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On the Cover: Each year the Juried Student, Senior Art, and Art Faculty Exhibitions grow in breadth and depth in terms of the diversity of talent on display. As three of the college’s more popular cultural events, they offer a look into the creative minds that are giving birth to the beauty, philosophy, and thought-provoking pieces comprising the Colby-Sawyer artistic panorama. Seen on our cover is award-winning, junior Art major Mayumi Nagayama (Tokyo, Japan) in front of her powerful painting done in acrylic and titled “Passion Rose.”

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In David Elliott’s literary world, the heroes lead unusually imaginative lives, like the small boy whose junk-food habit turns him into an insect or the young girl whose primatologist parents raise her as a “golden-haired ape.” In recent years, Elliott, director of the English Language and American Culture program at Colby-Sawyer, has become a prolific author of children’s books.

“I initially, I didn’t set out to write for children,” he says, “but when I sit down at my desk, that’s what seems to be there. I feel very lucky to be writing for young people. In my novels, I’m interested in kids who have been forsaken in one way or another but who find a way to triumph. I also make a conscious effort to include the world, as ridiculous and wonderful as it is, in my novels. Taped to my computer is a fortune I got in a cookie three or four years ago, ‘Your ability to find the silly in the serious will take you far.’”

Elliott has published the The Crazy Cricket series and The Transmogrification of Roscoe Wizzle. The latter has been nominated for several state awards and has been published in both German and Italian translations. He has many more books in production, including two picture books, Hazel Nutt: Mad Scientist, and And Here’s To You, and a novel, Evangeline Mudd and The Golden-Haired Apes of the Ikkinasti Jungle, all slated for publication in 2003.

The Evangeline Mudd novel focuses on a girl’s quest to rescue her parents, world-famous primatologists, who disappear into the jungles of Ikkinasti. Along the way, she is kidnapped by apes, befriended by a headhunter, and surrounded by ill-tempered spitting spiders. In Evangeline Mudd and the Great Mink Escapade, the sequel scheduled to appear in 2005, Evangeline seeks to fulfill a solemn promise she made during her previous adventure when she vowed to free all the animals at a mink farm before her father’s second cousin twice removed turns them into jackets “for the rich ladies and gentlemen, who pay him a great deal of money to do so.”

“I know from my own experience of life that the ability to laugh, even perhaps at the most dire moments, is one of the things that helps us to survive,” Elliott states. “And this, maybe more than anything else, is fundamental to my work for kids. I recently signed a contract based on three pages of an as yet unwritten chapter book. I’m not sure where the idea came from — evil bunnies attacking the Earth — but when I explained to my editor that I didn’t know where it might go, she told me not to worry about it. ‘I know the rest of it will be just as dumb...er...I mean...as funny as the first three pages,’ she said. Ah, I thought, how satisfying it is to be known at last.”

ESS Professor Appointed as Faculty Fellow

Chair of Exercise and Sport Sciences Jean Eckrich was appointed as a faculty fellow by the Institute of Experiential Learning (IEL) and the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) for the spring 2003 semester. The fellowship, created for mid-career faculty members, combines an intern-
Money and the Meaning of Life

Last fall, Professor of Humanities Amy Knisley arrived on the first day of class with a large poster in hand bearing the image of an Indian woman and the Cree prophecy cited above. She asked the first-year students assembled for a new course with an intriguing title, “Money and the Meaning of Life,” to express their thoughts about the prophecy’s meaning. It was the first sign that the course would demand the students’ full participation and challenge them to examine and discuss some of the most complex and disturbing issues at the core of human existence.

Over the course of the semester, the class explored the history of money and its evolving roles in society, and they engaged in passionate debate about its ability to enhance and diminish the quality of human life. They discussed money’s religious and cultural relevance, its capacity to divide or unite people, and how its powerful impacts play out among their own families and friends. As the semester drew to a close, the students began to reflect on what they had learned about money and its role in making human life meaningful.

Sport Management major Nate Lacasse grew up believing that the pursuit of wealth was a positive endeavor. Through this course he learned more about what he calls

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money's “dark side.” He said, “I didn’t realize how much money controls us, and that we base a lot of our decisions on it.” In their wide-ranging discussions, the class explored some topics in depth that he hadn’t even thought about. “I’ve never had a course like this where it was so easy to express yourself. There was a lot of deep thinking focused on our personal values rather than just being taught the facts.”

Through the course, Graphic Design major Jim Blundon became more conscious of both the absolute necessity of money within our society and its potential for blinding people to life’s deepest meanings. “It would be nice to say you could make it without money, but you really can’t in the society we’re in. That’s one of the reasons we’re here at college—to be able to make more money,” he said. “But I’m beginning to look at money differently and realize that it can’t buy permanent love or happiness. And, if we destroy the things that matter, money will be useless.”

For Professor Knisley, this new course presented a rare convergence of challenges. With a crop of first-year students and the new curriculum in which the college encourages professors to experiment with their teaching methods, she said she felt “pedagogically liberated.” Since graduate school in philosophy, Professor Knisley has been intrigued by the nature of values and, in particular, how societies and individuals assign value to money. She introduced the idea of this course during discussions on the college’s revised Liberal Education Program as a way to help students to think more critically about money.

“Early in the semester the truth that money is no longer backed by gold or silver became clear to us; it has no real value other than the collective value that people invest in it,” she said. “It was a bit of an eye opener.”

From the outset, the students were engaged “as vital sources of energy” for the class, and their ideas were a driving force in the discussion, according to Professor Knisley. A wide variety of readings, from Shakespeare’s play, The Merchant of Venice, to Jacob Needleman’s, Money and the Meaning of Life, and Jack Weatherford’s The History of Money, provided fuel for weekly class discussions. Thanks to a grant from the academic vice president’s office, the class also enjoyed a production of A Christmas Carol by the Northern Stage.

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Kosovo Nurses Learn about Community-Based Nursing

Two nurses from Kosovo, a war-torn province in southern Yugoslavia, visited the Colby-Sawyer campus last spring to learn about the Nursing Department’s community-based curriculum. Ramize Ahmeti Ibrahimi, a nurse educator, and Adile Jakupi, head nurse in the emergency department of a family medical clinic, were in the United States as part of a two-year project with Dartmouth Medical School to rebuilding Yugoslavia’s health infrastructure after the war. The nurses hope to adapt elements of Colby-Sawyer’s community-based nursing education programs such as Colby-Sawyer’s student-run clinic in their homeland.

On campus, Nurses Ibrahimi and Jakupi, along with their Kosovar Albanian translator, Mimoza Dalipi, attended a nursing course in a technology-enabled classroom and took a tour of the nursing laboratory, followed by discussion with nursing faculty members.

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training? Do faculty work in the field as well as teach at the college?” Undaunted, Assistant Professor of Nursing Loring, who works closely with student nurses in both hospital and community-based settings, smiled as she carefully answered each and every question.

Later, Nursing Dept Chair Kathleen Thies and several faculty members engaged in a lengthy discussion with the Kosovar nurses about the differences in nursing education and health care systems in each country. Before the war in Yugoslavia, Kosovo’s health care system was built around medical specialties, and nursing education was not a priority. Now the World Health Organization has encouraged the Kosovars to create teams of physicians and nurses to work together in developing more family- and community-based models of health care for the future.

During lunch, eight nursing students, Associate Professor Thies, and Assistant Professor Lea Ayers joined the Kosovar nurses in what they thought would be a professional discussion of clinical practices in Yugoslavia. Instead, Nurses Ibrahimi and Jakupi, and their Albanian translator Mimoza Dalipi, shared personal stories about the atrocities they witnessed and their own experiences as refugees, in which they joined thousands of others who fled to nearby Macedonia. They and their families were targeted because of their ethnicity (Albanian nationals), religion (Muslim), and class (professional). “Clearly, they had a need to tell us what happened and felt safe in doing so among a small group of colleagues,” says Professor Thies.

Today, Yugoslavians are struggling to rebuild their country. Beginning in 1998, a Serbian-led “ethnic cleansing” campaign resulted in thousands of deaths and destruction of the country’s basic infrastructure. NATO bombing in 1999 ended the conflict, but the traumatized survivors face massive reconstruction of buildings, roads, and their school and health care systems. Nursing education and practice had been fragmented and unregulated in Yugoslavia, and the Kosovar nurses are a vital part of the larger effort to build new foundations for health care.

“Our guests are visionaries who understand that formal education for nurses is key to developing a new health care infrastructure in their country,” says Professor Thies.

Following the visit, Professor Thies heard from her colleagues at Dartmouth that the Kosovar nurses left Colby-Sawyer “impressed and invigorated.” She says, “They were excited by how we have realized our vision for nursing education here at Colby-Sawyer, and it validates their own vision for what is possible and necessary in their country. They felt welcomed by our warmth and interest in their mission.”

She concludes: “We’ve built bridges with nursing colleagues who are pioneers in our profession in their own country and who are working against tremendous odds. It’s an honor and privilege for us to bear witness to their struggle and to offer what support we can.”

**Business Student Selected for Government-Business Internship**

Elizabeth “Beth” McElwee, a Business Administration major at Colby-Sawyer College, was one of 50 students in the nation selected for a Bryce Harlow Internship in Governmental Affairs this summer. Beth will spend six weeks in the Washington, D.C., area, where she will complete an internship with a government-affiliated business, take two courses at Georgetown University, and attend educational forums hosted by federal government officials.

With her history of political activism and strong interests in finance and management, Beth hopes the Bryce Harlow experience will give her an insider’s view of the interplay between government and business. “I hope to gain an increased knowledge and awareness of our political system and how it affects business,” she says, “and also learn how the political aspects of business can impact government systems and policies.”

Beth is the second Colby-Sawyer student accepted into the Bryce Harlow Institute program. In 1999, alumnus Dan Ward participated in the program and went on to compete for a Rhodes Scholarship. Professor Tony Quinn, chair of the Business Department, nominated both students for the prestigious Bryce Harlow award.

“Beth is an intelligent and confident young lady who has a very
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competitive drive, which is one of the things that makes her so successful,” says Professor Quinn. “For this internship, she competed against the best of the best. Her early acceptance into the program is proof that she has represented Colby-Sawyer very well.”

The Bryce Harlow program will present many opportunities for personal and educational growth for Beth, according to Quinn. In the nation’s capital, she will find a rich cultural environment and become acquainted with government officials and students from around the country and world. She will also experience another institution of higher education and witness government in action.

Every Bryce Harlow applicant was required to write an essay on a subject about which they feel passionately and in which they would like to effect change. Beth wrote about political awareness as a democratic responsibility, a subject in which she has personal experience. She grew up in a politically active family in which she was encouraged to develop and articulate well-informed opinions, as well as to take action on issues about which she felt strongly. In her essay titled “American Responsibility: The Duty of a Nation,” Beth maintains that the country’s forefathers, who envisioned a democracy in which citizens were well educated and politically engaged, would be disappointed with the country today. “With a democracy comes many rights and freedoms, but also many responsibilities, and these responsibilities are not being met,” she wrote. “Americans must start respecting and honoring the trust that was placed in their hands... and should proudly and willingly contribute to the maintenance of our political system.”

While in high school, Beth co-founded a Republican Club for students, a task she found difficult in the politically liberal town of Brattleboro, Vermont. Working with the high school’s Progressive Club, Beth and the Republican Club held friendly debates in an effort to keep the student body well informed about current issues.

“People of that age don’t know much, so it was cool to see them developing their own opinions after hearing what we had to say,” she says. “Political awareness is the first step, according to Beth, followed by participation in democratic processes. As a high school student, she initiated a voter registration drive in her community and became certified as a notary public so that she would be qualified to register voters. She often visited the state legislative sessions and once testified at the Vermont statehouse against a bill that sought to restrict young drivers, convinced that parents, not the government, should wield control in that arena. In recent years, she has attended President Bush’s speeches and worked for his presidential campaign. These days the demands of her college courses, the Honors Program, and the Equestrian Team have curtailed her political activism, yet she tries hard to stay informed. “If you have the interest, you find the time,” she says.

Of her summer plans, Beth says, “I wasn’t expecting to get this opportunity, but I’m ecstatic. I’m going in with an open mind and just want to absorb as much as I possibly can.”

