you!” Nancy Hayes (one of Shepard’s HHH&H) is the manager of the customer care department for Dion Systems, a national laboratory. She serves on the president’s council for United Visiting Nurses, part of the Yale New Haven Health System, and is on the board of deacons at her church. Her son, Stephen, lives in San Francisco where, until Sept. 11, he was in the travel business. Still in Fairport, NY, Janis Green Barnes, is teaching her last year of 3rd grade and will retire to their remodeled home in Canandaigua on the lake, where she will continue to nurture and groom her three granddaughters — Carlie (6), Tori (2), and Lauren (1)—for their Colby-Sawyer experience! The “moving-est family of the year award” goes to Barbara Anderson Carvey. She moved, one of her daughters moved twice, another daughter once, her mother once, and her youngest son moved to college. Now see if you can follow this: Matthew, the son who moved to college, is a freshman at MIT and pledged the same fraternity as Andrew (another son at MIT), which is the same fraternity as Sarah’s (a daughter) boyfriend and Christina’s (another daughter) fiancé (MIT ‘99)! Wait, there’s more! Barb’s husband of 33 years, Phil, got his master’s at MIT (‘67 EE). If MIT has tailgate parties, this family will need the whole parking lot! According to Barbara, they are busy, but blessed. From Wakefield, MA, Polly Colburn Aamoyurka wrote that she has a very exciting
join this scenario: you’re out for a hike with your three dogs, leashes in hand, and no place to store your keys, water bottles, cell phone, and those infamous plastic bags you need to “clean up” after your dogs. What do you do? Well, if you are Susan Yuckman Reed, you design the POOPHAPPENS Classic Carryall. That’s right, POOPHAPPENS. It’s a multi-faceted shoulder bag that converts to a fanny pack, made of high-performance nylon, available in four colors (black lab, sharpei sage, barn red, and indigo blue). The machine-washable bag contains outside pockets (one with a key ring) for holding leashes, treats, cell phone, water bottles, etc., and inside pockets hold plastic bags, scoopers, and towels. A large center compartment provides ample room for temporarily storing full “poop bags.”

According to Susan, the POOPHAPPENS name is a play on what happens in life with dogs and babies. She has three dogs: Woody, the golden retriever; Daisy, the basset hound; and Charlie, “The Devil Dog,” which Susan says is a “bagel, as in part beagle, part basset. They are my muses, board of directors, and field trial supervisors, not to mention, my advertising models,” she adds. When she and the dogs were out for walks, she often found herself in the embarrassing situation of carrying around not one, not two, but three plastic bags of dog poop until she could find a proper spot to dispose of them. The name, therefore, really describes what happens when she and the dogs are out for walks. Susan says the majority of people find the name amusing and perfectly suited to her products.

Susan received her associate’s degree in Fine Arts from Colby Junior College in 1967. Following graduation, she lived for a year in San Francisco, where she shared an apartment with classmate Melinda Stuckslinger Samuels. After returning to the East Coast for a short while, she lived in Italy for five years, studying, traveling, and working at the Food and Health Organization at the United Nations. When Susan returned to the United States, she attended photography school in New York City and worked for the next 25 years in the film industry, both in New York and later in Miami, Florida, producing photo shoots, television commercials, and music videos. In 1998, she moved to Maine, where she currently resides in Bath. Susan began her company, “Susan Reed Designs,” in January 2000, with the POOPHAPPENS Classic Carryall and accessories. She now also offers the Baby Diaper Baggie, complete with a changing pad and a “onesie” with “POOPHAPPENS” embroidered on the front, and the “Devil Dog Designer Bag,” for the fashion enthusiast; it’s the “dog poop bag that just stepped off the catwalk!” And for those who want to “mark their territory,” monogramming is available on the carryalls. For a closer look at Susan’s company and product line, please visit her on the Web at www.poophappensbag.com.

Susan is currently developing a new dog/baby toy chest for home or travel, which will be available by late spring/early summer. Susan conducts most of her sales outside of the state of Maine, and sells a fair amount of her product in Japan. She claims the Internet has certainly enhanced her worldwide sales.

So, the next time you’re out for a walk with your dogs, remember Susan’s company slogan, “Nothing says style like a plastic bag of dog poop—when it’s hidden in one of our carryalls.”

1967 Reunion

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Reminder: our 35th reunion—not possible—is this coming June. I, for one, cannot believe it’s been 35 years! Where have they all gone? I mean, I don’t feel like I’m in my mid-50s! (Did I really just say that?) How can 35 years have gone by already? The official dates are May 31-June 2, 2002. This is an “All-College Reunion,” where everyone is being asked back, with special celebrations for those of us who graduated in years ending in a 2 or a 7. Yeah, that’s us! Thirty-five years! Wow! Frances King is living in Marblehead, MA, and we hear that she’s the senior Web editor for Health Dialog, Inc., in Boston. She’s also (“oh, horror!”) the mother of 2 daughters in college. Elizabeth is a sophomore at Northeastern, and Katherine is a sophomore at Roger Williams University in RI. Now, Frances, that’s not so bad! Hope Wilkinson MacDonald reports that she’s living in northern ME, raising a family of 4 - 2 girls and 2 boys - who landed on their doorstep. Hope says they’ve adopted the 2 girls and the boys are living with them for foster care. She states, “Life is busy and unexpected, but terrific!”

Blessings to you, Hope. Frolic Taylor would like to kindly ask that everyone from the class of 1967 “get your ****** to the 35th reunion” so she can see you! So, it’s not just me reminding you all to come to reunion. Frolic wants
to see you, too! Prudence "Pru" Hostetter ran the Marine Corps marathon with her 5-year-old son, Adam, last fall. She said they saw NJ and MD, and enjoyed the changing colors of the leaves. Pru also reports that she's still flying to LA at night and enjoying it. Are you still in Lake Worth, FL, Pru? Deborah Gould is just as amazed as I that this is our 35th reunion coming up! She says she just "breezed through" her 55th birthday, is nearly finished with the 1st draft of a book, and contends that "life gets better and better!" Amen to that! I imagine by now that 1st draft has been finished, yes? She's in Brunswick, ME, and hopes to see lots of people from our class at reunion! As for me, I'm looking forward to May 2003, when I will finally get my bachelor's degree! Unlike most of you, I did not continue after Colby, but chose marriage and family life. Now that my sons are grown and my daughter, at 14, is pretty much self-sufficient, I'm embarking on a whole new career! I went back officially in Aug. 2000 at night, and this past Jan. started full-time! Yes, I'm probably the oldest person on the Charleston Southern University campus, a nice Baptist-affiliated 4-year college, but I love it! I'm in the teacher education track and am absolutely holding my own! My motto these days is: a college degree in 2003! Catchy, eh? Unfortunately for me, this probably means I won't be able to come to reunion. I have to take a class during our "Maymester" semester and it's not over by the 31st. I know that that's a weekend, but I also am a poor college student now and simply cannot afford to fly. So, I'll just have to wait another 5 years. Life in SC is good. Our schools are not as bad as a lot of the press makes them out to be; sure there are some bad ones, but there are also plenty of good ones. We really are enjoying the easier, slower lifestyle here. And, beautiful, historic Charleston is only 25 minutes down the interstate. I, too, am blessed and feel that life is getting better and better. There you have it! Not much in the way of newsy news. Haven't heard from many of you. Please either e-mail me or drop me a post card. I'd love to have the news to put into our column for the Alumni Magazine. Let me hear from you all!

Please see In Fond Memory

Commencement 2001. Elizabeth "Beth" Holloran Bourguignon '67 was on campus last May to attend the commencement ceremony of Susanne Day '01. Beth has known Susanne since she was two years old, and says she's glad to have had a close family friend follow in her footsteps!

1968

Class Correspondent Needed

Beverly Shipman Gibson is now a certified arborist and a member of the International Society of Arboriculture. On top of working part-time for the Landmark Society of Western New York as their horticulturist, she recently started her own business, "Yankee Gardener." She does pruning of small trees and shrubs, as well as garden maintenance and design. Bev also spends time writing for a newsletter, giving lectures, and appears regularly as a guest on a Time Warner local call-in garden show. She also enjoys a number of volunteer activities, including working as a member of the Webster Arboretum Advisory Committee, clearing trails and pruning trees as a member of the Master Community Foresters, giving lectures for the Cornell Cooperative Extension as a master gardener, and her latest endeavor was working as co-chair of the seminars committee for the Rochester, NY, flower and garden show, "Gardenscapes." Bev writes, "My son Donald is 13-years-old, is taking karate (me too), plays clarinet (my rebuilt one), and is a real joy to me and his father." Bev and her family live in Webster, NY, outside of Rochester. Bev and Ann Parks '66, who also worked for the Landmark Society of Western New York until her retirement this year, hope to make a trip to see the campus one of these days. JoAnne Swan Hogg is living in NC and still working for the postal service after 20 years. Her daughter, Kristin, and her family live in Christiansted, St. Croix, in the US Virgin Islands, where they run a jewelry store called "ib designs." JoAnne encourages you to stop in if you are ever in St. Croix. JoAnne's grandson, Kenan (5), is "brilliant, beautiful, and talented, of course!" JoAnne encourages her classmates to give her a call should they ever be in NC. Dr. Sarah "Sally" Lamm White lives in Littleton, CO, with her physician husband, Tom, and their 15-year-old daughter, Amy. Sally received her doctorate in clinical psychology in Aug. 2000, and is now in private practice. She worked as a med. tech. for 18 years before deciding to make a career change to do something more meaningful to her personally. Sally visited with her old roommate, JoAnne Franke Overfield, some 6 years ago in Seattle. They still keep in touch after all these years. Unfortunately, Sally will not be attending reunion this year, as she is planning her mother's memorial service in Aug., and only plans to visit the East coast once this summer.

1969

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Julie Stoddart Strimenos and her family have been in CO for nearly 4 years. She says she loves it, although she will always miss New England. She is still working part-time, mostly on special projects in the high school office. Her oldest son, Orion, is studying engineering at the Colorado School of Mines and has a 4-year army ROTC scholarship. He became very enthused about the military after Sept. 11. "Who knew where all the GI Joe stuff was heading," wrote Julie. Her younger son, Ford, is a sophomore in high school, and is into the computer and Taekwondo. Deborah Arnold Reale has a new job as assistant editor of Contemporary Surgery, a medical journal, at Dowden Health Media in Montvale, NJ. She finds the work challenging, but fun. She is also working on her master's in corporate and organizational communication at Fairleigh Dickinson University. Her husband, Rich, is a management consultant with his own business, Positive Impact Associates. He has a brown belt in Okinawan karate. Their son, Matt, is newly engaged, with wedding plans for October 2003. He is a senior Web developer for News America Marketing, a division of NewsCorp, NYC. Daughter Amy is a junior at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, PA. She's currently enjoying a semester abroad at the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand. Janet Campbell-Kerr and Ruth "Tiffany" Spake Petty were roommates at CJC and have kept in touch since graduation. They manage to get together every once in awhile, and last summer spent a week together in VT. While there, they met up with Diane "Dee Dee" Budz for lunch, which was the first time the 3 of them had been together since 1969! Dee Dee is an ordained minister and loves it. She was planning a vacation to Panama at the time and was very excited about it. Tiffany has been living and working in suburban Toronto, Ontario, Canada for the last 30+ years. She is a business information analyst for the pharmaceutical company GlaxoSmithKline. Her daughter, Sarah (28), also lives in Toronto, where she works in neonatology for a major hospital. Tiffany enjoys spending her free time riding classical dressage horses. Barbara Flavin Richardson and her husband, Bill, visited with Claire Rapp Bean and Marcia Somers Krause in NH last August. Bill, who served as the UN and labor secretary during the Clinton administration, announced his candidacy for the gubernatorial race in his home.
Bonanno, who lives in New London part-time and Italy part-time! It was exciting to hear from her and especially about Italy, where she gives tours! She has one 28-year-old daughter, who lives in Boston. She is doing well and is healthy after a bout w/cancer. Judith “Judy” Britten Bonanno, who married Sue's brother, lives in Meredith, NH, and FL. They have 1 daughter and recently celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary! Pamela Conze is still living in Natick, MA, and working at the Children's Hospital in Boston. My youngest son, Jarrod, is an avid hockey player out of Wolfeboro, NH, playing on an “A” team around the state, and patiently waiting to hear if he made the NH State Select Hockey Team of 10-year-olds. He is a super player and made the 1st cut, so we are waiting to hear the final news! Again, please write or e-mail me with your news, as I would love to print it.