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Professor Storey Receives NEH Fellowship for Research into African Diaspora

Through a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) fellowship, Professor of Humanities Olivia Storey will participate in a six-week seminar, “Roots: African Dimensions of the History and Culture of the Americas,” at the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities this summer. Professor Storey will join 14 other participants from around the United States whose research projects involve early Atlantic history, literature, or culture up to and including the early 19th century. Their research looks at people with backgrounds in North America, the Caribbean, the central and southern Americas (the Spanish colonies, as well as Brazil), and Africa.

The participants will work closely with the foundation’s visiting scholars, whose expertise includes African...
history, the transatlantic slave trade, African religions, and the economics of the slave trade.

“It’ll be wonderful to be able to talk with people who are experts in so many areas of African history and culture,” she says. “I’ll also continue my writing and research while I’m there.”

When Professor Storey came to Colby-Sawyer in 1993, she taught courses in British and Caribbean literature. Over time she has developed a keen interest in oral art forms, in particular the ways that African peoples, beginning with the transatlantic slave trade, have successfully transmitted their history and culture across the Americas through strong oral traditions.

Professor Storey has traced the legend of the Flying African, a powerful recurring theme from the 18th century until today in African-American and Caribbean stories, songs, and poems. The legend takes many forms, but most often depicts Africans on the run who escape by taking flight.

“The legend of the Flying African has really interested me because it has taken on such great cultural significance, even in recent times in the songs of Bob Marley and the novels of Toni Morrison,” she explains. “It has given people of African descent a point of pride that derives from the power of speech.”

The NEH fellowship is the third grant Professor Storey has received in support of her research. In 2001-2002, she received an 18-month fellowship through the Rockefeller Foundation for research on the African Diaspora in the Americas and the Caribbean. In 2002, she received a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to conduct research at The Library Company of Philadelphia, a research library with collections that document American history from the colonial era through the 19th century.

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Thomas J. Brennan Jr. is the superintendent of schools for the Kearsarge Regional School District (KRSD), a position he has held since August of 2000. He is rarely seen without his lapel pin, which simply states: “Kids First.” That statement has been Tom’s philosophy of life since his first jobs as a school adjustment counselor in Lynn, Mass., and in Haverhill, Mass. In 1978, he became the assistant middle school principal at Peterborough Middle School in Peterborough, N.H., and in 1982 he became assistant high school principal at Conant High School in Jaffrey, N.H. Tom then took the position as assistant superintendent for middle and secondary schools in Manchester, N.H., before moving to KRSD. In his spare time, he has been a volunteer firefighter, and coached girls in AAU basketball and in softball.

Anne – At this time, the economic environment for education in general, and for both of us, is difficult. We have to make sure our students and the people who work at our schools have the reassurance of ‘business as usual,’ but we also have to ensure that they are connected realistically to the outside world and to current affairs. We must make sure our future citizens are receiving the best education possible so they will be able to make good judgments in the future. How have you faced the challenge of this economy and its effects on the quality of education?

Tom – Admittedly, it’s hard to balance what we need for quality in education with the public’s ability to pay for that quality. It’s a struggle. As an educator, I want to provide security for our teachers and students in a place where they will be safe not only physically, but also intellectually. However, I have to balance that against the taxpayers’ ability to pay. There are times when, if I say something to one group, I’m not supporting the educator. If I say something to the other group, I’m not supporting the taxpayer. I’m fortunate in that I have a very strong administrative team in place and they are realistic about what we can do.

Anne – We have a metaphor we’ve been using to describe the current economic situation, and that is that Colby-Sawyer is a vehicle which has entered wintry conditions. What this means is that we’re in the right vehicle, we’re heading in the right direction, we’ve got the right people with us, and it’s important not to be anxious about driving. But we do have to be more cautious. We’re attentive. It’s important not to slam on the brakes and it’s important not to go too fast. We’re continuing to head in the same direction, because it’s the right direction, but we’ve adjusted our pace. We feel colleges that are leaving their vehicles in the garage during these wintry times are going to be behind us as spring finally emerges.

Tom – I like that metaphor, and I believe that course of action is also what we’re trying to do, but we need help from every-
Anne – Your schools and the people in them are an important part of this community, as is Colby-Sawyer. Do you think your students, teachers, and administrators feel a direct involvement with the college?

Tom - Just the fact that you’re here makes a difference, and I believe when people see a well-run, very attractive college in town, this helps them decide to move to our school district. In addition, the interaction between our institutions is multi-faceted. Students from your child development and education majors are involved in our internship programs. We have administrators and educators from the KRSD who teach at Colby-Sawyer as adjunct faculty members. There are Colby-Sawyer graduates teaching in our school system. We already have a good deal of interaction, but, in thinking of the future, the ideas concerning how we can continue to work together seem endless.

Anne – There are some logistical ways we work together in that the Dan and Kathleen Hogan Sports Center is a back-up emergency location for the elementary and middle schools, and you and I have mutual responsibilities in times of emergency.

Tom – Yes, in fact, most of our emergency drills involve your institution, and we have a convenient place to go, which makes it a lot easier for our emergency planning. In addition, some of our middle school and elementary school students make use of the terrific facilities at the Hogan Sports Center after school hours. Many of our students, especially those who are in the arts programs, attend musical, theatrical, and entertainment performances in your Sawyer Fine and Performing Arts Center. We appreciate the fact that Colby-Sawyer is an open and accessible cultural resource. Also, when we were in crisis recently with the flooding of our high school gymnasium, your staff made it possible for us to hold our physical education classes and team practices in your facility. That took an amazing amount of effort on the college’s part.

Anne – Yes, it was a challenge with our own athletic programs in progress at the time, but I know the KRSD would reciprocate if we were in need. We all want to do what’s best for our students, which brings me to your lapel pin. It says “Kids First,” and I’ve never seen you without it. You obviously wear it as a reminder.

Tom – It may sound corny, but at night I leave it on the suit I wore that day. In the morning, when I change the pin from yesterday’s suit to today’s suit, it reminds me of why I go to work each day. It’s a healthy reminder, especially during those times when situations become difficult. In addition, it’s a good way of letting people know what my job is all about. I don’t go anywhere without this pin, and my biggest fear is that I’ll lose it.

Anne – As educators, it’s important for us to pay attention to the voices of our constituencies. One of the constituencies we have in common is the New London area community. We both serve them in various ways, so it’s important to know if they’re giving us good grades for the quality of the education we offer, our interactions with them, and the intelligence with which we face the challenges before us.

Tom – When I first came to the district, I asked about the college and was told that Colby-Sawyer is a rising star. I’ve since seen proof of that myself, and I see that sentiment reinforced almost every day. I was told how the college’s flame almost went out at one point and how strongly it has rallied in the last decade to become one of the most respected colleges of its kind in the eastern United States. I’ve been told, and I’ve seen, how the college’s standards in all areas continue to climb, how the quality of the students becomes stronger all the time, and what a comfortable and caring place your college has always been and continues to be. That’s what I strive for in the school district. I would like every one of our schools to emulate what takes place at your college because, as much as anything else, I believe Colby-Sawyer is thought of as a good neighbor.
Handwritten letters have fanned love affairs, precipitated wars, formalized independence, emancipated slaves, and have charted and recorded the course of human history. When handwriting is studied and interpreted by professional examiners, the adage which states that the pen is mightier than the sword is more convincing than ever. Every movement of the pen—fast or slow, neat or messy, large or small—is a reflection of personality. The trail you leave in ink is as unique as your fingerprints and even more revealing of who you are.

Two well-known and highly respected graphologists are Colby-Sawyer alumnae Ruth Elliott Holmes ’65 and her daughter, Sarah Holmes ’95. Ruth is founder and president and Sarah is vice president of their company, Pentec, Inc., which is located in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, and Waltham, Massachusetts.

Evidence of their company’s success was seen in 1999 when Ruth was named one of Michigan’s Top 10 Women Business Owners, and in 2002 when Corp! magazine listed her among “Michigan’s 95 Most Powerful Women.” Ruth is a certified document examiner (CDE), designated as such by the National Association of Document Examiners. She is court-qualified as an expert witness in federal, state, and local courts. From 1996 until 1999, Pentec received national and international attention by serving as trial consultants for Dr. Jack Kevorkian’s defense team in his right-to-die campaign.

The Holmes’s family interest in handwriting examination seems to have a genetic component since Sarah is the third generation in the family to study and work in the field. Handwriting and horses have been her passion, and she was honored to be a member of the 1994 National Championship equestrian team at Colby-Sawyer. Last May she graduated from Boston University with a master’s degree in psychology. Sarah is quick to point out that paper and ink have been of utmost importance throughout history. She notes that, from the earliest cave paintings, to hieroglyphics, to the development of alphabets and language, writing has played a significant role.

Today it is no different as the media focus on such cases as the anthrax letters, the sniper letters, and the materials that are being discovered in the caves and file cabinets in the Middle East, all of which have a writing component.

On a daily basis, Ruth and Sarah advise individual, legal, and corporate clients in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. They work for corporate executives and the human resource departments of various businesses and organizations by studying handwriting samples and preparing personality profiles of the writers. The profiles can then be used as one of the tools in personnel selection, team building, and management assignments. The forensic aspect of their profession, which includes determining the authenticity of signatures on documents or identifying a writer, is widely used by banks, financial institutions, police departments, attorneys, and private individuals. In addition to rendering expert testimony in court, Ruth and Sarah’s skills are also utilized in their roles as jury and trial consultants.

“There really isn’t a typical work day,” Sarah explains, “but a busy day in the office might include preparing three or four verbal or written profiles for a company, photographing documents for a forgery or anonymous letter case, and lecturing to a group of human resource professionals.”

“Part of the day might be spent going over juror questionnaires in preparation for jury selection or in advising an attorney on the most effective graphics and strategy to be used during a trial. The sheriff’s department might call and ask Pentec
to examine and photograph documents related to solving a crime on anything from a missing person, to a school bomb threat, or to a murder-for-hire case. In addition to consulting with clients, Sarah finds time to serve as president of the Great Lakes Association of Handwriting Examiners, and Ruth is an active member of the International Women’s Forum, an exclusive group of professional women.

When asked what she considers the favorite part of her work, Ruth answers without hesitation, “I like the change and variety. For example, I’ve worked with the well-known attorney Geoffrey Fieger, helped choose five juries for Dr. Jack Kevorkian, and been in the middle of the dialogues on the ‘death with dignity’ movement. This, in turn, has put me in direct contact with people in the media, so it’s not unusual to pick up the phone and speak to someone like Mike Wallace or Barbara Walters. One day I could be giving a speech before a group of international businessmen in Las Vegas, and on another day I could be flying to Denver to choose a jury. I could be teleconferencing a management alignment in Kentucky one day, and the next day I could be preparing for an interview with Dateline or Court TV. I was even hired to spend two weeks in Egypt on the Nile River lecturing on handwriting and hieroglyphics to a group of industrialists and their wives. Because I speak French and Spanish, it allows me to work on cases all over the world. The diversity of subject matter and working with Sarah are what make the long hours I put in for Pentec so gratifying.”

Stories relating to Ruth and her vocation have appeared in The New York Times, USA Today, George, and Time magazine to name but a few, and while she considers this to be heady stuff, she knows there are those who question the tenets of handwriting analysis. Sarah feeds some of the skepticism about their work comes from research on the subject that is methodologically flawed. “The conflicting findings fueled my fire to do my own study on handwriting analysis,” she explains. “The title of my research is ‘A Neuropsychological Investigation into the Validity of Handwriting Analysis.’” In simplified terms, the goal of Sarah’s research is to explore the relationship between assessments of ten personality traits according to the psychological tests and the assessments made by the graphologists.

“We believe handwriting is language frozen in time,” Sarah says. “We think of it as the landscape of the mind. It’s brainwriting, not handwriting. Whether you write with your hand or foot or with a pen in your mouth, it’s still coming from your brain, and there will be many similarities no matter what method you use to write. You can’t disguise your handwriting, and the more you write the more your habitual traits will come through. When we analyze handwriting, some of the things we study are space, form, movement, size, legibility, speed, letter connections, and pressure. We’re also looking at zones. The upper zone is imagination, freedom, and creativity. The middle zone is the area of emotions. The lower zone is the area of materialistic and instinctual pleasures.”

If you visit Pentec, Inc.’s Web site, www.handwritingexaminers.com, you will learn that “handwriting examination has long been used to detect forgeries, fraud, and the identity of writers of anonymous letters. More recently, handwriting evaluations are used to help identify talents and tensions of existing and prospective employees, recognize promotion potential, and resolve conflicts. Most important of all, handwriting assessment is beneficial for personal growth and development.”

Ruth and Sarah are proud alumnae of Colby-Sawyer College who, through their knowledge and research of handwriting, have made their marks, literally and figuratively, working as human archeologists exploring the landscape of the mind. They are fond of saying that people are like geodes which have yet to be opened. Most observers see geodes as rough, dull-colored stones, but Ruth and Sarah Holmes see people as the inside of the geode, for in the handwriting of their subjects they see sparkling, multi-faceted crystals waiting to be discovered.

Opposite page, center: For Ruth (on right), one of the joys of practicing her profession is working with her daughter, Sarah. Top of this page: Sarah’s practiced and observant eye leaves little to chance when she is studying the “landscape of the mind.” Center of this page: One of the interesting aspects of being a graphologist is studying the handwriting of people who are now, or who have been, major players on the world stage.
Janet, a former alumni trustee and former president of the Alumni Council, began by saying, “When I first attended Colby Junior College, I found the professors friendly and easy to talk to, but the courses were pretty cut and dried. They were the things well-bred young women of the day were supposed to know. When I returned to earn my second degree in 2000, I was fond of saying that at Colby Junior College I was taught what to think, and at Colby-Sawyer College I was taught how to think.”

Because she attended Colby-Sawyer during two very different eras, Janet has a unique perspective on many aspects of college life, not the least of which is the social aspect. “In 1954 we weren’t allowed to have cars on campus until the second semester of our senior year, and even then you had to maintain a certain grade point average to receive that privilege,” she recalls. “On weekdays we had to be in the dorm by 10 p.m. but her roots remained firmly planted in the Colby-Sawyer soil, and her love for the college remained strong and steady. So much so that she encouraged a daughter, Melanie Nixon Danver ’78, and a granddaughter, Cecily Danver ’04, to attend the college and continue the family legacy. The three of them recently gathered to talk about their Colby-Sawyer experiences. They met at Janet’s beautiful, 250-year-old farmhouse, which she spent 17 years restoring, and which is located on 170 acres in New Boston, N.H.
and on weekends we were allowed out until midnight. One time four of us were late getting back from an outing and, as our punishment, we were ‘campused.’"

As Janet relates this, her granddaughter, Cecily, can’t suppress a half-snicker-half-giggle at what, to her, seems an archaic form of punishment for “wild” behavior that would hardly raise an eyebrow today. “It was right before the Halloween dance,” Janet continues, pretending not to notice Cecily’s giggling, “so, the four of us covered ourselves in sheets and went to the dance. As four anonymous ghosts, we cut in on everybody’s dates. It seems as though there were always a lot of fun things to do on campus. We had the singing group, barbecues, all sorts of outdoor activities, and every day started with chapel, where we had assigned seats.”

Janet still visits campus and is active in the Adventures in Learning Program. While she has watched the physical facilities flourish over the last half century, she particularly admires the college’s ability “not only to adapt to the changes in our culture over the years from 1954 to the present, but also to keep that special skill of creating an atmosphere where a variety of students feel comfortable taking part in discussion with faculty, staff, and other students, both in classroom and social settings. Whether that quality can be attributed to the sense of community,” she continues, “to the number of students and the size of the classes, to the inspiring natural setting which surrounds the campus, or to the good fortune of finding just the right leadership over the last 50 years is impossible to explain. I only know how fortunate I feel to have had the opportunity to stay connected with the institution in a variety of ways during that time.”

When discussing the lifelong friendships she formed at Colby Junior College, Janet’s voice lights up. “Before our 45th reunion, eight of my friends stayed at my home for two days. At Reunion we went on a bike trip, led by President Anne Ponder, and we had a marvelous time. The bonds we formed in college have lasted all these years and are still exceptionally strong.”

“I agree,” Cecily chimes in, “There are three girls I live with now, and I know we’ll always stick together. I also made a lot of friends on the new Student Orientation trip, and I’m sure we’ll always stay in touch. I think it can best be summed up by the words I saw on the college view book: ‘Learning Among Friends.’ I’m an only child, and at Colby-Sawyer I really found the ‘true me’ through my friends.”

“Speaking of forming relationships,” Janet adds, “this last time I was there as a student, I became good friends with some of my professors, especially Patrick Anderson, who was my advisor, my American Studies professor, and creator of the American West course for which I became a teaching assistant. I believe the bonds between professor and student, like many of the bonds forged at the college, will be lifelong.”

Cecily, who is an Exercise Science major with a Psychology minor, greatly admires Professor Kerstin Stoeedefalke because “she makes learning fun and challenging. She interacts with us and has us interact with each other when we run our physiology and fitness testing. She’s an inspiration and a role model, and I feel as though we have a friendship as well as a student-professor relationship.”

When asked what made her choose Colby-Sawyer, Cecily admits there was only a small dollop of low-key bias that came from her mother and grandmother, both of whom were clear that they wanted her to make her own choice. She looked at other schools, but when she visited Colby-Sawyer she says she “loved it immediately; the location, the mountains, the size, and the welcoming atmosphere.” Cecily professes to have a certain amount of shyness, but in conversation she is intelligent, articulate, and confident. The alleged shyness may be something that disappeared a little at a time without her realizing it, like a pile of autumn leaves scattered here and there by the growing winds of confidence.

“I’ve noticed a difference in Cecily that’s unbelievable,” her mother, Melanie, attests. “Because of her shyness in high school, I was nervous for her when she started college, but Colby-Sawyer was the right size and the right place for her. It — continued on page 32
July 1, 1922 was a propitious date for Colby Academy, for it was the day Herbert Leslie Sawyer became the school's 25th principal. A well-educated man, H. Leslie Sawyer, as he was widely known, received his bachelor's degree from Bates College, his master's degree from Princeton, and his Ed.D. (with honors) from Bates. In 1923, with the school's enrollment flagging and debt mounting, Principal Sawyer suggested that Colby Academy would have a better chance of surviving if it became a junior college. Another five difficult and dwindling years passed in the struggle to stay solvent before the school finally became Colby Junior College in June of 1928, and H. Leslie Sawyer became the college's first president. He remained president until 1955. During that 27-year span, Colby Junior College flourished. The physical plant expanded and many new buildings were added to meet the needs of the steadily increasing enrollment. Academic programs were also expanded in scope and depth. In 1943, baccalaureate programs were added to the college's curriculum.

When he retired on June 30, 1955, H. Leslie Sawyer was almost 70 years old, and he left behind a legacy of progress, but beyond that he left a legacy of caring, kindness, and goodness. In speaking with people who knew him those many years ago, a portrait of the man emerged in strong and vibrant colors. Each person who contributed his or her memories to this portrait recalled a man who was universally admired and who touched each of their lives in the best of ways.
in line among the Med Tech students at graduation, so I believe I received the fourth bachelor’s degree ever given out by our college.

“The Chemistry Department, where I took a lot of classes, was on the third floor of Colgate. Dr. Sawyer would sometimes climb up there, wander into the back of the classroom where we kept the chemicals, and he’d help himself to a little sip of ethyl alcohol. Then he’d sit down and join the class for that session. Later, during the first year I taught at the college, Dr. Sawyer would frequently saunter in and sit at the back of the room. Sometimes he’d ask questions because he was interested in the medical technology aspects of what I was teaching. I think that was the thwarted medical doctor in him.”

Barbara Johnson Stearns ’32
Alumna

“When I first arrived at Colby Junior College, there were only 50 of us here, and Dr. Sawyer was sort of a father figure for all of us. I remember when it snowed he used to take a group of us out in his car. He’d go at a fairly good clip and then slam his brakes on, and he’d say, ‘I just want to see if it’s slippery.’ Of course, he would never put us in any danger, but I do remember those rides very well. I also remember that he gave a daily chapel talk in Colgate and everybody just loved it. He was a dearly loved man.

“Whenever any one of the girls was not feeling well he would bring her this simply horrible tasting hot tea he mixed up. He’d take it right to her and sit on the side of the bed and see to it that she drank the tea.”

Susan Morrison Mayer ’50
Alumna and current trustee

“He was a very personable man and had a wonderful sense of humor. He had a great twinkle in his eye. There were times, every once in a while, when no matter whether it was your birthday or not, he would greet you with a ‘happy birthday’ and give you a big hug. That was one of the aspects of his sense of humor and also an aspect of his great love for people. He loved people. He made the college a home away from home for me. I think our current president, Anne Ponder, is the closest thing we’ve had to Dr. Sawyer, at least for me.

“In his chapel talks he never preached. He simply had a conversation with his audience. I always felt he was having a conversation directly with me, and I’m sure the others felt he was having a conversation directly with them as well. He spoke of the daily stuff, what we were going through and why. There was no preaching, no moralizing. He didn’t set up moral behavior for you, except by example.

“He loved to announce Mountain Day and would do it at chapel or assembly. He loved fooling us and keeping it a secret until the last minute.

“One of the special things about the man’s character is that he didn’t try to be all things to all people. I remember a conversation we had when he was about to leave the college. I asked him what we were ever going to do without him—you know, the old sentimental piece—and he turned to me and said, ‘Susan, I’m not a fundraiser. I don’t know how to raise money. Now that we have a group of active students, strong enrollment, and excellent programs, we need to do something beyond all of that. I’ve found that I’m not good at raising money, but the incoming president, Dr. Eugene Austin, knows how to do that very well.’ He felt at that point in his life it was time for him to step aside and let the next cycle happen. He was the genuine article, a genuine human being.”
Eleanor “Ellie” Morrison Goldthwait ’51, ’52  
Alumna and current trustee

“I think the first thing that comes to my mind when talking about President Sawyer is father figure. Absolutely, he was a father figure. He was personal, kind, and he certainly loved the students.

“He was a very wise man and I always found it interesting how the humanity came out on the one hand and the wisdom came out on the other. One of the things I remember was a friend of mine who lost her father while she was here. He brought her over to his house to tell her the tragic news and to see her through those first very traumatic hours. That symbolized his humanity to me. His wisdom came through in the chapel talks. He always gave you something to take away. It might not have been terribly profound, but it was very relevant to what we were going through at school. His message delivered the expectation that you would be a moral being. He was a person I would not have wanted to disappoint.

“When he left, it changed the tenor of the campus. It was still family, but not the kind of family he’d created as the father figure. There was a genuine closeness that he was able to bring to relationships. It wasn’t superficial, and he genuinely cared when he asked you how you were.

“He was very proud of the campus. There was a pride in his demeanor when he showed the campus to visitors.

“An impressive memory for me was when the students were outside Colgate waiting to see who had been elected as senior officers and Dr. Sawyer escorted me, as the newly elected president of my class, from Colgate Hall to the Concord coach. That was really an extraordinary thing.”

Franny Sawyer  
President Sawyer’s daughter-in-law

“I remember that he spent a lot of time at home in his study researching topics for his chapel talks. He would often take lessons from the Bible and expand on them. He put a lot of effort into those talks.

“He was a family man and really loved his grandchildren. He spent a lot of time with them, telling them about flowers and the things that went on in his life. He was a wonderful teacher in that way. He was also a good gardener. He put a lot of work into his garden and loved doing that.”

Everett “Ev” Woodman  
Former president of the college, good friend

“I met Dr. Sawyer through my father, Dr. James B. Woodman, who was a surgeon and one of the school doctors back in the 1930s. Dr. Sawyer was a good friend of my father’s. They were both fishermen, and in the late ’30s they took some trips to Canada and Maine. Sometimes my brother, and Dr. Sawyer’s son, Robert, and I went along. The trips could last ten days, and we all came to know each other pretty well. I remember Dr. Sawyer and I had a humorous little ritual in which he would hold a piece of material or part of the tent and pretend to be a matador, and I would charge the material a few times pretending to be a bull. On these trips he’d always ask my father many questions about medical matters, which were of great interest to him. Those conversations were the basis of how the Medical Technology Program got started at the college.