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Nancy Forstrom-Gillespie is currently living in Helena, MT, where she loves working as a 2nd grade teacher. Not only does she teach, but she also takes each child to a performing arts program - symphony, music, ballet, and drama - and has started “Destination Imagination.” She hopes to begin her NASA elementary program soon. Jane Taylor Gallant’s daughter received her bachelor's degree from Colby-Sawyer last year, spending her junior year at the University of Saint Andrews in Scotland. She plans to move on to graduate school to study communications. Her 16-year-old daughter, Samantha, is active in her high school’s performing arts program. She is a gifted singer and has had supporting roles in “The Man of La Mancha, Into the Woods,” and “Company.” She is also a talented artist, while maintaining high honors academically. Nancy

1970
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Greetings from New Durham, NH! I am on my way to Disney World and out of the cold, but am looking forward to some news from the class of 1970. Please e-mail me with some updates. Sarah Haskell returned to my son’s elementary school as the artist-in-residence. She is a weaver and the students learn weaving to create projects with this month’s project called “A Reflection in Tolerance.” I know she lives in York, ME, with her husband and children, but I would like to hear more of her work and hope she reads this and responds. A note from Susan Beattie Pugh says Wendy Nelson Chorzempa’s husband is the House Minority Leader in the Minnesota Legislature, her daughter should or has received his PhD from U of Rochester in NY, and her son, Doug, is now out of high school. I received a surprise call from Susan

Berto Hemmerich and husband Paul (“Limey”) have lived in Hollis, NH, for over 20 years, where she works as an elementary school counselor and he is self-employed as an architect. They have 3 daughters who are currently in, or have just finished, college. The girls’ various academic and career explorations and social lives are a never ending source of interest and envy. She and her husband enjoy many outdoor/physical activities, particularly road biking, skiing and hiking. Marilyn Gage Hyson has published Profile of Herbert Adams, Sculptor 1858 - 1945, Works & Biography of Beaux Arts Sculptor, Cornish Art Colony (10 years of research—found 400 sculptures) and in 1995 published a children’s book, Young Herbert Adams. She currently has 2 more books planned, Adams’ Wife Adeline and Olin Levi Warner, Sculptor. She currently lives in Princeton, MA, and winters in Sarasota, FL. Amy Monroe Lincoln is married and living in Tucson, AZ, where she works as an elementary special education teacher. She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona and a master’s in special education at Northern Arizona University. Linda Nilsson Lombard is working as a charge nurse, LPN at a skilled nursing facility and enjoys working with the elderly in Enfield, CT. She has 3 children. James, 27, who lives in NM with his wife and their son, James (3), works for Pepsi. Jennifer, 24, lives in FL and is attending the University of Central FL and plans to attend nursing school. Kelly, 19, is currently in the US Air Force Reserves and also plans to attend...
nursing school. Both James and Jennifer spent 4 years in active duty in the Air Force. Susan “Sue Moe” Moe-Raposo, her spouse, Jeff, and their Springer Spaniel, Abby, are living in Westport, MA, only 5 minutes from the beach, where Abby’s favorite activity is swimming in the ocean. Sue has worked for the Fall River school department for 25 years, and has taught all levels, from pre-K to the 12th grade. She has been busy volunteering with the Big Brother/Big Sister Program and giving art lessons at Elder Care. The Kennedy Arts Center Washington, DC, exhibited a play that she directed with children pre-K - 2nd grade. She has been a board member of the Fall River Education Assc. for 12 years. She still enjoys skiing and the beach, and she and Jeff have traveled through out the Caribbean.

Candice “Corc” Corcoran Raines continues to live in Rutland, VT, where she is a college professor in adventure recreation and owner/director of Challenge Wilderness Camp for Boys in Bradford, VT. She is still a member of both the U.S. ski-orienteering and ski-archery teams. Two years ago she participated in her 2nd world championship in ski-orienteering traveling, to Krasnoyarsk, Siberia, and last year attended her 2nd world championship in ski-archery in Krasnoyarsk, Siberia, and last year. She has also given work-shops in various countries. She still enjoys playing tennis and the piano, as well as reading.

Mary Lou “M.L.” Sibley Wolfe is currently living in Sammamish, WA, with her husband, Cory, and their son, Alex, who is 6. They all enjoy going 3 hours north to Victoria and South to the OR coast. Margaret Blair Fox is living in Ann Arbor, MI. As well as being an Episcopal priest, she is also a licensed Lutheran pastor, ELCA. This means she may officiate at St. Paul’s Church in Saline, MI. She also had her 2nd knee replacement surgery and is recovering nicely. Thanks to all classmates who contributed to this column.

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I hope this note gets to you all before reunion at the end of May, as I want to encourage you all to come back and visit your old stomping grounds. A great weekend is planned, and your presence will make it even better! I have heard from a few folks who are planning to attend, so get to it! I received an e-mail from Margaret Blair Fox, better known as Blair during her Colby days. Blair was a VP at both Smith Barney and Merrill Lynch before becoming a VP at Axiom Capital Management, Inc. She is also a partner in an Italian wine and cheese importing concern; an agent for Bombardier Aerospace for the sales, lease, and charter of Lear Jets and similar flying machines; and is starting up the Amazonian Amazing drinks and sorbet, which she promises to be more tasty and youth enhancing than any on the market. She is also the vice-chair of a leading charity event in NYC. And I thought I was busy! It all sounds great, Blair! We wish you the best of luck and hope you’ll bring a U-Haul full of these goodies to reunion. Otherwise, there is no news to report. I am just waiting for all the news at reunion, so send those information sheets in! Better yet, come to reunion. Have a great summer!

Jennifer spent 4 years in active duty in the Air Force. As a Lutheran pastor, she officiates at Faith Lutheran Church in Saline, MI. She has been living and working in Switzerland since 1976. She has been divorced since 1986, and is currently living in Chula Vista, CA. She is still a volunteer on the Tuckerman Ravine Ski Patrol on Mt. Washington, NH. Stephanie Wilson Signer has been living and working in Switzerland since 1976. She has been divorced since 1986, and is raising her 2 children, Bryan and Vanessa. They speak German on a daily basis, but English at home. She has been working as a cytotechnologist and has published numerous papers and articles, and has also given workshops in various countries. She still enjoys playing tennis and the piano, as well as reading.

Mary Lou “M.L.” Sibley Wolfe is currently living in Sammamish, WA, with her husband, Cory, and their son, Alex, who is 6. They all enjoy going 3 hours north to Victoria and South to the OR coast. Margaret Blair Fox is living in Ann Arbor, MI. As well as being an Episcopal priest, she is also a licensed Lutheran pastor, ELCA. This means she may officiate at Faith Lutheran Church in Saline, MI. She also had her 2nd knee replacement surgery and is recovering nicely. Thanks to all classmates who contributed to this column.

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1972

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We look forward to hearing from you!
Laurie Cameron Carson ‘74

Laurie Cameron Carson has been elected the 28th president of the Society of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. The Society is a volunteer group that works to ensure the well-being and comfort of patients; raises funds for cancer research, treatment, and patient care; and educates the public about cancer.

Laurie became involved with MSKCC in 1991. “What first attracted me to Memorial Sloan-Kettering and to the Society is that I have always had a great passion for science. The fields of genetics and molecular biology at MSKCC are particularly exciting,” she explained. Before coming to the center, Laurie worked as a biochemistry analyst for The New York Hospital, after earning a bachelor’s degree in Chemistry from Colby-Sawyer and a medical technician’s degree from the Princeton Medical Center School of Medical Technology.

In 1991, Laurie became a volunteer in the Fresh Flower Program and went on to co-chair that committee from 1994 to 1997. In 1994, she joined the Society’s Administrative Board and was assistant treasurer from 1996 to 1997 and vice president from 1997 to 2001. She also chaired the annual appeal from 1997 through 1999, and the Health Education Seminar in 1994 and 1995. Last year, Laurie founded “Steps for Breath,” a 5K fun run/walk in Southampton, New York, which raised more than $9.8 million.

Looking forward, Laurie plans to build on the Society’s mission to improve the quality of cancer care for patients and their families by further integrating the Society’s fundraising efforts with the initiatives of MSKCC. As the center embarks on a campaign to fund the new research building, as well as expansive improvements to Memorial Hospital, Laurie says the Society must work even harder to honor its commitment to the center. “It is imperative that members of the Society work together to keep up the momentum we have created,” she said.

Looking back, Laurie says her priorities also include surpassing the Society’s fundraising records, which last year generated more than $9.8 million.

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1975

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Help! I need your news to fill this column. Please be in touch and let me know what is going on in your lives.

1976

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Nancy Barnes Berkeley and I skied together for a day at Owl’s Head Mountain, in southern Canada. She and her family take vacations there every year. It was great to ski with “Barnes” again. She and her husband, Steve, are excellent skiers. Their children, Tommy and Maggie, are advancing to be experts soon. After skiing, we did karaoke to the song “YMCA” while wearing wigs. It was like old times. And of course, Nancy served the best food! I also ran into Lynn Specker Martin, Elizabeth “Betsy” Hill Lynch, and Priscilla “Pris” Walker Dallmus while at an ornament making sale. They all look incredibly good and their children are all so beautiful. Margaret “Meg” Parker Rand is living at the Tilton School, in Tilton, NH, with her family. She is a library assistant and dorm head. She writes, “It was fun being back on campus for reunion and seeing all the changes. I’d love to get in touch with the girls from Shepard dorm.”

Diane Rumore Woods
is living in Parkland, FL, with her husband, Don Woods (Dartmouth ’76). Don has an ophthalmology practice. They will be married 24 years in Dec., and have 4 children. April is a 2nd year law student, and Jessica is a junior in college. Sally is a fresh- man in college and Casey (a boy) is a junior in high school. The Alumni Office received a note from Barbara Zenker Parker saying that she and her husband, Ollie, are still living on their small farm in MA with their 4 children: Sarah (14), Amory (12), Anna (11), and Charlie (7). That’s all for now. Keep those e-mails and letters coming!

Class Correspondent Needed

Katharine Fidler Pickett writes that she is a single mother raising 3 children, ages 16, 13, and 9. She runs her own daycare in W. Concord, MA, and is an interior designer and furniture artist (hand painted furniture) as well. She enjoys traveling, both with her children and alone. She runs an intergenerational program in her hometown, finding ways to bring the senior population together with students to learn from each other. Sheila Parkhurst is currently back in her hometown of Colebrook, NH. She moved out of the Med Tec. field in 1993, and now owns a massage business in Colebrook, and is also the massage salon director at the Balsams Grand Resort Hotel in Dixville Notch. She writes that she hasn’t kept in touch with any classmates and wonders where any of the ’77 or ’78 medical technologists are. She encourages any of you to e-mail her at spark@ncia.net. Patricia “Pat” Ryan Eline and her family recently moved to Seekonk, MA, from Bristol, RI. She is a stay-at-home mom to James, age 5, in kindergarten, and Morgan, age 15, a high school sophomore. Pat’s husband, Jim, is in the yachting...
business and travels frequently. Presently, he's been able to spend a lot of time at home, so they've had the opportunity to do a lot of work on their house. Susan Graham Winslow is still married, very happily, to her husband, Scott. They have 3 children: Lexie is a 15-year-old student at Phillips Exeter Academy, 12-year-old Sam attends Boxford Academy, and 10-year-old Keelie goes to the Boxford public school. They live on a small farm in Boxford, MA, where they have taken in an assortment of animals in need of a home, including a donkey, 3 horses, and a menagerie of cats, dogs, and bunnies. Susan runs the farm and enjoys numerous volunteer activities, including her work for a local therapeutic horseback riding program, the Boxford Historical Society, as well as church and school activities. Scott is a managing director at Brown Brothers-Harriman in Boston. She sends her best wishes to the Cutting House women. Susan has kept in close touch with Susan Pratley Rillovick, who lives in Winchester, MA, with her husband, Kevin, and her stepchildren. Susan Rillovick has her own interior design business, SPS Accent and Design.