“He was my educational godfather, the guy who encouraged me all the time. It started when I was playing baseball for Dartmouth, and he and my dad came to a Dartmouth-Harvard game. Afterwards he asked me if I had any interest in teaching at Colby Junior College. I said I did, and he wrote me out a contract to teach September through May at $100 per month. That was in 1939. I enjoyed teaching that first year, and Dr. Sawyer encouraged me to go to Boston University to get my master’s degree, which I did. In later years he also encouraged me to get my Ph.D., which I also did.

“He was a good State-of-Maine New Engander. A sturdy,
straightforward guy. He stood for all the good things: honesty, directness, no skipping around the corners. He was a genuine, comfortable man who was a father figure to the students. And he loved his gardens and fishing. He and Ausbon Sargent, who was on the college grounds crew, were the closest of pals, and they used to fish at Pleasant Lake quite often.

“He was a man who was curious in terms of anything scientific, and I believe when it came to religion, he was interested in searching all types of beliefs. I’m a Unitarian, and very happy with it. Dr. Sawyer was a Baptist. About four times a year I would substitute for him and give the sermon in chapel. Sometimes he would attend, and afterwards he’d joke with me a bit. One time I climbed up in the pulpit, trying not to stumble over my robes, and gave a sermon with the usual pitch. It was a good Unitarian message straight out. Afterwards, Dr. Sawyer came around and said ‘Well, Ev, that was a pretty good talk and I enjoyed it, but you know until you get over this Unitarian business, the closest to heaven you’re ever going to get is when you climb up in that pulpit.’ I got a great laugh from that remark.

“I remember once on a fishing trip, around June of 1941, we were up in Maine and our old fishing guide was talking about Hitler and all the hell he was raising in Europe. As he continued to philosophize, the guide said, ‘Well, that’s the way things are and it ain’t over yet.’ Something about that phrase caught Dr. Sawyer’s fancy, and he thought it was the funniest thing he’d heard. So, every time I saw him for days afterwards, he’d greet me by saying, ‘Well, it ain’t over yet.’”

Dr. Sawyer passed away at the age of 84 in November of 1972. He didn’t live to see the college change its name from Colby Junior College to Colby-Sawyer College. Although this change ensured that his name and the college’s would be linked forever, he certainly knew long before this event occurred that his heart and the heart of the college were eternally entwined.
There are many exciting and interesting cultural events taking place on the Colby-Sawyer campus each year. Three that enjoy great popularity are the Art Faculty Exhibition, the Juried Student Exhibition, and the Senior Art Exhibition. All three of these shows present artworks in a variety of media, are open to the public, and offer opening receptions that draw capacity crowds of art lovers. While it would be ideal if the work of each contributing artist could be displayed in these pages, space allows for only a sampling, but it is a sampling of works that stands as testament to the fact that creativity, beauty, imagination, and talent are alive and thriving at Colby-Sawyer College.
Opposite page, top: Fine and Performing Arts Department chair, Professor Jon Keenan, and Kristen Sullivan ’04 discuss her powerful and intriguing, “Untitled #1,” four-panel piece. At right: The Juried Student Exhibition opening reception on April 10 saw a capacity crowd enjoying refreshments, and, above all, the impressive collection of student art.

1. “Gymnopedies No. 224” intaglio/mixed media piece by Professor Martha Andrea.
   Can you see the sleeping face peeping through in the picture?
4. “Bulbous Vessel,” wood-fired stoneware created by Professor Jon Keenan.
5. “Brendon,” mixed-media sculpture by Erin Sawler ’03.
6. “Self Portrait,” black and white photo by Derek Bedrosian ’04.
7. “Red Banner,” polymer paint on stretched canvas by Professor Edward Kimball.

8. “Case Tractor,” a mixed-media work by Professor Michael Lovell.


11. “Sin City II,” graphic design by Jennifer Libinski ’03.


16. “Plate #1,” by Daniel B. Ord ’05.


18. “Figure Collage,” intaglio and acrylic print by Lisa Maggio ’04.

Above: Professor Jon Keenan (left) and Dan Ord ’05 discuss Dan’s work titled “Plate #1.” Professor Keenan has created numerous award-winning ceramic pieces, and he travels often to Japan, where his artistic talent has been greatly honored.

Above: Lisa Maggio ’04 and Professor Martha Andrea discuss one of the numerous creative steps taken along the way to Lisa’s finished intaglio and acrylic print (shown at far right).
When I set out to investigate the native peoples of the Pacific Northwest, I began, in typical scholarly fashion, by reading the standard historical and anthropological texts, which document their social, political, economic, religious, and cultural traditions. While I learned a great deal from this research, which prepared me for my on-site visits, the most intense and enlightening educational experiences came when I visited the places these tribal nations call home and spent time with the native peoples who still live there. These included the inland tribes, which are part of the northern plateau—the Yakama and Spokane in Washington, the Umatilla and Warm Springs in Oregon, and the Nez Perce and Coeur d’Alene in Idaho. It also included those located on the coast — the Suquamish, Duwammish, Swinomish, and Tulalip, all in the Seattle area, the Lummi near the Canadian border, and the Makah in the northwestern corner of the Olympic peninsula. Everywhere I went I was warmly welcomed by the local inhabitants. Indeed, the one element of my sabbatical I could not have acquired in any other way was spending time with individual tribal members, people who invited me into their homes and offices and studios, their sweat lodges and talking circles and powwows, their longhouses and casinos and tribal cafés. They rode me around the “rez” in their vehicles. They taught me how to dance and sing and sweat and pray. They talked and laughed and cried as they shared the stories of their lives with me, and as a result of this total immersion into cultures I thought I knew something about from my book-based research, I reached depths of understanding, compassion, and knowledge I had never expected to attain. Any preconceptions, easy answers, or simplistic explanations were completely destroyed through the complicated, compelling, and, often, contradictory life stories I was privileged to share.

The best way to suggest some of what I learned during my leave is to provide a series of snapshots of my experiences. Take March 18, for instance, when what I’d envisioned as a quick stop to meet a retired couple in Benton City, Washington, en route from the Yakama reservation to the Umatilla,
turned into a half-day of remarkable revelations from Ramona and Albert Cliff. As we sat around their kitchen table, they told me stories about themselves and their ancestors, which helped me understand, far better than any historical accounts I’d read, the struggle, oppression, and prejudice Native Americans have faced for centuries. One story was about a grandfather who was kidnapped by white soldiers and put into a mission school as a youngster, only to escape in three consecutive winters by slipping away during a blizzard, using the snow to cover his tracks as he walked for miles to his family’s home. Another was about an aunt who was similarly taken against her will, this time by nuns who forced her into a convent where, shortly after taking her vows she died of tuberculosis contracted through contact with whites. They told me their own nightmarish tales of growing up on the reservation at Ft. Belnap, Montana, where their respective tribes (Assinibone and Gros Ventre) had been forced to co-exist by the U.S. government in the 19th century. They attended boarding schools where they were punished if they tried to speak their own language or practice their native religion, and they were banned from certain stores, which were labeled “whites only.” They were also both expected to help provide for their families, even as youngsters, growing up as they did during the Great Depression. Albert showed me a photograph of the deer he shot for its venison at age 10; Ramona topped that with her tale of the bull she killed with a sledgehammer and then butchered by herself. They are the first individuals I’ve met who claim they actually benefited from the Termination Act of 1954, yet another misguided attempt by the U.S. government to “mainstream” native peoples by moving them off reservations and into cities. The Cliffs’ move, from rural Montana to Los Angeles, though confusing and disorienting in many ways, released them from the cycle of alcoholism, poverty, and unemployment which typifies so many Indians’ lives on reservations. They had two sons and Ramona eventually earned a master’s degree in social work, while Albert labored in heavy construction. What came through in the details of their lives was their incredible strength, intelligence, sense of humor, and determined will to survive. I left with an invitation to join them at their summer sun dance and with a huge amount of admiration and respect for this remarkable family.

Two days later I began my stay on the Nez Perce reservation with a 14-hour marathon of cultural immersion I still can’t quite believe. From the start, a key goal of my leave had been to see how native traditions from the past are being carried on today. On this particular day in Lapwai, Idaho, I not
only learned about these traditions from my Nez Perce hosts, I experienced them first-hand. I stopped by the Nez Perce horse farm where they raise Appaloosas, the prize horse for a people who have been highly dependent on this animal since it was introduced to the tribe in the 18th century. The supervisor talked to me about the breeding program, showed me around the barns, and introduced me to a brand-new baby colt. I spent some time at the Nez Perce National Historical Park where I met the director and archivist who opened their collections to me (and who later copied video and audio tapes for my research and classes at Colby-Sawyer). Lunch was at the tribal café with Steve Evans, a history professor from the local college, and Alan Pinkham, the former head of the Nez Perce nation. They are currently collaborating on a book about the Lewis & Clark expedition from the Nez Perce point of view. Steve suggested he and Alan take me to the tribe’s Wolf Recovery Center in Winchester, about 45 minutes southeast. Here the Nez Perce are reintroducing into the wild the animal which has played such a significant mythic and symbolic role for so many northwest native cultures. We had to climb a fence and walk down a snowy two-track to get to the place but were rewarded for our efforts by a close-up look at one of the wolves. Over several cups of tea at another reservation hangout, Steve and Alan talked of many matters related to native affairs—the research for their book, the “cultural arrogance” Alan still feels from many whites, and the lesson he said his ancestors taught him about remaining silent since anything they’d say had, historically, been twisted into what the government officials wanted to hear. This gave rise, Alan posited, to the clichéd image of the so-called “stoic Indian.”

At the Northwest Museum of Art and Culture in Spokane, I met Thyra Moses, an extraordinary beader whose babyboards are on display there. She patiently taught me the basics of beadwork as we talked for an hour or so about her work, her life on the Spokane reservation, and her famous nephew, writer Sherman Alexie. At the Speilyi-yi-Mi Arts and Crafts Show on the Yakama Reservation in Toppenish, Washington, I met another Spokane artist, the painter George Flett, who explained the historical sources for his beautiful contemporary ledger art. He invited me to join him at the Coeur d’Alene Powwow the next weekend in Plummer, Idaho, where I learned that he created all the works of art presented to the winners of the various dancing competitions. In Seattle, I spent nearly five hours at the Daybreak Star Cultural Center with its director Merlee Markishtum, a Makah Indian who shared her perspectives on topics ranging from her tribe’s recent return to whaling and her concern over the educational system on the reservation in Neah Bay to her work at the museum. Highly respected Duwamish basketmaker Mary Lou Slaughter, the...
Sweating with the Nez Perce
by Patrick D. Anderson

The single most memorable experience during the course of my sabbatical was a sweat lodge ceremony on the Nez Perce reservation in Lapwai, Idaho. In a conversation with David Scott, director of drug and alcohol rehabilitation for the Nez Perce Nation, he asked if I’d like to attend one. Eight hours later, David ushered me into the site of the men’s sweat lodge, a place made private by a ramshackle fence built of discarded lumber and sheet metal. Snowflakes filled the air on this frigid night in late March and dozens of questions filled my head.

The first thing I had to do was get undressed in front of all these Nez Perce guys I had only just met, although I must say I wasn’t all that self-conscious about this part of the event. Maybe our relative anonymity made it somewhat easier, or maybe I was so focused on all the other unknowns awaiting me that being naked and cold seemed incidental. While David had brought me to the sweat, he wasn’t at my side giving instructions, so I watched and listened and learned. The actual sweat lodge itself is a small, low-to-the-ground structure, made by bending branches in a semi-circular shape and then covering them with old blankets. A fire was blazing in a pit nearby, where the rocks used as the source of heat were cooking. To enter the lodge, you back yourself in and then, once inside, find a place in the circle and sit cross-legged. Once everyone was inside—and there were ten of us at the start—the flap was closed and we were plunged into total darkness.

I hadn’t thought about being claustrophobic for years, although once the leader of the sweat ceremony began to hit the rocks with a moistened herb-stuffed sock, to make them smoke and emit a distinctive odor and to increase the temperature inside, I began to wonder if I’d last through the first five minutes. Yet, how could I just bolt out of there when I’d been so graciously included? Wouldn’t that just confirm various white-guy stereotypes for all these Nez Perce, not to mention some major degree of failure on my part? So, I thought, if I can just relax and keep it together for the first five minutes in here, by centering myself and getting into the spirit of the experience, I can probably survive the session.

During this first of three rounds in the sweat lodge, the leader said all of the prayers, and after each one uttered “All my grandfathers” or “All my relations” plus something in the Nez Perce language. As he finished each prayer, he’d hit the hot rocks with the wet herbs, causing the scent to be released through the steam, which made the lodge hotter each time. We must have been in there 20 to 25 minutes for the first session, although partway through the leader invited anyone who wanted to leave to do so. I certainly was not going to be the first person to lift the flap; indeed, I didn’t exit until the majority of the group made their way outside into the snow and frigid air. The custom is to rinse off in water—a hose with bone-chilling, icy water was running for that purpose—and I followed suit. But I made the mistake of sitting down on a bench, which was on the opposite side from where my towel and clothes were, so I pretty much shivered away until it was time to re-enter the lodge.

I was eager to return this time, just to get warm, and I was one of the first inside, which meant my position was near the rear. A fairly large guy was seated in front of me, which meant two things: one, he blocked some of the direct heat; two, he also blocked my “view” (though you couldn’t really see anything) of the entrance door, the “escape hatch,” as it were. Two of the ten guys left after round one, needing to get home or to a job, so there was a bit more room. This time the leader passed the responsibility for saying a prayer around the circle. By the time it reached me, I’d had a session and a half of listening, so I said something which I think was not totally inappropriate—thanking my fellow participants for welcoming me to their sweat, blessing them, their families, and their ancestors. Although I was getting used to the heat of the lodge during this round, I was ready to emerge when it was over. This time, no cold shower for me, but simply a retreat to where my towel was, so I could cover my shoulders and maintain some of the warmth while sitting in the wintry elements.

By the third and final round, all but four of us had departed. This meant there was lots of room inside and also that the session would be a bit less formal. I realized during this round that I’d been “accepted” by those still there. This was made obvious by two things: first, one of the older men told me some Indian jokes, the funniest being about how the Flatheads and the Blackfeet become mixed up, resulting in tribes of Flatfeet and Blackheads, and second, during the round of prayers, one of the other men said a prayer for me and for the success of my work with native peoples throughout my leave. It may have been that prayer that ensured the series of intellectual, spiritual, and emotional experiences I was to be fortunate enough to have throughout the rest of my stay in the Pacific Northwest.
The Painted Ladies are delicate, fidgety, flitting in spirals from here to there as they flutter through the air like confetti at a wedding. They perform loops, figure eights,immelmann turns, and all the other airborne maneuvers one might expect from a group of graceful butterflies. For butterflies are what these little beauties are, as well as being the central players in a biology research experiment conducted by Elizabeth “Beth” Morel '03.

Beth is friendly, outgoing, and has a sparkle in her eyes that highlights her delightful sense of humor. She is, in the words of Colby-Sawyer Natural Sciences Chair Bradley Sarchet, “an exceptionally hardworking student who has been a dependable and tireless helper for the Natural Sciences Department.” Professor Sarchet mentions that Beth’s leadership on campus was evident in her excellent work as president of the Biology Majors Club, “which has become far more popular and far more productive since she became involved in it.” Part of the reason for that is because Beth felt the club should be promoted to all students, not just Biology majors. “I wanted it to be fun for anyone who enjoys going on science-oriented trips,” she explains. “We went on whale watches, to the New England Aquarium, the Boston Science Museum, and other places that would interest any student.”

As Beth describes it, her Painted Lady Butterfly experiment was designed to determine “how pesticide use in people’s homes and gardens affects non-pest species like butterflies and bees. I chose the larvae of the Painted Lady Butterfly because it’s indigenous to this area,” she says. “Through the use of Petri dishes in the lab, I controlled differing amounts of pesticides that might end up on a given area of a leaf or a flower from normal garden spraying. I then took measurements to determine what the different ratios of pesticide to food did to the larvae of the butterflies in terms of the mortality rate. My thought in doing this experiment was that maybe we can make pesticides in more dilute form, and, therefore, less harmful to the environment, yet still sufficiently strong to do the intended job. What we have here,” Beth says as she extends a hand adorned with two of the Painted Ladies, “are some of my survivors.” The experiment was Beth’s capstone project, and, as always, she came through with flying colors, which is, if you think of it, exactly what butterflies are.

When she was looking for a college, Beth came to visit New London from her home in Charlton, Mass., and “fell in love with Colby-Sawyer at first sight. My tour guide invited me to stay the night,” she recalls, “because I told her I didn’t want to leave. After that, I came to visit every chance I got, for Open Houses and Discovery Days, just to be here. I loved the campus and everyone was so friendly. I looked at a lot of

STUDENT PROFILE

PHOTO: KATIE DOW ’90
Beth knew from the beginning she wanted to study biology, but it’s a wide field and she wasn’t sure where she wanted to focus her attention. “In my Social Analysis course, we did volunteer work and I was steered toward the Upper Valley Humane Society, an animal shelter in Enfield, N.H. Once I started working there, I realized I wanted to focus on animals and become a veterinarian.”

Three professors in particular have influenced Beth in her studies; they are LaVonne Batalden, Brad Sarchet, and Bill Thomas. Professor Sarchet, her advisor, helped guide her toward her goal of attending veterinary school, while Professors Thomas and Batalden fueled Beth’s interest in many of the facets of biology in their classes.

“Beth is a bright young woman,” says Professor Batalden, “and the skill with which she writes is a joy to see. She’d be a great vet because she’s certainly intelligent enough to learn those skills, and she’d also be terrific with the people who bring their pets in. She thinks about the well-being of others, is a leader by example, and a mentor to the younger students, a person who will be great at whatever she decides to do.”

Beth was a member of the Honors Program, made the Dean’s List, was inducted into the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society, and was listed in Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. She was also the recipient of two of the college’s most prestigious academic accolades, the Gisela Wilhelm Wenner Biology Award and the Guy F. Williams Award, presented to a student majoring in science who, “through appropriate conduct, scholarship, and decorum has exemplified the spirit of the college.”

In the coming year, Beth, the first in her family to attend college, will live with her proud parents, Dennis and Diane Morel, and will work in a veterinary office to earn money for graduate school. During that time, she will take more biology courses, which will expedite her entry into the next phase of her education.

“Nothing would please me more than to end up at one of the top schools in the country for feline medicine, which is something I’d like to specialize in,” Beth says. I’d like to open a feline practice somewhere eventually, and, at certain universities, they’re doing a lot of research regarding the feline genome, which I find especially exciting.”

When most of us hear the word feline, we tend to think of the domestic tabby purring contentedly in a patch of warming sun on the windowsill, but Beth has other thoughts. “I’m really interested in the big cats, too,” she offers with enthusiasm. “I’d love to work with lions and Bengal tigers, especially the Bengals because they have a serious plight right now. They’re being hunted and encroached upon in the wild, and in zoos they don’t reproduce well. Lions, on the other hand, are much easier to breed in zoos, and there’s a program now to implant Bengal tiger embryos in lions. With the tigers’ numbers rapidly dwindling, it would be interesting and worthwhile to be involved in propagating one species by using surrogate mothers from another species. That could be one way to save the tiger, because they’re on their way out if we don’t do something to stop it.”

Beth’s dreams are laudable, lofty, and certainly attainable for someone with her academic credentials, ambition, and her love of animals and the science of biology. A world with more butterflies or more tigers can only be a better place, and the rest of us are the fortunate ones who will have people like Beth Morel to thank for that.

The Painted Lady Butterfly

“I realized I wanted to focus on animals and become a veterinarian...I’d love to work with lions and Bengal tigers...”

Opposite Page: Beth is adorned with two of her Painted Lady Butterflies, a species that was more difficult to raise under laboratory conditions than she had anticipated. Above: Professor LaVonne Batalden and Beth discuss the life cycle of the butterflies Beth used for her pesticide study.
Women's Volleyball (16-17)
Faced with a roster that consisted of two juniors, two sophomores, and eight first-year players, Coach Chad Braegelmann expected the women's volleyball team to improve throughout the campaign, and the second-year head coach was correct. The Chargers won six of their last eight contests and reached the final match of the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) Tournament for the seventh straight season. They established the program's single-season records for digs (1,772) and blocks (180.5), while their 1,211 kills and 1,049 assists were the second-greatest totals in team history.

Colby-Sawyer went 16-17 overall in a demanding schedule, which consisted of 10 matches versus top ranked schools and four meetings against NCAA Division II opponents. The Chargers tied Endicott for second place in the CCC standings with a 7-2 conference mark. After eliminating Roger Williams in a home quarterfinal match of the CCC Tournament, the Chargers defeated Endicott 3-0 in a semifinal victory on the road. Colby-Sawyer ended the season as the league runner-up for the sixth time in the last seven years, following a championship loss to a powerful Gordon squad that was ranked second in New England.

Men's Soccer (12-5-3)
The 2002 Colby-Sawyer men's soccer team equaled its second most victories in a season, with a 12-5-3 record, and reached its third Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) final in eight years. The Chargers advanced to the title match by earning a 3-1 semifinal road win over three-time defending champion Roger Williams, which was ranked seventh in New England. Colby-Sawyer finished the conference tournament as the runner-up for the second time when it was defeated 2-0 at Salve Regina.

Peter Steese's squad produced its finest offensive campaign in the program's 13-year history with single-season records of 49 goals, 39 assists, and 137 points. Steese, the head coach since the team's inception in 1990, has guided the Chargers to a 124-104-16 (.541) overall mark and a 49-24-4 (.636) record versus CCC opponents in the regular season.
When postseason conference awards were announced, Colby-Sawyer was one of three schools to lead the league with six All-CCC picks. Junior forward Matt Solazzo ’04, senior midfielder Dimitri Dimakis ’03, and sophomore defender Aaron Cinquemani ’05 were First Team All-CCC selections. Junior forward Garrett Lavallee ’04 and rookie goalkeeper Adam Perron ’06 were named Second Team All-CCC, while senior midfielder Matt Wheel ’03 was Honorable Mention All-CCC.

Women’s Soccer (7-9-2)
Women’s soccer overcame a tough 2-7-0 start, and injuries to several key players, by going 4-0-2 in their final six conference matches, including a 2-2 double-overtime tie versus regular-season champion Gordon. The Chargers produced one of the top offensive seasons in team history as they registered a record 51 assists. Their 49 goals were the third most ever, while their 149 points were the second greatest total.

Fifth-year Head Coach Jill Donovan had three captains this year, and they each ended noteworthy collegiate careers as All-Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) selections at different positions. Defender Lindsay Micarelli ’03 was named First Team All-CCC, Jesse Wilfert ’03 was a Second Team All-CCC midfielder, and forward Wendy Theall ’03 was Honorable Mention All-CCC.

Micarelli, who received Donovan’s Coach’s Award, was a three-time All-CCC player. Wilfert and Theall battled for the squad’s scoring supremacy and became the first two players in the program’s history to surpass 100 career points. Their 49 goals were the third most ever, while their 149 points were the second greatest total.

Men's Basketball (21-7)
For the third time in as many years, the Colby-Sawyer men’s basketball team won the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) Tournament and received an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Championship. The Chargers began the season with a 218-99 record through the first 12 years of the program. The .688 winning percentage made them the third winningest, all-time, NCAA Division III men’s basketball team. This year’s 21-7 record (13-3 CCC) raised the percentage to 69.3 (239-106).

Head Coach Bill Foti, in his 11th year, started the season with a 199-68 career record and a .745 winning percentage, which put him in seventh place among both all-time and active NCAA Division III men’s basketball coaches. He recorded his 200th victory on November 23, and will enter next season with a 220-75 (.746) mark as the Chargers’ leader.

Co-captain Ethan Betts ’03 was the only four-year letterwinner on the squad, and the power forward was
named Second Team All-CCC for the second straight season. Betts left Colby-Sawyer with a school-record 838 rebounds.