1978

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Laurie Russell Title writes that she is living in Waterford, CT, with her husband, David, and their 12-, 11-, and 8-year-old children. Laurie’s husband was just promoted to a new position as superintendent of schools in Bloomfield, CT. Laurie is enjoying life as a full-time mom and volunteering in the scouts.

Victoria Gallucci runs her own public relations firm in Montclair, NJ, and spent 3 weeks in Peru in 2000 studying Shamanism in the Amazon Jungle. She would love to hear from her old Austin dorm mates. Patricia Winters Smith lives in Dublin, OH, with her husband and 2 boys, ages 9 and 6. She is the director of business development with Hertz Mountain Corp., and covers OH, MI, and IN. She is deeply involved in cub scouts and the usual parental responsibilities. Lee Bowers Desai recently moved to Falmouth, ME, from Chagrin Falls, OH, to be closer to family, the ocean, and the mountains. Catherine “Cathy” Ann Mauro lives in Shrewsbury, MA, in a house that they built 2 years ago. She has been married for 22 years and has 2 daughters (20 and 12) and a son (17). Cathy teaches gymnastics at the MA High School Gymnastics Center and coaches a high school gymnastics team. Linda Pianowski Flahive lives in Longmeadow, MA, with her husband, their daughter, Emily (2), and son, Jimmy (4). Linda still skis quite a bit, but says not as “aggressively” as she used to! She keeps in touch with her roommate from Best Dorm, Kathryn “Kathy” Kimball Mosher, who is married with children as well. Sarah Lucy Hopley lives in Cromwell, CT, and has 3 children, ages 12, 10, and 6. She has been at the American Red Cross almost 7 years. Sara keeps in touch with Nancy Chase Ryan and Elizabeth “Bettie” Muller.

Susan Johns Dorshimer lives in the Philadelphia area with her husband, 2 boys (9, 7) and twin girls (5). She is an at-home mom (a busy one, I’m sure) and involved with many sports activities. She would love to hear from anyone that may be in her area. Karen Gallagher Grant writes from her home in Weston, MA, where she and her husband grew up. She has 3 boys aged 16, 11, and 7, and a 14-year-old daughter. She is the corporate director of health information services at Partner’s Health Care in Boston, MA. She was recently in the area skiing at Mt. Sunapee and said it was great to go by CSC. Deirdre Beaton writes from Portland, OR, where she has lived for the past 15 years with her husband, 3 stepchildren, 1 grandchild, and many nieces and nephews. After many years of working in retail, she now frames and finishes needlepoint, which she says allows her “creative” side to escape. Deirdre keeps in touch with Jennifer Buzby ’80 and, sees her every couple of years. She would love to hear from any of her classmates.

When he began his career in construction in 1974, never in his wildest dreams did Bruce Parsons ’77 believe he’d have one of his home designs featured on a nationally syndicated television program. But that’s exactly what happened. Yankee Barn Homes in Grantham, NH, where Bruce is the senior designer, was contacted by Dream Builders, a series produced by Home & Garden Television, in association with the National Association of Home Builders. The series profiles innovative builders in the construction and home design industries, and takes viewers across the country to see the latest building trends, styles, and techniques. Episode #809 features two Yankee Barn homes that Bruce designed. One of the houses sits at the site of the former King Ridge ski area, where Colby-Sawyer students once enjoyed their annual “Ski Day.” When the ski area was sold, the majority of the land was put into conservation easement, and the area around the top of the mountain was split into individual house lots. Presently, there are two houses on the mountain, both of which Bruce designed.

To determine when the Dream Builders episode will air, visit the HGTV Web site www.hgtv.com and search under the show title for Dream Builders episode #809. You can also view more of Bruce’s home designs at the Yankee Barn Homes Web site www.yankeebarnhomes.com, or contact Bruce at bparsons@yankeebarnhomes.com.

Bruce attended the Portland School of Art and graduated from Colby-Sawyer with a fine arts degree in 1977. He has worked for Yankee Barn Homes since 1983. He is a professional member of the American Institute of Building Design, and his Yankee Barn designs have been featured in 16 national magazines and have won four national design competitions. He is also a member of the New Hampshire Art Association and still exhibits his photographs regularly.

Besides designing homes, Bruce is an active member of the American Cancer Society. After being diagnosed with cancer in 1981, he became one of the founding members of the Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee unit of the American Cancer Society. He now serves as past-president and advisor to the unit. Bruce also has a deep affiliation with Star Island, part of the Isle of Shoals, off the coast of New Hampshire. Star Island hosts a religious and educational conference center, and Bruce’s relationship began in 1974, while doing carpentry work on the island. He now serves on the board of directors and is chair of the island’s facility committee. Bruce has left a lasting mark on the island, as he has designed four of its buildings. He is a member of the New London First Baptist Church, where he chairs the architectural committee. The church is about to undertake a $1.6 million addition. Bruce lives in New London with his wife, Carole Horton Parsons ’74, who serves as the registrar at Colby-Sawyer, and their two sons, 15-year-old Ryan and 13-year-old Drew.
Colby Dorm alumni. Mary Beth Monko Ruggieri has lived in VA for the past 15 years with her husband of 20 years, their daughter, Sarah (a high school senior), son Matthew (14), and their dog, Colby. Her oldest, Michael, is at Coastal Carolina University in SC. Because of all Mary Beth’s kids’ activities, she has not been back to the “hill” in many years but is hoping to get back this summer. Give her a call if you are down in VA, as she would love to have the old group visit. Susan Baker Atwater writes from Hartford, CT. She has 2 daughters, Lauren (14) and Meredith (9), who are very involved in sports and keep her “running.” Susan has been working at The Hartford for 19 years as a computer programmer. I also received a letter from Suzanne Huberlie Hefferman who recently retired as development director for a Catholic parish so that she could spend more time with her husband, Larry (a lawyer), son Peter (a high school sophomore) and Patrick (an 8th grader). She is enjoying her new job as “chauffeur” for her kids, who keep her very busy. Her sister, Sara Huberlie White ‘79, lives in Jamul, CA, and is married with 3 kids. Sara is still always on the move, just like when she was on the ski team for CSC. Rebekah “Becky” Holt Dewitt works as a marketing communications manager for a small company near her home in Danvers, MA, and also serves on the deacon’s board at her church. She has been married for 10 years and has 2 stepdaughters, one of whom is headed for college in the fall. Many of you may remember classmate Florence “not your typical classmate” Seufert (as she puts it), who worked in the dean’s office at CSC for 30 years while taking classes during her noon lunch hours. Although she never lived in a dorm, she was a housemother in Colgate during the 60s. Florence is now 79 and resides in FL. Florence, all I can say is there is no such thing as a “typical” classmate! Susanna “Sue” Webster Ries writes from Mt. Vernon, NH, and has a 2-year-old. She is involved in a Co-op Artists Association along with Stephanie Burke Hendrickson and Shauna Duffy Smith. Susan makes stained glass pieces while Shauna does pastels. Stephanie lives in Wilmington, NC, and has a daughter who is a senior in high school. Sue is approaching her 20th year at Digital/Compaq. I heard from Morah Alexander, who writes that she is “happy, healthy and single (for the past 16 years), living in Reading, MA, and working as an operations manager of a small medical finance company next to Fanueil Hall in Boston. In March she will be joining Katharine “Kay” Kendrick Reynolds and Kay’s husband for a trip to London and Paris. Cheryl Silva Lafond is a music teacher for grades 6-12 at Lisbon Regional School in Lisbon, NH. Cheryl also has a private vocal studio and performs on a regular basis. She is married and has 2 children: Adrienne, a freshman in college, and Jonathan (13). Clare Dixon Francke writes from Southbury, CT, where she has been living for the past 16 years with her husband, Dave, and their 4 children: Matthew (15), Michael (12), Colleen (9), and Christopher (7). She is an at-home mom and is very involved in community sports with the kids and activities at church. She would love to hear from any Burpee girls out there. I continue to work towards my M.Ed. in school counseling at Plymouth State College (not your “typical” grad student) and have about one more year to go. I still work full time and continue serving on the New London Historical Society Board. For those of you who may remember the Concord Coach, it has been restored and is on exhibit at the newly built transportation museum on the grounds of the New London Historical Society. My son, Josh, is a freshman at Muhlenberg College in PA and loves it! I am at CSC quite often, either working out at the Horgan Sports Center or watching the men’s basketball games (19-5 record)! Last but not least, it is with great sadness that I inform you that Jan Derby passed away on December 6 at the Massachusetts General Hospital after a 10-year battle fighting a rare lung disease. Our thoughts are with Jan’s family. One final note to thank you so much for all of your responses to my card. I am very happy with the number of responses I received, which makes my job as class correspondent worth the time and effort I put into it. I only hope that it will connect some of you that may have lost touch over the years. If you need e-mail addresses of those that I heard from, please send me an e-mail and I will forward their address on to you.

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1979

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Tracy Swingett
Carey-Mackenzie
writes that she loves CO. She lives in Golden, and can be reached at ts@wiggs@gwest.net.

Kamberley Steinman Vassallo
has been living in Amherst, NH, for the past 4 years, since moving her family from Sao Paulo, Brazil. Her children are juniors and seniors in high school, and the youngest is in 3rd grade.

Susan Culbertson Brighton
is a nurse practitioner at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center cancer center. She’s been there since 1987. Susan and husband John have 2 children: Clark (10) and Elizabeth (6). Debra “Debby” Taubert Morris still remembers her wonderful college years at CSC and the educational background that has contributed to her successful career as a CFO/business leader. She wishes CSC continued success, as we all do. A big thanks to those of you who sent news.

1980

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Happy spring to the class of 1980. Time to clean closets and dust off the desktop. It would really be nice to hear a few updates to share with all. It has been a quiet season for me, since a family trip to Scandinavia was cancelled as we were leaving on Sept. 11. Our prayers go out to any classmates who may have lost someone dear. We hope to make the trip this August, as well as send off our 2nd daughter to college. Time flies, so don’t hesitate - send me a note or an e-mail to share today.

1981

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1982

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Debra Griswold Dawson writes that she is still living in Northern VA, and her daughters are getting big (14, 9, and 8).

1983

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Kathryn Pepka-Wagner writes that she and her family recently moved to Alpharetta, GA, where she has returned to teaching part-time, as her own children are now of school age. Gretchen Richter Massey writes that she is living 30 minutes outside of NYC with her husband, Paul, and their 3 children, P.J. (12), Sarah (9), and Greta (5). Tamera “Tammy” Weiner Groder writes that she is living on the North Shore of MA with her husband of 18 years, Kevin, and their 3 teenagers, Micah (17), Hannah (15 1/2), and Ben (14). She is busy teaching dance at a studio in Salisbury, MA, and wonders what Suzanne “Suzie” Williamson Vico and Kimberly “Kim” Danforth ’84 are up to. Tammy and her husband have opened a youth center called “The Meeting Place” for kids 13+. She says it’s been great.
seeing the kids evolve in only a few months. Her kids have their own band that performs there. **Laura Danforth** has been appointed associate head of school at Miss Porter’s School, a boarding and day school for girls grades 9–12, in Farmington, CT. Laura has a master’s degree in counseling psychology from Lesley College, and joined Miss Porter’s School as the director of counseling, teacher of psychology, and lacrosse coach.