Colby-Sawyer entered the year with a team that included eight people without any collegiate experience. The newcomers were pressed into prominent roles right away and they responded by producing 56.7 percent of the team’s points. Andrew St. Clair ’06 and Collin Bray ’06 led a talented group of rookies.

St. Clair handled the duties at center and was named CCC Rookie of the Year and Second Team All-CCC. Bray took over the point guard job and was an Honorable Mention All-CCC selection.

### Women’s Basketball (21-8)

The 2002-03 Colby-Sawyer women’s basketball team won 13 of its last 15 games and reached 20 victories for the fifth time in the last seven years with a 21-8 overall record. The Chargers went 13-4 versus Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) opponents in the regular season and tied the University of New England for first place in the CCC North Division.

The Chargers received their third straight invitation to the ECAC Division III New England Championship and were seeded second for the eight-team competition. After recording their first-ever ECAC win in a 52-48 home victory over No. 7 Keene State, they eliminated No. 3 Babson (54-37) in the semifinal round, which was hosted by Plymouth State. Colby-Sawyer’s season finally came to a conclusion the following day with a hard-fought, 77-73 loss to a veteran, top-seeded, Plymouth State team.

George Martin has guided the Chargers since 1994-95 and the ninth-year head coach raised his record to 176-68. He maintained a 72.1 victory percentage, which made him the 27th winningest, active, NCAA Division III women’s basketball coach prior to the campaign (155-60).

Co-Captain Sue Ganas ’03 capped her four-year collegiate career by being named Second Team All-CCC and playing in the New England Women’s Basketball Association (NEWBA) Senior Classic. Lisa Cole ’05 and K.J. Krasco ’06 were Honorable Mention All-CCC selections.

### Men’s Alpine Skiing (Third in Nation)

The men’s Alpine skiing team made its sixth consecutive trip to the United States Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Association (USCSA) National Championships and finished third out of 19 schools for the third straight year. This year’s competition was in Truckee, California. The Chargers, who joined the USCSA in 1998, actually tied Boston College for second at the USCSA National Championships but were awarded third place as a result of the tie-breaking process.

Sixth-year Head Coach Andrew Gannon’s squad won four of 10 regular season races and led the 10-team Eastern Collegiate Ski Conference (ECSC) MacConnell Division for the second straight year. Colby-Sawyer then qualified for nationals after finishing third of 15 at the ECSC Regional Championships.

The men’s roster was loaded with seniors and three of them capped off their careers by being named All-Americans for the first time. Corey Felton ’03 and Micah Lashar ’03 each earned three All-America honors, while co-captain Matt Ferguson ’03 came home with two All-America honors.

Felton recorded the 13th-best combined finish at nationals after coming in 14th in the slalom and 19th in the giant slalom. Each of those results was the team’s second best. Lashar earned the USCSA awards by finishing 17th in the slalom and leading the squad in both the giant slalom and combined with matching 11th-place outcomes at nationals. Ferguson gained his national recognition by pacing the team with an eighth-place slalom time and also coming in 16th in the combined.
Women’s Alpine Skiing  
(Fifth in Nation)

The women’s Alpine skiing team, which is also led by Head Coach Andrew Gannon, has made the United States Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Association National Championships an annual tradition since joining the organization in 1998. The 2003 Chargers came home from Truckee, California with their third straight, fifth-place national award.

Colby-Sawyer won the final slalom race of the regular season and finished the campaign third in the 11-school Eastern Collegiate Ski Conference MacConnell Division. The Chargers then reached their sixth consecutive USCSA National Championships by placing third of 15 at the regional championships. Four of Colby-Sawyer’s women skiers were honored as first-time USCSA All-Americans for their top-20 performances at the national championships. Senior co-captain Kristin Surowiec ’03 earned three of the All-America awards by coming in 16th in both the GS and slalom, and 12th in the combined. Surowiec led Colby-Sawyer in the giant slalom at nationals and was second on the squad in the slalom.

Chargers’ men’s skier Corey Felton’s sister, Sarah Felton ’06, earned a pair of All-America honors in her rookie year by finishing 17th in the slalom and 18th in the combined. Felton was Colby-Sawyer’s top skier in five of the 10 regular-season races. Sophomore Euginnia Manseau ’05 and Meghan Gately ’05 returned from California as slalom All-Americans. Manseau led the team with a 13th-place finish and Gately was 19th in the slalom. Manseau paced the Chargers four times during the regular season and was a top-10 finisher seven times.

Colby-Sawyer Athletics: In the Swim

Women’s Swimming and Diving (6-8)

The 2002-03 Colby-Sawyer women’s swimming and diving team compiled a 6-8 dual meet record in its second year as a varsity program. The Chargers broke all of the school records that were established in their initial season. They duplicated their victories over Western Connecticut and Elms, and defeated Gordon, Mount Saint Mary (NY), Norwich, and Saint Joseph (CT) for the first time. Second year Head Coach Rick Goerlitz’s squad also had a greatly improved showing at the New England Championships by accumulating 202 points and coming in 13th out of 20 schools.

Nine of Goerlitz’s women’s swimmers competed at the New England Championships, including Signe Linville ’06 who was fifth in the 100-yard individual medley, 11th in the 50-yard butterfly, and 12th in the 100-yard breaststroke. Linville set nine of the team’s 16 individual records this year.

Katie Mills ’06 established three of Colby-Sawyer’s distance standards. Mills set one of her records at New Englands, where she placed 15th in the 500-yard freestyle.

Jennifer Cox ’06 claimed all of the Chargers’ backstroke records (50, 100, and 200). She finished 16th in the finals of the 50-yard backstroke at New England. Kara Bordeau ’06 also put her name on an individual school record when she swam the 100-yard freestyle. Bordeau placed ninth in the finals of the 100 free, 13th in the 50 free, and 16th in the 50-yard butterfly at the New England Championships.

Men’s Swimming and Diving (1-7)

The Colby-Sawyer Men’s Swimming and Diving Team, which, like the women’s team, was coached by Rick Goerlitz, completed its initial varsity campaign with a 1-7 record. The Chargers recorded their first-ever win at Elms (62-37) on November 23, in Chicopee, Mass.

Derek Perkins ’06 led the squad with seven school records in the 50-yard freestyle, 100 free, 50-yard breaststroke, 100 breast, 200 breast, 100-yard individual medley (IM), and 200 IM. Perkins placed seventh in the 100 IM, eighth in the 100 breast, and ninth in the 50 breast at New Englands. He recorded 11 wins during the regular season.

Brian Valle ’06 set four of Colby-Sawyer’s freestyle records, including the 200-yard freestyle, 500 free, 1000 free, and 1650 free. Three of the standards occurred at the New England Championships, where he placed 10th in the 1650 free finals, and 14th and 15th, respectively in the preliminaries of the 1000 and 500. Valle also competed in the 50-yard freestyle and 100 free this year. Adam Robitaille ’06 joined his teammates at New England, where he was 20th in the preliminaries of the 50-yard freestyle and 23rd in the 100 free prelims.
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more than seventy years ago. Her remarkable recall of the stories she had heard and the ceremonies she had experienced as a child on the Makah reservation, especially their two-week Wolf Ritual, provided invaluable insight into their culture and traditions, which remained remarkably pure for a very long time due to their nearly inaccessible location. Almost 80 years old now, Helma works each day in the linguistics department at the Makah Museum, still following her father’s time-tested advice: “Don’t leave your culture,” he told her, “or you’ll have no more roots.”

The Makah Museum where Helma works is just one of more than twenty museums and cultural centers I visited. The art and artifacts they contain help to define, illustrate, and proclaim the rich cultural traditions of these Pacific Northwest peoples in much the same way their stories and ceremonies do. Such works are integral to understanding their cultures, for, while it was not their custom to write things down, they did express what was important to them in the things they made. The most dramatic and distinctive pieces I saw—indeed, those that define this region iconographically—were created by the northwest coastal tribes for whom art served two main functions. Of greatest importance was the crest art, which depicted the mythic symbols of the particular owner’s family history. These took the form of totem poles, house posts, canoes, wooden chests, serving dishes, spoons, masks, rattles, headaddresses, and decorated blankets. Art was also used by coastal people to make the supernatural world visible: human, animal, and mythic creatures were not only carved on tribal possessions but brought to life through dramatic dances. The best examples of coastal art can be found at the University of British Columbia’s Anthropology Museum in Vancouver, the Royal British Columbia Museum in Victoria, the Burke Museum at the University of Washington, and the Seattle Museum of Art.

While the museums in the interior may seem less spectacular than those on the coast, containing baskets and baby-borders rather than totem poles and longhouses, two of these places are among my favorites. The first is on the Umatilla Reservation in Pendleton, Oregon. I’m drawn to it not just because it has a first-rate collection, but also because I truly love its name: the Tamastslikt Cultural Center. Tamastslikt, you see, means turned around, which is exactly what the new tribal museums like this one aim to do—turn around the stereotyped, white-defined presentations of Indian history, culture, and art found in most “mainstream” institutions. The second one, also in Oregon, is further west, in the shadow of Mt. Hood. This is the Museum at Warm Springs, a stunning architectural structure, which houses a first-rate collection as well. Here the Wasco word “twanat”—which means to follow—appears over the front entrance. The metaphorical implications of these two words taken together is irresistible, providing me with a final lesson: follow our lead, they tell us, enter our doors, journey for an hour or two along the circle of our lives, and you’ll be rewarded with a turned around perspective on what it means—and has meant—to be Native American. That’s just what I did for several months during the spring and summer of 2002. I had a remarkable opportunity to follow that circle on a journey which took me from the edge of oceans to the top of mountains, from lush green rainforests to the arctic tundra, from bustling cities to primitive villages. It was a journey in search of a fuller understanding and a deeper knowledge of a people who continue to celebrate their heritage, affirm their cultures, express their spirit in myriad ways, in spite of all they’ve faced since the white explorers their ancestors called the “Bostons” first came into their midst. Yet, they were willing to share their traditions with a descendent of those “Bostons,” simply because I sought to follow their lead and was willing to gain my own turned-around insights and observations among the native peoples of the Pacific Northwest on a sojourn I’ll never forget.

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has helped her come out of her shell in an incredible fashion. I’ve seen the amazing growth in her and it tells me Colby-Sawyer really is a special school. It has to do with her professors and the friends she’s made. I just love her friends, and I can tell you that all three of us have benefited from our time spent there.”

“That’s so true,” Janet says with a smile. “Melanie was there in the 70s when the college was becoming a four-year institution and it was a time of self-discovery for both her and the college. In the fifty years I’ve been involved with Colby-Sawyer, it has always changed in ways calculated to offer students just the right guidance as they travel that road to self-discovery.”

Will the Colby-Sawyer legacy of these three women continue? Cecily answers best when she says laughingly, “If I have children, I won’t pressure them to go to Colby-Sawyer, but I’ll tell them how much I learned there and how much enjoyment I had doing it in such a supportive and friendly atmosphere. It would be lots of fun bringing them to campus, showing them around, and sharing my memories with them. It will also be great to see how things will have changed since my own years there.” A low-key sales pitch if there ever was one, but it certainly implies that this family’s long-term love affair with Colby-Sawyer is far from over.
In the second Capital Campaign Supplement of the Alumni Magazine, we profile a number of accomplished students and alumni, none of whom could have attended Colby-Sawyer without significant support from scholarships and financial aid. From the nursing student at work in Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center's Cardiac Care Unit, to the biology student who has spent her summers and vacations at work in third-world countries, these individuals have taken lessons learned in the classroom at Colby-Sawyer and transformed them into valuable contributions to society and into viable careers in education and the arts. We’ll also introduce the founders of two very different scholarship funds, one begun by a class of alumnae and another by an alumna and her family, and look at how two of the recipients are making the best of their education.

Colby-Sawyer’s educational mission envisions a student body that brings a wide range of talents and cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds to the college community. As members of a diverse community, students learn to live, study, and socialize with people whose experiences and world views differ from their own, and to develop skills that will help them to thrive in fast-changing, multicultural societies that will likely be part of their future.

Yet, it can be difficult for a college such as Colby-Sawyer to build a truly diverse community. Many of the talented students for whom Colby-Sawyer could be the ideal college come from families that cannot afford the full cost of college tuition. As these families make significant investments in their children’s education, Colby-Sawyer must provide scholarships and financial aid to offset the high cost of a college education today.

Since the college’s return to coeducation 12 years ago, Colby-Sawyer’s enrollment has grown by approximately 78 percent, from 527 students in 1990-1991 to 940 in 2002-2003. At the same time, the cost of financial aid has risen to almost $8 million, a significant percentage of the college’s annual budget. If Colby-Sawyer were to reduce its commitment to providing scholarships and financial aid, only students from affluent families would be able to attend the college.

To meet these growing needs and provide the college with long-term financial stability, Colby-Sawyer’s endowment must continue to grow substantially. An increase in private giving for endowment is the college’s most urgent need today. In particular, gifts for scholarships will enable Colby-Sawyer to compete more successfully for the most talented students.

Through increased private contributions, combined with prudent fiscal management and an aggressive investment strategy, Colby-Sawyer will continue to offer the most comprehensive liberal arts education that will prepare students well for whatever opportunities and challenges the world has to offer them.
By mid-spring 2003, the Confidently Colby-Sawyer: Succeeding Together initiative had raised $32,493,413 of its $40 million campaign goal. Now in its fifth year, the campaign is on track to conclude by the summer of 2004. To date, more than 6,000 alumni, parents, and friends have contributed to this comprehensive effort to elevate the college to an even higher level of academic excellence.

Many contributors have supported the college’s most important source of current operational dollars—the Annual Fund. The Annual Fund fills the gap between the revenues generated from tuition and fees and the actual cost of educating our students. In times of economic uncertainty, when fewer dollars flow from the college’s endowment into its operating budget, Annual Fund support is doubly important. We are grateful to the many individuals, families, and companies for believing in and supporting Colby-Sawyer’s educational mission and vision for a bright and secure future.

Colby-Sawyer College has been extremely fortunate to have received 42 campaign leadership gifts of $100,000 or more from individuals and their families (see list on page 43). Fourteen of these gifts were worth at least one million dollars. These benefactors are improving the quality of our students’ academic experiences and making it possible for more young people with promise and potential to receive a Colby-Sawyer education.

These generous gifts to the campaign have enabled the college to add more full-time faculty members, to renovate the health, exercise, and sport sciences center, and to create new scholarships. These gifts have also added $15 million to the college’s endowment and have enabled the college to begin construction of the Curtis L. Ivey Science Center.

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Campaign, we are buoyed by our progress to date in advancing the college mission. We are providing our students with new and better tools for learning and a wider range of strong academic and co-curricular programs from which to choose. Our progress is exciting and gratifying, yet much more work remains before we will have succeeded in moving Colby-Sawyer to its full potential.

We still need to increase support for student scholarships. We also need to raise the remaining funds for the science building and another $2 million for the current operating budget. We are confident we will successfully meet the goals of this most ambitious campaign, but we will need the help of all of our alumni, parents, and friends to make it through the final stretch.

— Donald Hasseltine
Vice President for Advancement

Over the years, Joanne has found the medical technology education she received at Colby Junior College to be helpful in life in general and in her art business in particular. “Medical technology can be pretty rigorous, but you take some other liberal arts courses, and I feel that because of that, I got to round out my education. It gave me a good sense of other areas and broadened my intellect,” she says. “And the sciences, with the organization they teach, have really helped me in business.” Additionally, being part of a small college community “really helps you come into your own.”

Joanne continues to give back to Colby-Sawyer in ways other than through scholarships; she has completed her ninth year of service as a trustee at the college. “It’s been very interesting to watch the college grow, from when we went coed to the building of new academic programs,” she says. “In the nine years I’ve been a trustee, we’ve seen numerous changes, all positive. We’re getting close to 1,000 students in our enrollment, and that’s part of our strategic plan.”

As to the scholarships that bear her name and that of her beloved grandmother, she says, “It’s really an important thing to provide scholarships, to give different generations the opportunity to experience Colby-Sawyer.”

“[The Franke scholarship] was wonderfully helpful...it helped me decide to stay here.”
—Joanne Daigle ’06

We loved art, and getting into the art business just evolved,” she remarks, adding she’s been in the trade for the past 20 years.

One current recipient of the Emma M. Franke Scholarship is Joanne Daigle ’06, who this year received $2,000 from the fund. A psychology major with a child development minor, Joanne Daigle has worked at Colby-Sawyer’s Windy Hill School, which serves as a laboratory school for child development/education majors. Interest in the field of child development runs in her family; her sister is a child psychologist, her mother a day-care center operator.

“The [Franke] scholarship was wonderfully helpful,” Joanne Daigle says. “Students get a good percentage of tuition paid through scholarships and grants, and I was surprised that I’d get more,” she observed, after receiving her Franke scholarship during her second semester. “It helped me decide to stay here.”

Joanne Daigle is a New Hampshire native, hailing from a tiny town that had one school, grades K-12, and 430 students in all. Her graduating high school class numbered 19, of which she was valedictorian. “Colby-Sawyer is a very nice, tight-knit community, and coming from so small a school, I like that,” she explains.

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Projected  Actual

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

Year 1  Year 2  Year 3  Year 4  Year 5
10.4  17.0  25.0  32.5  40.0
9.8  17.3  25.4  32.5

Projected
Actual
In the Cardiac Care Unit (CCU) at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Justin Montgomery, a senior nursing student, rushes into the critical care room, where an elderly man has been wheeled in on a stretcher after suffering a heart attack. Justin and the other nurses move quickly to stabilize the patient, taking time to speak in quiet, reassuring tones to the frightened man.

“It’s pretty intense on the unit,” Justin explains later on. “They come in very sick and very nervous. But with all the amazing technology we have today, there’s so much that can be done that many people can walk out fairly healthy after a heart attack.”

Justin, who graduated in May with high honors and an impressive array of academic awards, has been engaged in clinical work on the CCU for the last two years as part of his work to fulfill his Colby-Sawyer Nursing Department requirements. The quality of his work in this intense, critical-care environment has so impressed the CCU staff that they have offered Justin a full-time position as a nurse following graduation. He’ll be the first new graduate ever hired on the unit.

“It’s exciting, and it’s also an honor,” says Justin. “They felt that it was worth creating an orientation program for new nurses like me, and I can help them create it.”

A non-traditional student with a wife and two small chil-
dren, Justin entered the nursing program at Colby-Sawyer following four years in the U.S. Air Force as a fire fighter. Throughout his four years in the program, he attended classes and completed numerous internships while working full-time at DHMC to help support his family. His elder sister, Kezia Montgomery, graduated from Colby-Sawyer’s nursing program in 1999, but it wasn’t until Justin watched nurses in action at DHMC that he realized he, too, wished to pursue the same career path.

From his experiences as a fire fighter, Justin knew he needed to work in a fast-paced, adrenaline-pumping environment. He initially hoped to pursue a career as a paramedic, that is, until he witnessed flight nurses in action while working as a dispatcher for Dartmouth-Hitchcock Advanced Response Team (DHART). The DHART crews use helicopters to evacuate trauma victims from the scenes of serious accidents or remote locations to the nearest medical center in Northern New England.

“What I saw flight nurses do completely altered my perception of what it means to be a nurse,” Justin says. “What impressed me most was the high level of skill and education required to meet the continual challenges of their jobs. It was enlightening for me. I realized that I’d had a disillusioned, stereotypical view of nursing.”

In the last four years, Justin has worked as a student nurse with children in pediatric units and with mentally ill people undergoing psychiatric treatment. He has worked with terminally ill patients in a hospice setting, and traveled with visiting nurses as they cared for patients in their homes. In the last year, he worked with youth at a new treatment center based in the Newport (N.H.) Middle High School, and helped the school devise strategies for coping with the issue of bullying.

“I was originally drawn to the idea of flight nursing and critical, emergent care, but I’ve since found that community care, public health, and pediatric nursing are just as exciting and fulfilling,” says Justin. “It’s not one particular area that draws me; what’s exciting is being a nurse.”

In Colby-Sawyer’s nursing program, Justin has found a good mix of classroom and clinical experiences, with an exceptionally strong focus on community-based nursing. “People leave hospitals ‘sicker and quicker’ today, and we have to take into account the community and the environment people are returning to and the resources they’ll have on hand. The focus on community nursing broadens our perspectives on patient care and allows us to see the whole range of experience, from home to hospital and back.”

Justin also appreciates the camaraderie that develops among the nursing faculty and the student nurses. “As an adult learner, I appreciate that the faculty treat the student nurses as colleagues and respect where we are in our development as professionals,” Justin explains. “It doesn’t feel competitive. It feels like we’re a team working together to get us to the point where we’re prepared to care for people.”

Assistant Professor of Nursing Cindy Loring has served as Justin’s academic advisor and teacher for the last three years. She describes Justin as an “outstanding student and wonderful nurse” whose “energy, maturity, organizational skills, critical thinking ability, and attention to detail will serve him well in critical care,” an area in which most novice nurses are not prepared to serve. She adds, “I think he will make contributions to the profession with every step he takes. He will be a great role model for future nurses.”

Without a large package that combined scholarship funds with financial aid grants from the college and federal and state government, Justin would have been unable to afford to attend Colby-Sawyer College. “I owe a huge debt of gratitude to all those who provide scholarship funding,” he says. “If I had to come up with all the money to pay for this, there’s just no way I could have done it.”

While many recent college graduates enter the poorest job market in twenty years with trepidation, Justin and his fellow nursing graduates see infinite possibilities for satisfying and exciting work amid a severe shortage of nurses.

“The exciting thing about nursing is that so many things are open to you,” Justin concludes. “It’s been enlightening to me to see all the different paths that I may be able to take in the course of my career.”

DHART crews provide medical evacuation of trauma patients from scenes of injury and transport them to the closest trauma center in the New England region’s five states. The team consists of communications specialists, flight nurses, flight paramedics, respiratory care practitioners, mobile intensive care unit transport nurses, EMTs, pilots, and airframe and power plant mechanics.
An Extraordinary Reunion Gift

by Paul E. Kandarian

Fifty years removed from college is a long time and, sadly, a long enough time to claim a few lives along the way. So when the Colby Junior College Class of 1950 met a few years ago to discuss its 50th reunion, some of the classmates talked about starting a scholarship in the name of the class—for the memory of their deceased classmates. Now, $25,000 later, the need-based Class of 1950 Memorial Scholarship is a reality, thanks to the hard work of a few who got the ball rolling and the many classmates who contributed the donations to fund it.

“This has never been done before,” says Susan Morrison Mayer ’50, a current member of the college’s Board of Trustees, of the first-ever scholarship endowed by a class at Colby-Sawyer. “We saw this as a really fitting memorial for all those from our class who have passed away,” Susan says. “The class of 1950 wasn’t huge,” she recalls, “probably numbering less than 200, so raising that much money was extraordinary for this school.”

The class raised an impressive amount of money in a relatively short amount of time, something Barbara Bishop MacLean ’50, who now lives in Maine and was one of those who helped start the drive, attributes to the largesse of the class in general, many of whom remain in close contact with each other.

“I’ve co-chaired the last few five-year reunions and there was a big push for the 50th,” Barbara says. “For every reunion, Susan and I divide a list of classmates. We call them in different parts of the country and get them to call ten or twelve others in their areas.

“This time, we were asking for double giving, for the annual fund and for the scholarship,” she said, adding that most classmates were very receptive to the idea.

Ashley Lorance ’06, one of the first recipients of the scholarship, is thankful for it. Lorance, who is undeclared but leaning toward a double major in business administration and sports management, said landing the scholarship helped her decide which college to attend.

“The money helped. Any money helps when you’re going to college,” says Ashley, a resident of Pembroke, Mass., of the scholarship for $1,000. “It was a big part of making my decision to go to Colby-Sawyer.”

Ashley, who came from a large regional high school, says the Colby-Sawyer campus “is a homey little community. Plus, I play volleyball and that helped me decide to come here, too. It was just a good choice.

“The scholarship from the class of 1950 is a great idea and cause,” Ashley adds. “They say you’ll keep your college friends forever, and these friends enjoyed their time here enough to give back to the school and to the students going here now. It’s a very nice tribute.”