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Happy spring to the class of 1986. Did you see the post card inviting all of us to this year’s reunion? Last year was a great time, and some of you mentioned you plan attend this year. If you can, put it on your calendar. It was refreshing to spend time with folks from a time when our lives were a little less complicated. **Rachel Hobbie** sent news just after the last deadline. Her news was a little old, but she says she spends time playing golf, saw a great U2 (utterly amazing) concert, and attended Abbey dorm member **Kym Printon Fischer’s** ‘87, wedding in Newport, RI, as the maid of honor and had a wonderful time. **Penny MacDonald Sirjane** writes that she has been very busy with her 2 daughters, Zoe (11) and Marley (8), who are busy with karate, piano, skiing, skating, and rock climbing. When Penny is not busy keeping up with the girls, she is working at the business she co-owns with her sister, Donna. Her business, World Cup Supply, has celebrated its 10th year with a large involvement with the Salt Lake Olympic Games. They supplied the games with all of the alpine and snowboarding gates and panels, as well as miles of fencing, fence poles, and several other products required to host the events. The business is the 2nd largest distributor of “SPM” gates in the world. Penny’s husband, Jeff, and 4 other full time employees work for the business. She never would have guessed that she would have a business with her sister and that Jeff would work for them, but it works. **Judith Nye Deluge** writes that she has a new address, a new husband (Chris) and 3 children: Murphy (9), Taylor (18 months), and Josie (3 months). I am sure you all wish her well with this little handful. Remember Anne “Panny” Putnam Nichols? She writes, “I was the continuing education day student, i.e. ‘the old woman’!” I don’t remember Panny as the “old woman,” more so that smart lady who raised the class averages. Panny is living in Sherborn, MA, teaching part time at a local school and says she has 7 grandchildren, an 8-month-old puppy, and a wonderful husband. **Lucinda Balser-Eaton** writes that she still lives in Bristol, VT, with her husband, Tim, their son, Justin (14), and their daughter Molly (10). She is working as an accountant at a local manufacturing company. **Elizabeth “Beth” Haverty** would love to hear from classmates and says to write her at beth@offset.com. Beth is hoping that if you took pictures at the reunion you would share them. **Karen Crafey** has again been off on another amazing adventure. She writes that she and Dave were headed to Steamboat Springs, CO, to ski for a week and then she was off to AK for business, where she was hoping to see a street walking moose. Karen, did you see the moose? Karen and Kendall Perkins Martin got together for an annual tourist trip to see the cherry blossoms in Washington, DC, in April. Karen, thanks for keeping us posted and letting us share your adventures. **Patricia Spiegel Montville** continues to work on a contract basis for an executive search firm. She recruits on a national level, is very busy and has clients in the financial services industry screaming for female talent. If you’re interested she would love to hear from you at pas466@aol.com. Patricia feels blessed that she can work from home in a field she loves while she cares for her 15-month-old son, Christopher. In our last column I wrote that Molly O’Shea was married in Ireland. Unfortunately due to the events of Sept. 11, Molly’s family decided not to fly and held a small wedding in NH a month later. She sees Sally McDermott Morse a lot, talks with Susan “Bermie” Gibbons Gray frequently, and is definitely planning on going to this year’s reunion. Congratulations, Molly! **Karen Williams Jason** and her husband took their children, Selbei (10) and Jesse (5), to southern England, including London and Disneyland Paris, with day trips into the city during July, for 2 wonderful weeks. She says the castles of Disneyland and the “real life” castles were quite a contrast. Work continues to keep her busy, with the opening of 3 new buildings and a major building renovation scheduled for this summer. She is also working on her master’s in management and expects to receive her degree in 2 years. **Susan “Bermie” Gibbons Gray** says that Bermuda has been experiencing wonderful weather. She wants to remind you that Bermuda is only a 2-hour flight from Boston, and there are some great deals out there. Feel free to contact her at annabelle@ibl.bm for some hints on arrangements. Bermie and family returned to the states in April to go to Sunday River, ME, for some skiing. Her 2 girls love skiing. She keeps in touch with the Caves, who own the Gourmet Garden in New London; their little boy, Parker, whom she taught at Windy Hill, is now in college. His brother, Chris, is a junior at Proctor and is a famous musician in the making. Bermie and her husband were fortunate enough to attend a recent Elton John/ Billy Joel concert and said it was fantastic. **Lisa Trippe Sharpe** and her husband, Michael, attended the Patriots divisional playoff game, loaded with snow. Lisa says with their ski suits they kept warm and had a blast. Her 3 boys, who continue to excel at hockey, are well, and son Michael, 12, recently placed 2nd in a regional robotics competition. **Eileen Meisel Nunez** writes that she and Julian returned to the northeast in November 2000, and Eileen gave birth to their daughter, Katrina Rosa Nunez, on 2/26/01. Eileen is working for the Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge in VT, and is responsible for the education, outreach and volunteer programs. After 7 years of swimming with the manatees in FL, life in VT is an adjustment. She is looking forward to skiing and the 4 seasons. For my news, my husband and I were both laid off from our jobs 2 weeks apart from each other in October. It has been amazing, as I have made networking calls to friends and alumni, how many other families have been affected by the recent downturn in the economy. Fortunately, I have found some consulting work, but we are still both looking for employment. My husband, Rich, works in technical support and I have been in human resource management. We have taken our 2 boys, Ben (5) and Chris (3), out of preschool, and needless to say, life has been a new challenge with all of us home. The boys are very active with swimming lessons.

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and daily I see adventures of Peter Pan and Captain Hook in the yard. In March, I had the opportunity to return to campus to attend one of Deb Taylor’s classes to talk about careers for psychology majors. Thank you to all of you who have shared news. I hope you are all well and that with spring/summer, good things happen for everyone.

1987

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Sudie lives in Salem, MA. I see Ann Gilles Finch ’87 frequently here in Marblehead. She and her husband, Scott, welcomed a new baby boy, Conner, in December. Conner joins his brothers, Cory and Kyle. I saw Allison Tetreault Promise ’89 in the children’s library a couple months ago, and she and her husband, John, also live in Marblehead with their daughter. I speak with Rebecca Park Mattioli often. She and her husband, Ken, live in Santa Fe, NM, with their children, Hewitt (4) and Lily (2). She is doing well and loving life out west. I have been touch with Julieanne “Julie” Scherer Mackay. Julie lives in Grand Rapids, MI, with her husband, John, and their 3 children, John (8), Matthew (5), and Elizabeth (2). She is planning to head east for reunion weekend. I am so thrilled about reunion this year. CSC is having an all class year reunion. Seeing everyone at Sue’s memorial service made so many of us realize how long it has been since we have been one another, and how much each of our friendships mean to us. I really think that many of us are going to rally and head up to Colby-Sawyer for Reunion Weekend, May 31 - June 2, 2002. I hope to see you there. I hope that everyone is well and I would love to hear from you. So please call, write or e-mail. Please make a note that my e-mail address has changed to sallytompkins@attbi.com. Peace be with you.

1989

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very proud of herself. She plans to return to Disney next January to run the marathon again. There is hope for you if you want to run a marathon; Becki can’t believe she is a runner! Good job, Becki; I’m very impressed! Becki still keeps in touch with Kimberly “Schroeder” Steward ‘91 and heard recently from MaryEllen McConkey Devine ‘88, Leslie Vail Britton ‘90, and Heather Cutting Chard ‘91. I received an e-mail from Stephanie Kurz Cunningham. She is doing well. She and her husband, Bob, run their own construction business, Cunningham Construction, which is doing great. They also are busy caring for their 2 children, 3-year-old Julia, and the newest member of the Cunningham family, Jake, who was born in August 2001. I also heard from Greta Sanborn Shepard. She is working part-time in an antique restoration/reproduction business that she runs with her mother. The rest of the time she takes care of her boys. She and her husband, Steve, saw Erin Kelly Ernst and her family, and Carla Gordon Russell and her family. She gets to see Sally Williams Melssac on occasion at her job in Newburyport. I got a very nice note from Therese Zimmer Farid. She and her husband have a son, Tamer, who was born July 24, 2001 and weighed 8 lbs, 11 oz.; they also have a daughter, Hana, who is 3. Hana is a great big sister. Therese really enjoys spending time with her kids. She is in the process of setting up her own business called “Intelligent Resources.” It is an educational and consulting service on many women’s issues and child/parenting topics. Therese has spoken to Eileen Cremin Urquhart, who is doing very well and is a great mother to her 2 beautiful girls. Mary Nicolella Knapp had her 2nd child in November 2001, a boy named Travis. He joins his big sister, 2-year-old Josie. Therese would like to send out a special “hello” to Denise Samson Berntsen. I got a postcard from Nancy Moniz Kenyon. She, her husband, Brian, 3 sons, and 3 daughters spent a year in Las Vegas, where Brian was on the pit crew for a championship Winston West race team. They continue to home-school their children and have driven across the country 6 times in the last 12 months. Brian and Nancy also teach a seminar for the University of Vermont titled, “Coping with Separation and Divorce,” which helps parents understand how to help their children. I also got a postcard from Jennifer Goderre Cummings. Her daughter, Amelia, recently turned 4, and Jen is in her 2nd year as an acute care nurse practitioner in a cardiology practice in Bennington. Laura Fogarty O’Malley ran the Boston Marathon in April and plans to run the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, DC, in Oct. Carolyn Alger Cote continues to work as a patient care coordinator for the VNA, which she enjoys very much. Her family is doing well. Her oldest child is off to Bates in the fall, and the other 2 will be juniors at Proctor. Her husband, Mark, is still the love of her life, and she is selling lots of paintings. It was fantastic to hear from so many people. Thank you for taking time out of your busy lives to update me. Once again, please e-mail me any information; your classmates would love to hear about you. My e-mail address is Harrington21@attbi.com. You may also send an update about yourself the old fashioned way at the address listed above.

1991

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Heather Cutting Chard is living in Birmingham, AL, with her husband, Josh, and their 1-year-old son, Jackson. Jackson was christened in Dec. while Heather and Josh were visiting family in VT. Laureen “Muffy” Vivian Douglas ‘90 and her husband, Bill, attended the christening. Jill Walsh married Walter Homan on October 14, 2000, and they are living in Marblehead, MA. Devlyn Brackett-Leboeuf was her maid of honor. Devlyn has 2 children, George and Foster. Jill received her master’s degree in special ed. from Salem State in MA in May 2001, and is teaching 5th grade in Lynn, MA. She keeps in touch with Stephanie Kurz Cunningham ‘90 who lives one street away, and also with Suzanne “Suzie” Fitzgerald-Travers ‘88 who has 2 children, Haley and Bridget.

1992

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Babies! We have a few candidates for the class of 2023! Amy Koskey Kurja and hubby Ed welcomed Olivia Jane in August, and Alexis “Lex” Trowbridge Scavetta and her husband, Mike, had their 2nd bouncing boy, Matthew, in June. My husband, Jason, and I welcomed Madeline Lacey on Sept. 10. She was quite a gift on the last day of peace. Amy and I both quit our jobs and joined Lex as stay-at-home moms. I saw an engagement announcement in my local paper for Kristen Weber. She and her fiancé are returning home from CA for a June wedding. I heard from Robyn True Downs across the pond, and she is well. She visited India this winter and was surprised by its beauty. That is it for now. Hopefully we will have much more news after reunion. Please note that my e-mail address has changed (see above). Happy Summer!

1993

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resources from Suffolk University. She began work on her MBA in Jan. at Simmons, which reminds her of Colby-Sawyer in many ways. She and Jim enjoyed recent travels to AK, Spain, and Bermuda, and will be traveling to Italy this summer. Katie hopes her fellow classmates are well, and looks forward to seeing everyone at reunion.

1994

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Hello, everyone. We sent out many postcards and e-mails, and received quite a bit of information for our first try. We hope everyone continues to keep us posted on their whereabouts and recent news. Also, if anyone has addresses or e-mail addresses for people we do not mention, please send them to us. We would love to hear from as many people as possible. In June, Tracy moved back to the Boston area from Washington, DC. She is teaching 1st grade in Newbury, MA. She ran the New York Marathon in Nov.; it was extremely patriotic, and at times emotional, considering the events of Sept. 11. I continue to live in Amherst, NH, with my husband, Travis, and our daughter and son. Benjamin Joseph was born August 19, 2001 and is learning that his big sister, Siri, is definitely the boss in this house. Kris Willey Dascoulias lives with her husband, Joe, and their 3-year-old son, Dillon, in Madison, NH. Kris works part time as a nursing coordinator at Memorial Hospital in North Conway. Hillary Waldbaum lives in Manchester, NH, and is working for Oxford Health Plan in Hooksett. Brooke Scarpa moved from Boston back to VT, and is a real estate agent for Coldwell Banker Redpath and Co. in Quechee, VT. She writes that she sees Susan Yates White ’95 and her baby, Trevor, as well as Anne Michaels Yates ’95 (who will have her 1st baby in April) on a regular basis. Tobi Harrington moved from Boston to NY in May. She is living in Brooklyn and working for a non-profit organization, providing services to child welfare organizations. Tobi recently turned 30 and was thrown a surprise birthday party in NYC. Many CSC alums attended, including Tracy, myself, Nicole Mayo Gowell and Kathleen “Katie” Lee Ventura ’93. Pamela “Pam” Casey reports that she is in her 5th year as head athletic trainer at Green Mountain College, where she is also an assistant softball coach. She has been dating a chef from Morocco for 2 years whom she says makes “the most amazing international cuisine.” She keeps in touch with Dyan Perewicz and Carrie Bibens Palmer ’95. She also sees Jay Geiger when Green Mountain plays the College of St. Rose. Erin Kenneally King and Michael “Mike” King have returned to the Boston area and are happy to be reunited with family and friends. Mike has started a new career at State Street Bank, and Erin is working in the recovery room at Children’s Hospital. Trevor Enright has relocated to Los Angeles, CA. After graduating from the Smith College School of Social Work, Nicole Mayo-Gowell married James “Jimmy” Gowell ’96 and they are now living in their 1st house in Kittery, ME, with their “2 adorable mini-dachshunds.” Nicole is working at Seacoast Mental Health Center in Portsmouth, NH, doing home-based family therapy and running self esteem groups for children.

1995

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Hello Classmates! I hope life finds you all well. Again, Jill did a wonderful job getting in touch with many ’95 classmates. Please keep the news coming. We love to hear from you! Michele Brown Kinney lives in Hampden, ME. She received her...
master’s in nursing and is working as a family nurse practitioner, as well as working towards her certification in legal nurse consulting. Kevin Galuski Jr. finally came out of hiding to tell us that he’s the head equipment manager and associate athletic director at the University of Albany. He also works in the summer as the director of the NY Giants training camp. He lives in Waterford, NY. Wendy Mannson now lives in sunny San Francisco. She competed in her first triathlon and hopes her body recovers by the time you all receive the alumni magazine. She enjoys her work as a special events coordinator for a private, K-8, girls school. Allison “Buff” Morton Robinson lives in Northampton, MA, with her husband, and their 2 beautiful children. She completed her master’s in education, after teaching kindergarten, pre-school, and 4th and 5th grade. She keeps in close contact with Sara Bryant.

Matthew “Matty” Richards is keeping extremely busy working at the University of New England as the recreational sports director. He also is an adjunct professor in the sports management program, coordinates internships, and coaches a high school boys basketball team. He lives in Saco, ME, in a “fixer upper” house that he’s spent many hours working on! Matty, slow down! Heidi Stevens moved to Prague, Czech Republic, to teach 1st grade at an international school. She loves the international experience and the travel opportunities. She has visited Spain, Italy, Poland, and Germany, and plans to visit many more countries. She would love to hear from her CSC friends and asked us to share her e-mail, hstevens@isp.cz. Andrea Burt Smith works as an RN at the kidney center at Concord Hospital. She has been married for 3 years and has a beautiful 1-year-old girl named Morgan. Anne Michaels Yates and her husband, Jim, expected their 1st child in April. They live in Bartlett, VT, and Anne works for Dartmouth College as a physician’s assistant. Courtney Johnson LaPorte is married with a 1-year-old, Samuel Shawnessy. Laurel Rickert Ciccon bought a house in Webster, NH, and is employed at a financial company in Concord. They expected their 1st child in March. Heather Quigley will marry Jack Tremblay ’94 in June. They “re-met” at the wedding of Allison “Ally” Goff Sharpe ’94. Heather lives in Jefferson, VT, and is employed as a nurse in a pediatric unit in Burlington. Christopher “Chris” Weaver has traveled extensively to such places as Australia, New Zealand, Greece, Spain, and many more countries. He works for the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line, coordinating shows and programs for children. He is to marry in September, and they will most likely reside in Canada. Thank you to all who sent information. Please keep it coming and please, keep us informed of address or e-mail changes. Have a wonderful summer!

1996

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Well, as another magazine deadline approaches I realize how many classmates I have not heard from. If you know where our classmates are, please let me know. Since the last update, I have heard from Jill Sacco, who is living in CO, and completing graduate school in English education at Colorado State University. She has also been busy as an outdoor guide in the mountains. Jill plans to marry Kyle Stack on July 26, 2002 in CO. A reception will be held in Boston in Aug. for East Coast friends and family. Diana Amoroso Millett and her husband, Kristopher “Kris” Millett adopted a baby girl named Olivia Naomi. Diana is busy at home taking care of Olivia and they are living in NY. Stacey Ouellette ’97 keeps in touch. She is an RN at Hitchcock Memorial Hospital. Douglas “Doug” Bennett ’97 and wife are in CT and drop a line occasionally. Donnelle Mozzer Bowers and her husband, Damon, are expecting their 1st child in June. Athletic Trainers of Massachusetts has announced that Daniel Lussier has been elected by the membership to serve as treasurer. His term officially began in Jan., and will be effective for 3 years. Chad and I are living on a 300-acre ranch, doing the Montana thing! I have started my un-franchised business through Market America, and am also working at a GM & Ford dealership in Shelby. We love it out here and hope that if anyone is out this way, please let us know. E-mail me at any-time (vthicks@northernTEL.net) or snail mail at the address above.

1997

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Hope we will be seeing you at Reunion 2002! For those of you who make it, it will be good to see you. For those of you who can’t come, you will be sorely missed and we hope to see you at Reunion 2007. Are we getting old or what? Jolene Thompson is back in the real world of dental hygiene. She misses her life as a raft guide, but is glad to be to living in a house and not a tent. She is also engaged! Jolene will be in the 2 upcoming weddings of Jill Sacco ’96 in July and Elizabeth “Liz” Cronin and

Baringer Wedding. Regan Loati Baringer ’97 poses with her alumni friends from the class of ’97 on her wedding day. (L to r) Erik Daly, Erica Wells Leighton, Regan Loati Baringer, Amy-Jo Sichler Baringer (Regan’s new sister-in-law!), and Christopher “Chris” House.
Congratulations to Charlotte Hulland, who is engaged and is planning a Dec. wedding. She is working at an offshore bank and trust company in the Bahamas. Congratulations to Matthew “Matt” Beneszewski, who is engaged! Amy Sichler-Baringer and her husband live in Saratoga Springs, NY. She is on her way back to school to get her master’s in education. Regan Loati Baringer (yes, they are now sisters-in-law) was married in Aug. 2000. She lives in VA Beach and is going to school for nursing.

Erica Wells Leighton was married in Sept. 2000 and lives in Bar Harbor, ME. Christopher “Chris” House is the manager of Golf and Ski Warehouse in Lebanon, NH and was recently asked to serve on the Alumni Council at CSC. Erik Daly finished his master’s degree and is living in PA. Todd “Bacon” Leray ’98 has moved out west. Karen Newton was married on Oct. 5, 2002 and continues her job at an after-kindergarten program at Dartmouth. Christopher “Chris” Tulloch is taking a stab at runway modeling, but continues his job at State Street. Alan Handir graduated in Dec. with his master’s in integrated management. He is in his home state of OH and is looking for a job. Colleen Cross Carlson ’98 completed her master’s in education in May from UNH. She recently met up with Christine Bucharestowski, who says that she and her daughter, Kaitlin (now 2), are doing well. Colleen also bumped into a lost alum. Hilary Hacker-Graff is living in Boston and is looking to touch base with old CSC friends. Karin Dugan spent 2 years in Tampa and is now living in Philadelphia. Karin is a child life specialist for ambulatory services at Children’s Hospital in Philly. Catherine Yarbro Walgren is living in VA Beach. She is on her infectious disease rotation and then will begin her orthopedics rotation. She will graduate in Aug. 2002. Her husband was on deployment and flew “search and rescue” over Afghanistan. He was back in April and they planned to buy their 1st house. She writes that Tawnya Gannon has graduated from nursing school. Fawna Gallant and her husband are building a house in Rockledge, FL. She has recently been certified to teach CPR/first aid and she also lifeguards. Fawna loves FL and is convinced she will be living there for good. She misses all her friends and the door is always open for visitors!

Congratulations to John Gosselin ’99 in June 2003. He is married, living in MA, and is a constant source of joy for the couple. They will welcome a second son to their Framingham, MA, home this August.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Joshua Mulready ’97 and Kristin Sneider-Mulready ’96

Since Colby-Sawyer became coeducational 10 years ago, the college has had a fair number of “alumni marriages.” One such couple, Joshua Mulready ’97 and Kristin Sneider-Mulready ’96, who were married in September 1998, was back on campus in March, as Kristin was delivering a lecture on her “life in a research lab” to Colby-Sawyer faculty and students.

Kristin graduated in 1996 with a biology degree. Soon after graduating, she began working as a research associate with ImmunoGen, Inc., which was a wonderful opportunity to pursue her interest in cancer research. ImmunoGen is a biotechnology company in Cambridge, MA, focused on targeted cancer therapeutics through the use of Tumor Activated Prodrugs (TAPs). A TAP consists of a small molecule drug covalently linked to a monoclonal antibody. This molecule recognizes, binds to, and kills tumor cells. The technology increases potency and efficacy of cancer-specific antibodies and allows drugs to kill cancer cells with minimal harm to healthy tissue.

Initially, Kristin worked for a subsidiary of ImmunoGen, Apoptosis Technology, studying cellular interactions relevant to cancer development. These days she is more focused on studying new targets for ImmunoGen’s pipeline through collaborators and in-house efforts. “Working at ImmunoGen has been a dream job for many reasons, most of which include the wonderful and exciting opportunities involved in making contributions to the field of cancer research and available therapies. And it’s a terrific company to work for in terms of balancing responsibilities at work and home,“ says Kristin.

Joshua, class of ’97, graduated with a bachelor of science degree in exercise science. He began his career at Fitcorp, headquartered in downtown Boston, as an exercise physiologist. During his two-year stint at Fitcorp, he wore many hats, including those of recreation director and internship coordinator.

In May 1998, Joshua left Fitcorp to pursue a career with Pro-Fitness/HealthSouth, headquartered in Norwalk, CT. He assumed a new role as fitness/wellness director at a large telecommunications equipment company (located in Billerica, MA), overseeing the delivery of fitness and wellness programs to an employee population of 2,500. In this role, he has overseen the development of a new fitness center, delivered numerous seminars, helped develop 5K fun runs for the campus, and, among other things, has become involved in community outreach. One such event, which Joshua put together after the September 11 tragedy, involved an eight-hour bike-a-thon to help support the New York Firefighters 9/11 Disaster Relief Fund. This bike ride involved teaching spinning classes throughout the day to employees on campus. Joshua’s goal was to ride at least 100 miles and collect $2,000 for the fund. During the day, Joshua rode 155 miles and collected $2,500 for the fund. “I was tired when it was over,” he said, “but proud that I could help support the individuals affected by this tragedy.”

As for the future, Joshua is contemplating going back to school for a master’s in education, possibly to teach biology. In addition, he is honing his woodworking skills—hopefully to take Norm Abram’s place on This Old House.

Joshua and Kristin dated for two years at Colby-Sawyer prior to their 1998 wedding. They welcomed their son, Cameron, in December 1999, and he is a constant source of joy for the couple. They will welcome a second son to their Framingham, MA, home this August.
Laura Alexander ‘98

Laura was recently honored as “Employee of the Year” at Colby-Sawyer College. The following interview is excerpted from This Month @ Colby-Sawyer, the campus electronic newsletter.

What do you do at Colby-Sawyer?
I serve as director of the Dan and Kathleen Hogan Sports Center and I also teach as an adjunct instructor in the Community and Environmental Studies program.

Why did you choose this field?
Originally, I was drawn to the Hogan Sports Center because of my interest in the fitness field and my experience in leadership, but since coming to Colby-Sawyer, I’ve discovered my passion for teaching.

What is your background?
Prior to coming to Colby-Sawyer, I worked for a lumber manufacturing firm and for a commercial construction company. I worked with the New London Hospital Ambulance squad for three years and currently serve on a volunteer search and rescue team. I also teach outdoor skills and lead trips for the New Hampshire Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club. As far as education, I received my B.S. from Colby-Sawyer College, my M.S. from Antioch New England Graduate School, and I’m currently pursuing a Ph.D. at Antioch.

What do you like most about Colby-Sawyer?
I’m surrounded by people who love their jobs, and it shows. The opportunities that we have to engage with young people here are many, and the energetic atmosphere that learning generates is exhilarating.

Family matters?
I live in Elniks with my husband, our youngest son, Brett, and our dog, Madison. Our older son lives just a couple of miles up the road in Wilmot.

Hobbies and interests?
Anything outdoors. I mostly hike, but have been known to do a bit of rock and ice climbing. My students would probably describe me as a flora “freak,” and I’m interested in the history of the White Mountains region of New Hampshire. For fun and exercise, I run on most days.

What is your favorite recent book or film, and why?
Are you kidding? I’m a Ph.D. student—when am I supposed to find the time to see a film or read a book that I’ve chosen?

Words of wisdom to live by?
In Peter Jenning’s recent ad for ABC News, he says, “There’s so much out there that’s just plain interesting.” That pretty much sums it up for me.

During the summer of 2001, Laura created a virtual herbarium in the Community and Environmental Studies section of the Colby-Sawyer Web site. The site features pictures and descriptions of flora that grow in the New London area. To view the virtual herbarium, visit: www.colbysawyer.edu/academic/ces/herbarium/
shes the maid of honor in Lynne Nixon and Mike Sansonetti’s ’97 wedding in July. Lynne lives in Waltham, MA, and works as an assistant director of the Leap School in Concord, MA. Jill Bishop lives in Lewiston, ME, with fiancé Ryan Avery. Besides working at an adoption agency, she is planning an Oct. wedding. Speaking of weddings, Theresa “Tee” Sauzier Bousquet has recently returned from her honeymoon. She is spending her time working as the assistant athletic trainer at MT. Nathan “Nate” Camp has been seen roaming the halls of Kearseage Middle School posing as an 8th grade teacher. In his spare time, he is pursuing his master’s in education with a concentration in curriculum development. Not to mention that he and his wife, Elizabeth “Beth” Bryant Camp ’92 have just purchased a new house in North Sutton. Shannon Zimmerman is still in F.A. school at King's College, and plans to graduate in 2003. Sarah Prescott Mills has just had a house built in southern ME. She is still working as an early intervention specialist. Thomas “Jake” Fish recently accepted a job as an assistant sports information director at the University of Western Florida in Pensacola. Jake said the weather is great, and the beaches are even better. (I’m wondering if he’s really working or just living in the sun?) Rachel Woodbury Novack received her master’s of social work from Boston College. She and Nathaniel “Nat” Novack ’99 recently married and are living in Halifax, MA. E-mail from Shelby Hunt indicates that he is living in Hanoi, Vietnam, teaching English for “Volunteers in Asia.” He says “the lifestyle in Vietnam is quite different than in the USA, so I’m learning a lot about Asian culture.” He would love to hear from everyone (shelby_hunt@yahoo.com) and would love to be host to anyone who wants to visit. Craig Laabs is living in Houston, TX, attending S. Texas College of Law (can you believe it?) He is working as a part-time law clerk at one of the largest tax firms in Houston. Jeremiah “Scooby” Boobar is still working at RockShox while living in Colorado Springs. He wants to let everyone know that he has his ski pass ready if anyone wants to join him in CO. Timothy “Tim” and Heather Gearhart Davis are both working hard. Heather is a business analyst for Sprint PCS in Kansas City. Tim is working at Cerner as an application specialist while attending Park University to get his degree in management of information systems. While they are both busy with school and work, they are also busy planning a new arrival. Heather and Tim are expecting their 1st child due the beginning of June. Kelly Dudek is working as a marketing communications account executive for ING Reliastar. She has recently been seen wearing an engagement ring given to her by her fiancé, Justin Trelaw. A June 2003 wedding is planned.

Dannielle Ryhalsky has been seen attending the Lahey Clinic and living in Arlington, MA. Jennifer “Jen” Senesac got married on December 14, 2001. Kim-Laura Boyle was her maid of honor. Kim is still in NC pursuing her master’s degree. She plans to continue on to get her Ph.D. Andrea “Fish” Pueschel is living in CT and is still in nursing. Lisa Cote is working in advertising and living in Salem, MA. John Durocher is also getting married this summer, on the same day as Meredith. He is living in Manchester, NH. What a reunion that could be! Christopher “Chris” Jackson and Amy Blake Jackson are having such a great time being parents to 2-year-old Isabelle, that they are expecting another child in July. Chris is keeping busy as an A.T.C. in ME, while Amy is a dutiful mom. Mark Macenas is living in Raleigh, NC, and working full time as a fire fighter in Durham, NC. He is still pursuing his art and is freelancing as a graphic artist on the side... all of this while planning a March 8, 2003 wedding. Taylor Larson is living in the mountains and breathing that Rocky Mountain air in Silverthorne, CO, while working in the sales and marketing department for Playground, a division of Intrawest, which is a ski and golf resort developer. Taylor is wondering if Woodrow “Woody” Wolthius is still fighting crime in Tulsa. Woody? Abra

ANDREWs e-mailed to say that she has been teaching art at Spaulding High School in Rochester, NH, since Sept. 1998. She is currently pursuing a master’s in education at the University of New England. She loves the rural life with her cat and golden retriever. Kendra Caswell is living in Boston and working at Putnam Investments as a client relations associate. Kendra also mentioned that she is training for a half marathon in June. There are so many of you that we weren’t able to reach. Please forward any e-mail address or other information that you may have on our classmates.

Hello class of ’99. We hope you’re all doing well. Thank you all for your e-mails and notes. We enjoy hearing from you throughout the year. It’s great to know that so many of you continue to stay good friends with each other. We wish there was enough room for all the individual “shout-outs” that everyone sent; please know that almost everyone has asked us to say hello and send best wishes to each of you. As for me, Kelley Healey, I am currently teaching in special education at Memorial High School in Manchester, NH. I plan to pursue my master’s degree in guidance counseling. I have been enjoying my weekends in MA with my boyfriend, John. Both Suzanne and I would like to congratulate all of the newly engaged and/or married couples, as well as the new parents from our class. We enjoyed spending holidays with close friends, especially a visit from Ariane “Ari” Lombardi from CA
for our 6th annual Ribbon Girls secret Santa get-together. As for me, Suzanne Blake Gerety, I enjoy living on the seacoast of NH and have been busy traveling with my husband, Ed. I traveled to Las Vegas, NV, Indianapolis, IN, and Denver, CO, this spring for both work and fun. Some other CSC alumni are living on the seacoast too, and I’ve bumped into Erik Rocheford ‘01. He works at the gym in Exeter, where he’s a personal trainer at Synergy Health and Fitness. I’ve also visited with Sara LeRoy, Sarah is completing her first on-campus clinical practice at UNH. She is working with 3 pediatric clients with various communication impairments in the Speech-Language-Hearing Center. Ronald “Ron” Coleman is getting his master’s degree in computer software at the University of Maryland. He will be relocating to a different country for a while for his Army duty and will be part of a joint task force operation, “Enduring Freedom.” Dana Bruce is engaged to Chuck Carman and expected her 1st baby, Brooke Erin Carman, in March. They live in Buxton, ME, where Dana is a title I reading associate, teaching 1st and 2nd grade students to read and write. She is hoping to have her own classroom for the 2002 - 2003 school year. Eric and Andrea Lemire St. Onge were married in Dec. 2001, and it was a beautiful day. Eric continues his position as a counselor at Pine Haven, a center for boys. Andrea is an athletic trainer at Notre Dame College and is looking for a new job this spring due to the college closing in May. Joshua “Josh” Bailey is the assistant coordinator of recreation and fitness and the fitness center manager at the University of Southern Maine’s Portland campus. Josh is living in South Portland, ME. Heath Gardner continues to live with Kara Crane and Adrienne Shrekgast in Boston. She absolutely loves being a nanny for a wonderful family in the Back Bay. The girls are 9 month-old twins and are keeping her busy. She is getting to travel and see some more of the country with the family, including CA in June. She is taking prerequisite science courses in preparation to return to school full time for a nursing degree. All are well and enjoy running into fellow CSC alum at local bars and concerts in Boston.

Kara Crane is enjoying her job as an elementary school gym teacher at the Pierce School in Brookline. She also works for the before- and after-school program. Adrienne Shrekgast continues to teach reading at Lincoln School in Brookline, and is hoping to have her own classroom soon. She works at the homework center after school and has begun to privately tutor some of her students. She has started to take courses at the master’s degree level at Simmons College. Brian Beauman is preparing for the upcoming golf season, when he will return as the teaching professional at Lake Sunapee Country Club. He is currently the assistant coach of the CSC women’s basketball team. He is studying for his Level 1 test for the PGA. In order to be a class A head PGA professional, he has to pass 3 levels, each taking a year to complete. If all goes well, he will take the test in the late spring. He has been together with his girlfriend, Cathy, for 2 years in May. John Gosselin is working as a strength and conditioning coach at Buckingham, Browne & Nichols in Boston, as well as at the Boston Sports Club. He is coaching football, basketball, and baseball at BB&N. John and Elizabeth “Liz” Cronin ’97 will be married in June 2003 in Nashua, NH. Nathaniel “Nat” Novak and Rachel Woodbury Novak ’98 bought a home in Kingston, MA. Nat continues to work in Boston at Arnold Advertising. Melissa Eckman and Martin Binette ’98 are excited about their recent engagement. They are planning a July 2003 wedding in Portland, ME. Natalie Ciulla continues to live in the North End of Boston and is teaching 1st grade in Lynn, MA. She completed her master’s degree in education in Dec. Rosemary “Rose” Keefe has moved from CO to Pensacola, FL. She and her family are enjoying the awesome weather. She is subbing for K-5th grade until the hiring freeze ends in May. James “Jamie” and Danielle Cartier Wiley are still living in Devon, PA, but are currently in the process of finding their 1st house in Collegeville, PA. They are planning to be in their new house by May. They continue to work at the same jobs and enjoy what they do. They also own their own business, American Communications Network, which is involved in telecommunications, energy, Internet, and wireless communications. Gregory “Greg” Hooven is living in Nashua, NH, after 2 years of being in Dallas, TX. He missed the cold weather, and is living with Andre “Dre” Zdunczyk. Greg is the editor of Desktop Engineering, a computer engineering/software magazine. He gets to travel frequently to press conferences. He enjoys getting together with past CSC friends James “Jim” Gebro and Kevin “Slat” Slattery. Jeff Devaney still lives in Salt Lake City, UT, is getting his master’s in nursing, and soon will be a nurse practitioner. He is hoping to work with burn patients. He works hard, but is skiing even harder! He is currently employed in a burn ICU and loves it. He also recently had the opportunity to work at the 2002 Winter Olympics. Tyler Blout continues to work for Bank of America in loans and investments, and teaches baseball lessons in the evenings. He enjoys playing golf, and his spring included a trip to the Bahamas. He hopes everyone is well, and sends a special congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Eric St. Onge. Andrea Goupil continues to work at the...
Alumni Volunteers help NHPR

A group of CSC alumni gathered in Concord, New Hampshire, in the fall to volunteer for NH Public Radio’s Annual Fund Drive.

Top: (1 to r) Keith Perkins ’99, Christopher “Chris” House ’97, and Susan Austin Kraeger ’68.


Elliot Hospital in Manchester, NH, in the cardiac rehab unit and loves it. She enjoyed a well-deserved vacation to the Bahamas recently. Kathleen “Katie” Walsh is marrying her fiancé, Reggie, in Aug. 2002. Hillary Sherman and her husband, Mike, had a new baby, Zylis, born in Oct. 2001. She continues to work full-time at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in the ICU. Christopher “Chris” Moyer and Jessica Jones (formerly of Colby-Sawyer) were married in Dec. 2001. Many CSC alums were in attendance, including Kevin Flynn ’00, Lahn Penna, Charles “Chuck” Freedman, Jeremiah “Scooby” Boobar ’98, Ryan Morley, Diane Marsden ’96, Craig Rennie, Robert “Rob” Kasprzak ’98, Kyle Battis, and Grace Gravell ’01. They honeymooned at the Mt. Washington Hotel, where they got to see Lori Monroe ’97. Chris continues to pursue his graduate degree in counseling psychology. Jonathan “Evan” Davis has spent his time in Seoul, Korea; Hong Kong; Bangkok, Thailand; Singapore, and various cities in China. He is trying to see as many places as possible and says without a doubt that Bangkok is the most outrageous place he has seen in his life! Kyle Battis is busy working as a strength and conditioning coach for St. Paul’s School and the NH Technical Institute. He is also working as a personal trainer for 2 different gyms, and independently in Concord, NH. His goal is to open his own personal training/consulting business and hopes to have that up and running in the near future! He is applying to various graduate schools for a master’s in exercise science. Elizabeth Hartford is getting married in this coming Aug. She continues to work at St. Mary’s Hospital in the maternity unit, working a lot of overtime so she and her future husband can purchase a condo. She has visited with some friends from CSC to see their new babies, who are so cute! Keith Perkins is working in Exeter, NH, and planning to take over the family business, Perkins Lawnmower, an outdoor power equipment dealership, which has been in the family and Exeter since 1950. He currently lives in Concord, NH, with his girlfriend, Tracey Guarda ’01, who is now the admissions counselor for alumni recruitment at CSC. Jayson Thying continues to live in Dover, NH, and is an assistant manager at Market Basket. Megan Donnelly returned from Korea and went to Mt to an all women’s Outward Bound course. She is currently working in Portsmouth, NH, at a corporate finance office (Direct Lease). She is looking forward to pleasures of spring/summer and gardening. Richard “Rich” Blanchard continues to work as the food service manager at CSC. There have been many new and exciting changes to the dining room in the past year, and he looks forward to seeing his fellow classmates in June at the next reunion. Cara Falconi is in her 2nd semester at Lesley College, working on her master’s in clinical mental health counseling and expressive therapy. She also is a nanny for a family near Boston. She lives in Arlington, MA, with Lisa McNamara ’00 and is enjoying the city. David Bourassa received his master’s degree in physical education in the fall of 2001. Since graduation he has been busy applying for jobs. He hopes for an administrative position at Colorado University. He continues to live in Fort Collins, CO, with his fiancée. They are planning to be married in May 2002 at the Mandalay Bay Hotel and Resort in Las Vegas. He continues to live the laid back CO lifestyle of ski, eat, work, sleep, ski, eat, work, sleep. Katie Merrihew moved back to NH after living in PA for 2 years. She is currently working with the NH Partners in Health Program, linking families with children with chronic medical conditions with services and resources within their community and state. She also works with children on the Autism Spectrum, which she has been doing for nearly 2 years. She lives with her boyfriend in Lebanon, NH, and plans to pursue her master’s in social work within the next 2 years. Charles “Chuck” Morrison continues to work in Boston, working as an account manager for an intellectual property (IP) firm, yet2.com. He gets to travel a lot and work closely with large accounts like Honeywell, Kimberly-Clark, United Technologies, and Proctor & Gamble. Kimberly “Kim” Kogut continues to work for Granite State Management & Resources in Concord, NH, and has been promoted to a loan specialist. Kim also volunteers for an event called “Destination College,” a free day of information for high school juniors, seniors and their parents to get information on financial aid, applying to college, and what to expect before, during, and after college. Kim recently took part in selling red, white, and blue ribbons for the United Way 9/11 fund, which successfully raised money for the families of the victims of the terrorist attacks. She also has had fun hanging out with her little brother from Mountain Day 1997. Sean Peschel ’01. Laura Densch Heath is currently working at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in the pediatric intensive care unit. She and her husband, Courtney, recently purchased land and have plans to build a home later this summer. She is currently living in Sunapee, NH. Alexandra “Alex” Peak is the manager of Longmeadow Farm in Scituate, MA, and supervises a 40-horse facility. Last year she won her non-professional
supreme championship on the national Appaloosa circuit, and led the nation in non-professional showmanship. Alex is also an equine sports massage therapist, and has been using her spare time to build up her clientele. Erika Cone Clohecy and her husband, Mitch, have been married since Aug. 2000, and they expected a baby, Jayson Mitchell, at the end of March, which they are both really excited about. Erika is a title I reading teacher in Derry, NH, working with children in 1st through 5th grade. Jessica Lamoureux has decided to go back to school to fulfill her prerequisites this summer and fall, and to enroll into a chiropractic school next spring. She’s looking to be in Denver, CO, because she likes the snow and loves to ski. Congratulations to Jennifer "Jen" James Ensign, as she and her husband, Eric, were married in Sept. 2001 in New London and celebrated their reception at the Knolwton House in Sunapee Harbor. Jen’s wedding party included Jennifer "Jennie" Mitchell, Elizabeth "Beth" Freeman, Sara Goodridge ’98, and maid of honor Mindy Rumery ’98. Jen lives in the New London area and is working as an inclusion aide at the New London Elementary School. Colby Calkins is living in Northborough, MA, and works for the UMass Medical School as a research coordinator in the department of psychiatry within the psychopharmacological research and treatment center. She is very busy running 5 separate studies, and has also started classes to receive her master’s in clinical research from a program in Boston. She loves living in MA and is happy with the way things are going. Please contact the CSC alumni office with any changes to your contact information so we can continue to stay in touch.

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I’ll tell you what is going on with me (Tara). I have been living with Michelle Stantial for almost 2 years now. Can you believe it has been 2 years since we graduated? It flies by! We have an apartment right outside the city, on the orange T-line. I had been working at various ad agencies in this crazy economy. The ad industry was not doing so well, so I looked for a change. I just started a new job at a biotech drug discovery company in downtown Boston, as an office manager. Michelle is working at a local hospital in the IT department. We have had so much fun living here in the city and always run into CSC folks. It is amazing how many CSC people I have seen around Boston. On the T, I run into Michael “Mike” Spinney, Nicole Bennos, Maryellen Skulski, and Christopher “Chris” Fitzpatrick. Commuting with fellow CSC alumni always makes the train ride more enjoyable! I also saw Amy Potter getting on the T (before I had a chance to say hello)! I often run into Jennifer “Jen” Prudden, our other class correspondent, when I have been out on the town with Michelle, and I have also run into Sara Burman, who is enjoying her teaching job. Maryellen Skulski spices up the Boston fashion scene working as a merchandise planner in the visual merchandising department at Filene’s corporate offices downtown. Fortunately, she is located right in the heart of one of Beantown’s shopping areas, so she hasn’t far to go to spend her paychecks. She would like to thank Donna Berghorn for her teachings at CSC, for it was Maryellen’s excellence in desktop publishing that got her the job. Jennifer “Jenn” Wallerstein had sort of a CSC reunion for New Year’s Eve. Her boyfriend from home, Chris Rakes, and she, along with Todd Gully and Jennifer “Jenny” Panther ‘02 went to the Boston Children’s Museum for a black tie charity event held for Children’s Special Olympics. She writes, “Todd had arranged for us to be there, but I was still surprised to see so many familiar faces including Nicole Bennos, Michael “Mike” Spinney, Kristen Giannino ’01, Christopher “Chris” Fitzpatrick, Michael “Mike” Hachey, and a few more soccer boys and their lady friends from the senior class of 2002. The food was sparse and kind of scary, but that only assured us that the money went where it was supposed to—the charity. The fire works at mid-night over the Charles River reflecting off Boston’s finest buildings was a perfect ending to the night. A good time was had by all.” It is great to hear how CSC alums stay connected. The global Holly Fliski writes, “I just traveled cross country (from NY) with Justin Hersh and a friend of his, from the Cape to Park City, UT. We just got a condo in downtown Park City and I’ll be here through the winter and for the 2002 Olympic Games.” Holly ran into Brian Heon ’98 and she says, “He connected us with season passes and jobs at The Canyons Resort. Brian is director of lift operations, so he’ll be our boss.” Sounds like Holly and Justin were going to have a great time at the Olympics. We have CSC representation everywhere. I also heard from Jenna Speer. She writes, “I’m living in Burlington, VT, with another CSC alum, Carrie Henry ’96.” Jenna reports that she loves living in Burlington, and she and Carrie met at a previous job. It is a small world. I keep in touch with Robert Carroll, who lives with Thomas “Thom” Neff ’01 and hangs out with Michael “Mike” Bernard ’99 and Benjamin “Ben” Reeder ’99 in Los Angeles, CA. Robert is working on The Real World and Road Rules shows, editing and writing. He loves the CA life. I saw his name on the credits the other day, and it seems so surreal. CSC alumni are making great impressions all over the globe. I hope 2002 is finding everyone happy and healthy. Please keep in touch, feel free to call, write or e-mail with any updates on yourself or someone else. Jen Prudden writes, “I am excited to be taking on this correspondent position and would love to hear from as many people as possible so that you can be included in future publications. I am currently living in Medford, MA, with 4 of my guy friends. I am still teaching 2nd grade in Andover, MA, and have started my master's degree at Umass -Lowell. So far my classes are good. I have run into many fellow CSC alumni in the Boston area. Hopefully, those that we haven’t heard from are doing well. Keep in touch.” Chelsea Bisbee has been living in Manchester, NH, with her boyfriend Jason Correia ’97. She is working as a 4th grade teacher in Bedford, NH, and is keeping busy with her 6-month-old puppy, Jordan. Another CSC pair, Alison Calvarese and Ronald “Ronnie” Lopes are also living together in Framingham, MA. Alison is still teaching children with special needs at the New England Center for Children in Southborough, MA, and Ronnie is continuing to work at NRC Channel 7 in Boston as a news writer for the 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. news casts. He will graduate from Suffolk University in May with his master’s in communication studies. George Sylvester continues to work as the sports information director at American International College in Springfield, MA. Rebecca “Becky” Parsons is still a proud employee of Parson’s Buick in Plainville, CT. She has worked as a sales and leasing consultant.
Tracey Guarda ‘01

Tracey Guarda loves Colby-Sawyer, and it shows. She is also always up for a new challenge. Tracey is an admissions counselor for the college, but there’s a twist—much of her time is spent collaborating with the Alumni Office, working with alumni volunteers who represent Colby-Sawyer at events like college fairs when an admissions officer from the college is unavailable. Tracey’s job is to recruit alums who will be good spokespeople for the college and to give them the training and materials they need to answer basic questions about the college and the admissions process. Tracey’s position is a first for Colby-Sawyer, and if the admissions statistics tell the tale, she and all her colleagues in the Admissions Office have been incredibly successful.

Tracey’s good work and great attitude were recently recognized when she was awarded the 2002 Graduate Award. Selected by the officers of the present senior class, the Graduate Award recipient is “a member of the preceding graduating class whose character and influence most constructively affected the majority of this year’s senior class members.” Tracey’s award was presented during Commencement on May 18.

The next exciting challenge for Tracey will be the “Succeeding Together Tour,” a six-week, coast-to-coast van tour in which Tracey and two members of the Class of 2002, Nikki Fowler and Brendan Carney, will visit Colby-Sawyer alumni. The mission, as our intrepid travelers undertake this trip, is to take all the exciting news about the college directly to the Colby-Sawyer “family” throughout the country. Watch for Tracey to visit a city near you in June or July.

which she notes is “nothing related to athletic training,” although she does enjoy working with her family. She has also recently moved out on her own. Our class has also had representation with the Olympic teams. Melissa Weymouth just finished an internship with the United States Olympic Committee in Colorado Springs, CO. She worked with United States Fencing in their events department. She has also recently finished her master’s in sports management at the University of CT. She is back in Atkinson, NH, for now, but is hoping to get a job with the Olympic Committee back in CO. Jessica Dannecker is living in Salem, NH. She works at the Sparta Group, a private asset-managing company, as an operations assistant. She has gotten a dog named Ziggy. She sees Kathleen “Kate” Lovell, Jennifer “Jen” Prudden, Nicole Lafitte ’99, Jennifer “Jenn” Caron ’01, and Zanna Campbell often. Zanna is still working at good old CSC as an admissions counselor. She lives at the Carriage House with Megan Costello ’01, Kathleen “Kate” Lovell recently landed a job at Emerson College in the purchasing department. She likes her job so far and enjoys the challenge of learning a new task. She is also excited about the possibility of taking classes for free at Emerson. She is living in Norwood and spends many weekends in Boston with Jen Prudden.

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Welcome back, class of 2001! It is hard to believe that graduation is 1 year behind us, but it is! I hope the “real world” is becoming more comfortable, and that CSC is just as great a memory for you as it is for me. As for me, Jennifer “Jen” Pesare, I am living in West Warwick, RI, and working for Video UnlImited Productions, Inc. in Cranston, RI. Graduate school was not for me, so I decided to give working a try! So far so good; I am very excited about working in the communications industry. Some of our fellow classmates that I’ve been in contact with regularly are Kristy Meisner, Melissa “Missy” Brown, Catherine “Catie” O’Brien, Rosetta Cannizzaro, Sean Peschel, Scott Lavigne, and Jeffrey “Jeff” Haspray. Kristy loves her job as a prevention educator with Advocates For Children in Lewiston, ME. She has been busy teaching a variety of classes on child abuse and neglect, as well as violence prevention to children in grades K-6. She has also had the opportunity to educate many parents. Recently she was the facilitator of a college level course on responding to child abuse. She has been able to see many of our CSC classmates, including Sean and me! She reminds you all to keep us posted with your new and exciting information. Sean is still teaching at Stevens High School in Claremont, NH. He enjoys road trips to visit fellow alumni. Missy is working for the school department in her hometown of Oswego, NY. She has taken this job in order to save herself from her former job at a Syracuse news station, where she was working 7 days a week. Catie is working as a hall monitor at Melrose High School in the morning, and then goes into the athletic training room, where she is one of 2 head athletic trainers at the high school. Rosetta is still working for Boston College in the athletic department. Scott is working for Fidelity Investments as a stockbroker with classmate Dimitrios “Dimitri” Tsihlis. The two of them are on the same team at Fidelity and work closely each day. Dimitri said that he had to study for 2 months after school, but he passed his 6-hour test and is now working as a stockbroker. He hopes that all is well with everyone. Scott writes that he is still at Fidelity, actually doing more now. Now that he passed all his exams, he is a licensed trader. Also working for Fidelity is Megan McCarthy. She is a retirement service specialist, which means that she answers participants’ questions about their employer-sponsored retirement plans, such as a 401k or 403b. Allison “Ali” Wamboldt is working as an illustration manager at Gersten Financial Planning & Insurance, and is living in Watertown, MA, with her 2 cousins. Heather Thomson writes, “I am completing my 1st year as Brockton’s AmeriCorps Massachusetts Promise Fellow. In April, I hosted Brockton’s 3rd Annual Mayor’s Youth Summit. The daylong summit gives youth the opportunity to brainstorm about local problems and their solutions. The mayor and other local officials were present to hear what the youth had discovered. I’ve decided to continue my fellowship in Brockton, and have signed on for another year. I am also anxiously awaiting news on a graduate school application that I sent to Boston College’s School of Social Work. I hope by next fall to be taking classes on a part-time basis towards an MSW degree.” Katrina Ryan says, “I have been really busy with the MBA portion of the MBA/MSA program at Ohio University. In addition to school, I just started as an assistant coach for Ohio Juniors 16s volleyball team. Coaching is definitely different from playing, but I enjoy it.”
Jorden Blucher is working for a graphic design firm in Burlington, VT, as well as moonlighting at Bolton Valley Ski Resort. He found it “hard to pay for a season pass when you have been getting a free one for so long.” Heidi Allen is living in VT, and has landed herself a job as production director at Fire Apparatus magazine. Heidi says, “Basically my job is layout of the magazine, and setting deadlines to make sure everything gets done on time!” Heidi says that she enjoys working on the layout and design of the magazine, and her knowledge of fire trucks and equipment is increasing by the day! Brian Ennis is still working towards his master’s degree and writes “I’m doing well, still busy with grad school at UNH (exercise science) and more busy with assistantship in cardiac rehab. Other than actual schoolwork, I’m trying to narrow down a thesis question. Besides that, nothing too exciting to report.” One of Brian’s fellow ESS major’s, Katarzyna “Kat” Fadrowski, writes in saying that she is working in CT for the Hartford Hospital cardiovascular rehabilitation program as an exercise specialist. In the meantime, she is taking classes part time at the University of Connecticut towards a master’s in clinical physiology, and would like to enroll full time in Sept. Julie Tyrrell is still working as a special education teacher in Yarmouth, ME, and loves it. Noble Chipley is a full time art teacher at Westminster Academy in MA. She has her own mural painting business on the side, and has a website to try to boost sales. She also writes “I will be getting married July 27, and my fiancé and I just bought our 1st house, in Nashua.” Michelle Opuszynski is still teaching 2nd grade and loves it. She is also attending Lesley University for her master’s in integrating technology into education. She just saw Kate and Jennifer “Jenn” Caron recently in Falmouth, ME, where Jenn is living. They were able to catch up a lot and see the church and reception hall where Jenn will be having her wedding, which is planned for June 2003. Tracey Guarda is still working in the CSC admissions office and loves it. She wanted all of you to know, “This summer I will be traveling cross-country with two other young alums (Nikki Fowler ’02 and Brendan Carney ’02), getting out to meet many alumni as a representative for the Alumni Relations Office.” She is still living in Concord, NH, with Keith Perkins ’99, and having a great time. Kathleen “Kate” Nevins says, “Things are good up here in NH. Paul (Paul LeClair ’99) and I are still living together, but we have moved about a mile from our old place and are living in Contoocook. I am finishing up my 1st year of teaching English at Hopkinton High School, and I have definitely learned a lot.” Grace Gravelle has started “working” as a guest services agent (fancy name for the person behind the front desk) at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Nashua, NH. “I check guests in and out of their rooms, take reservations over the phone, transfer calls, make sure our customers are happy, etc. I am living with my parents in Merrimack, NH, trying to save money for future travels. I can’t stay put very long! And I bought my first car, a ’99 Honda Civic in mid-February. Talk about freedom!” Not only are some of our classmates still in NH, but some are even still in the New London area. Julie McFarland is keeping busy at Sutton Central School, teaching reading recovery (which she is learning through a graduate class at UNH) to 1st graders, and holds the media generalist position (a fancy name for the librarian). She says “I live right in New London and just can’t seem to keep myself away from the place!” Amanda Rucci is also still in the area. She is working part-time with the handicapped ski program at Mt. Sunapee and substitute teaches in the local schools. She will be heading home to DC for the summer to work at a summer camp. She writes, “I’m not sure of my plans for the fall. I’m having fun, but I miss Australia so much.” On the west coast, Kimberly “Kim” Morrison and Megan Smith have moved into a bigger apartment and are rooming with Thomas “Woody” Smith until his upcoming marriage to Jennifer “Jenn” Savio this summer. They are living in San Jose, where Kim is still working for Campbell’s Soup, but is seeking other employment, while Megan has found a home at a physical therapist’s office in Mountain-side, 15 minutes from their apartment. Thomas “Thom” Neff is currently living in Hollywood, working for the MTV show Making the Band. He has gotten to tour around with O-Town for the show, which brought him to Park City and Vegas, as well as provided him with the opportunity to meet Britney Spears. Thom writes, “In my spare time I write, direct, produce, and act in independent films. I’m in the process of writing a feature with a director I met out here, am loving life, and always moving forward.” Kelly O’Hara writes, “I am currently living in Denver, CO, and I am a full time instructor for the National Personal Training Institute of CO. I also work part time as a personal trainer and aerobics instructor. Lots of fun!” David “Dave” Lindberg is presently finishing up with his communication studies internship with the media relations department with the San Antonio Spurs. This gig should go through May and then the job hunt begins. Dave writes, “I have started throwing out resumes to some NBA teams and some colleges who are looking for some help with the media.” Another communication major, Taber Lightfoot writes, “I’m currently living in Hamden, CT, and working at the Yale School of Management in the admissions office. I’m learning all the ins and outs of an MBA program. It has been a great experience for me so far. I’ve had the opportunity to travel to NYC to meet and speak with prospective MBA students, who, I might add, are mainly gorgeous 30-year-old men. However, I will admit that I do miss CSC, as I am sure the rest of you do, too. I hope that everyone is happy and healthy! Look me up if you are in my area. Keep in touch.” Jonah Neagle is working at a gym at the moment trying to put her ESS degree to good use. She has been busy planning a trip to France this summer, and will start massage therapy school in May. After almost 9 months of trying to decide what she wanted to do with her life, Sarah Labrie finally accepted a position with the State of ME as a human services caseworker. She has never done this sort of thing before, but we all wish her the best of luck. Sarah also bought her first new car, which she is really excited about. It seems that those who I have heard from are enjoying life after CSC! Thanks so much to all of you for keeping in touch. For those of you we have not heard from, please e-mail or call one of us so that we can let your classmates know what you have been up to in the year since graduation. Please do not forget to alert the Alumni Office if you have a change of address so that you can take advantage of the Alumni Office cross-country trip this summer. Take care, and hope to hear from you all soon.
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On March 18th, President Anne Ponder invited the college community to join with Barbara Johnson Stearns’s friends and family in an afternoon tea to celebrate Barbara’s 90th birthday. Students, faculty, staff, faculty emeriti, former employees, and many townspeople joined in the celebration for Barbara, who has been an active and enthusiastic volunteer for the college. Barbara served on the Board of Trustees from 1957 through 1973, has been a class agent, class correspondent, president of the Colby Junior College Club of Boston, a member of reunion planning committees, and the chair of other reunion committees, including her 20th, 50th, and 60th. She has attended and hosted innumerable college events and been a tireless promoter of her alma mater. Amazingly, Barbara has been equally active in civic affairs. In 1982, her family established the Barbara Johnson Stearns Award for Outstanding Leadership, which each year recognizes a female and a male Colby-Sawyer senior who has demonstrated exemplary leadership and dedication to the college.

The guests at the party brought cards, notes, and letters of remembrance, sang Happy Birthday, and listened as a well-deserved proclamation from the governor was read to honor Barbara. In applauding the guest of honor, President Ponder stated, “If I live to be 90, I want to be like Barbara Stearns.” Barbara, herself, plans to continue in her role as an active alumna. “I don’t mind being 90,” she explained. “I’m enjoying it as long as I feel so well. If I can keep feeling wonderful, I’m just going to keep on going.”

PHOTOS, FROM TOP TO BOTTOM:

Barbara Johnson Stearns ’32 during a rare moment alone at her birthday party.
Barbara and President Anne Ponder enjoy the festivities.
Barbara with two New London gentlemen, Laurids “Bud” Lauridsen (l) and William “Bill” Kidder.
State Legislator Bob Odell and Barbara read the governor’s proclamation. Bob is the husband of Colby-Sawyer alumna Anne “Sandy” Coburn Odell ’65.