Today, members of the class of 1950 have fanned out across the country, yet they remain close, meeting for reunions yearly and communicating by telephone, letters, and e-mail, according to Barbara. “Some drop by the wayside, but one gal who had never been back came to a reunion recently from California,” she says.

Barbara came from New Jersey originally, but was familiar with New Hampshire since her father had gone to Dartmouth College and had remained active in alumni affairs. She came to Colby Junior College, which after ninety years as a coeducational academy had become a junior college for women in 1928, and she liked the experience.

“We knew Dr. (H. Leslie) Sawyer; he was the first president of the women’s school,” and remained president of the school until his retirement in 1955. Although Colby Junior College remained primarily a women’s school until 1990, Barbara recalls that, “They took in a few boys from time to time.”

“I’m proud of what Colby Junior College has become,” Barbara states. She seems equally proud of the scholarship bearing the name of her class. “If you give a donation, unless there’s something there to remind people, it’s sometimes forgotten,” she says. “But every year, a scholarship is given by the class of 1950, and they’re remembered.

“And besides,” she adds with a laugh, “I don’t think we could have raised enough money to have a building named after us.” ☑
Zanna Campbell grew up in Littleton, a small northern New Hampshire village, where by age three she was horseback riding and skiing down the local ski slopes. She became expert in both these sports, but in school she always had to struggle with her studies. By the time she was ready to graduate from high school, in a class of just 56 students, she knew she wanted to attend a college where she could pursue her favorite sports and work closely with professors in small classes. When she arrived for a tour of Colby-Sawyer College in 1995, her decision was instantaneous: “I just knew this was it,” she says. “I had to be here.”

Yet, granting Zanna’s first choice for college wasn’t easy for her family. Zanna’s father had passed away when she was in eighth grade, and her mother, Carroll Campbell, had already stretched her budget to send an older son and daughter to state colleges. Mrs. Campbell was soon on a first-name basis with the staff in Colby-Sawyer’s Financial Aid Office, which was able to offer Zanna the combination of scholarships, loans, and financial aid that made it possible for her to attend.

Zanna dove into Colby-Sawyer’s campus activities as a gregarious and fun-loving student. She competed for four years on the equestrian team and participated in the International Horse Show Association National Championships. She acted in many of the college’s theatrical productions and guided prospective students and their families on tours of the campus for the Admissions Office.

Academically, Zanna thrived by connecting with her professors in and outside of the classroom. Inspired by Professors Marc Clement and Anne Bewley’s passion for teaching, she chose the field of psychology. “I had no qualms about asking for extra help whenever I needed it,” she recalls. “I once called a professor at home at 10 o’clock at night before a test because I just couldn’t get the material, and he talked me through it until I really understood it.”

Seven years later, Zanna is still at Colby-Sawyer. After graduating in 2000 with a bachelor’s degree in psychology, she worked briefly as an au pair in Switzerland before returning to the college seven months later as an admissions counselor. Zanna now travels around the state of New Hampshire and to Ohio to bring prospective students to Colby-Sawyer.

“It’s easy for me to promote Colby-Sawyer to students because it’s a place I love and where I really blossomed,” she says. “I know it isn’t the right school for everyone: for some it’s too small or it doesn’t offer programs like engineering. But for me and my friends, it was exactly the right place. I felt comfortable asking questions in the classroom, and I made such good friends here, not just students, but also with the faculty and staff. It sounds like a cliché, but we really became family.”

As an admissions counselor, Zanna sees her former self in many of the young prospective students. “I meet students who are the perfect fit for Colby-Sawyer, who don’t necessarily have a lot of money or the top grades in their high school class, but who have tremendous potential to thrive here. With those students we try extremely hard to make it financially possible for them to be here.”

Director of Admissions Rick Ellis met Zanna while she was a student, and he recruited her to join the Key Association, in which current students are trained to welcome prospective students and their families to the college and to provide campus tours. “As a student, Zanna represented everything Colby-Sawyer was proud of,” Rick says. “She was involved in all kinds of activities, and she dedicated everything she had to every project.”

Following her graduation, Rick, through telephone calls to Switzerland, began recruiting Zanna to join the Admissions Office. “I knew she’d be perfect for the position and, in fact, she has performed even better than we hoped she would. The time and energy she puts into our current students and those looking to enroll have been vital to our success as an institution.”

On campus, Zanna’s office has become a hub for current students, faculty, staff, and alumni passing through town. She welcomes each one warmly and takes time to sit them down for a chat because they, after all, are part of her family.
“It’s a lot of work, but I’m really glad I chose to be a resident assistant... I’ve matured; I’m more comfortable with who I am.”

— LEAH HEBERT ’05

A Journey of Self-Discovery

by Kimberly Swick Slover
A petite woman sits before the grand piano in Wheeler Hall, smiling to herself as her fluttering fingers coax a quiet melody from the keys. Students pass through the hall on their way to and from class, barely noticed by Leah Hebert as she steals a few moments from a busy day to give herself a small musical gift. A sophomore from South Paris, Maine, Leah is carving out her place in the college community.

“I’ve grown so much,” she says of her last year. “It’s been a journey of self-discovery.”

Leah struggled as a first-year student, unsure of what she wanted to study or how to relate to many of the people around her. Confused about the future, she left Colby-Sawyer after one semester, returning to her parents’ home to reflect on her direction.

Leah soon realized she needed to return to college, but by this time she was late in applying for financial aid and registering for classes in the fall. Eager to resume her college classes, she called Director of Academic Affairs Nancy Teach, who sprang into action to help bring Leah back.

“Leah has so much potential; I knew that once she connected to the community, she’d do very well,” Nancy says. “She needed to talk with people here who could help her make good decisions and get on track with her education. Leah had leadership potential, so I gave her some ideas about how she could develop those skills as well.”

Nancy directed Leah to staff in the Financial Aid office, who worked hard to create a package of scholarship and financial aid support that would enable Leah to afford another year of tuition. Leah also joined the Leadership Expeditions Program and the Campus Activities Board, through which she became more engaged in campus life and took on greater responsibilities as a student leader.

“When I decided to come back, one of the biggest decisions I made was to become a resident assistant,” Leah explains. “I did it because I was scared to do it; it meant taking on a lot more responsibility and forced me to move outside my comfort zone. I knew I’d have to weave myself into a new community and that it would definitely be a challenge.”

As a resident assistant, Leah now supervises 42 residents in Page Hall, many of whom are upperclassmen. This year, Leah has organized community-building programs on such subjects as fire safety, relaxation techniques, and seasonal affective disorder. “It’s a lot of work, but I’m really glad I chose to be a resident assistant. I’m learning that I sometimes have to make decisions that others won’t like; it’s my job. But if people don’t agree with me, I’m O.K. with that. Part of it is that I’ve matured; I’m more comfortable with who I am.”

An avid reader and writer, Leah also found her niche within the Department of Humanities. Through courses in literature, philosophy, communications, and the arts, she sees her body of knowledge and her writing and critical thinking skills growing stronger.

Humanities Professor Tom Kealy says, “Leah is the kind of student who can breathe life into a class. She brings a quiet enthusiasm to the discussions, she writes with compelling clarity and honesty, and she is always thinking and connecting the course goals to her own life goals. Her intellectual integrity is quite inspiring.”

Leah has also reached out beyond campus to the New London community. In need of another part-time job, Leah learned of a local resident named Joan Evans who was looking for a student who would help her at home. Through one of the harshest winters in memory, Leah became a bright spot in Mrs. Evans’s life. Macular degeneration had compromised Mrs. Evans of her ability to read, drive, and play music, and Leah has brought those things back into her life.

“We have a lot in common,” says Leah, her face brightening at the mention of her new friend. “We both play the piano and the violin, and I play them for her when I visit. We go to movies, and I read the newspaper to her, and we talk about politics and current events. She’s a peach. I feel guilty accepting a paycheck because I enjoy spending time with her so much.”

Mrs. Evans has enjoyed Leah’s company immensely as well. “She’s a wonderful girl. It’s helped me so much to have her around; we’re interested in many of the same things. I’d see her more if I could and hope she’ll be able to come back next year.”

For Leah, who could not attend Colby-Sawyer without substantial support from scholarships and financial aid, college has cracked her sense of possibilities wide open. “I’m so happy here,” she says, with a shy smile. “I’m exactly where I need to be.”

Leah Hebert ’06 (right) picks up Joan Evans’s violin to play a tune for her during one of their regular visits.

PHOTO: KATIE DOW ’90
It’s pilot season for the television industry, when hundreds of actors converge on New York City to vie for a few choice roles in scores of potential new shows. Nathan Corddry ’00 is one of the struggling young actors, and he hurries along a Manhattan street, cell phone pressed to his ear, talking fast about his unfolding career.

“I have one more pilot to try out for, and after that, I begin rehearsing for my first Broadway show,” he says. “My agent is really pushing me hard toward television, because that’s where the money is, but live theater is what I love.”

But television work pays the rent, and Nathan hopes that maximum exposure on the small screen will lead to juicier roles in theater down the line. In the last year, he’s landed small parts on the television drama, “Law and Order,” and the soap opera, “Guiding Light.” He’s appeared on “Late Night with Conan O’Brien,” and in dozens of commercials for companies such as Verizon, AT & T, McDonald’s, and Pizza Hut. Trained as a stage actor in theater productions at Colby-Sawyer College and in four seasons of summer stock at Williamstown, Nathan acquiesces to television’s demands for practical reasons.

“Television is an editor’s medium, not an actor’s medium. There’s often no rehearsal, and everything is fast, fast, fast. Then the editors cut and splice your performance,” he explains. “Live theater is a much more powerful medium for actors. You are always in control of your performance. But television pays the bills, and at this point in my career, it’s what I need to do.”

In the competition for acting roles, Nathan fares well among actors with formal theatrical training from prestigious theater programs at major universities. “One of the first things casting directors ask you is where you trained as an actor, and the fact that I went to Colby-Sawyer, which doesn’t offer a theater degree, is a novelty,” he says. “But it really benefited me because at Colby-Sawyer I learned by doing. I performed in a lot of great roles, as well as produced and directed productions and started an improv group. Other kids have Yale theater degrees, but I have more experience because I had so many more opportunities.”

Nathan’s acting career began while he was a high school student in Weymouth, Mass., where he performed in several school productions. When he began looking at colleges, he knew he would continue to act, yet he wanted a broad liberal arts education rather than one narrowly focused on the performing arts. He became a Communication Studies major at Colby-Sawyer, where he quickly found a friend and mentor in Associate Professor of Performing Arts Jerry Bliss.

“Nathan was like our second son,” says Professor Bliss. “He was so exciting to work with as an actor. He knows what he wants, and he’s absolutely driven.” Nathan performed in every production the college produced while he was here, and eventually Professor Bliss began to choose shows based around Nathan’s talent, such as “The Little Shop of Horrors” and “Guarding the Bridge.” “There’s nothing Nathan can’t do as an actor,” Professor Bliss offers, “he’s completely honest and willing to take risks. He’s going to do very well.”
While Nathan excelled in the theater in his first two years at Colby-Sawyer, he struggled with his course work and in finding friends who shared similar interests. So, when Northeastern University recruited him for its theater program, Nathan transferred to the Boston, Mass., college, where he spent a year before returning to Colby-Sawyer.

“At Northeastern, I took only courses in theater and worked on my artistic and acting skills, but I was really a small fish in a big pond,” he recalls. “When I was gone I began to realize all the opportunities I had taken for granted or missed at Colby-Sawyer.”

To the surprise of his professors in Communication Studies, Nathan—the student who was placed on academic probation in his first year—now showed great enthusiasm in the classroom. “It took me longer to mature and realize the importance of academics,” Nathan admits. “I started taking my courses seriously and applying myself. I had some great classes with professors Pat Anderson, Donna Berghorn, and Don Coonley that really changed the way I look at the media. I had an amazing year as a person and as an actor.”

Like many other students, Nathan could never have attended Colby-Sawyer College without major scholarship and financial aid. “The aid I received was invaluable to me,” he says. “My brother was accepted at Middlebury College, but my family could not afford to send him there. Colby-Sawyer would not have been an option for me without a great scholarship.”

Beginning in August, Nathan will perform in three supporting roles and as an understudy for the lead role of Benjamin in the Broadway tour of “The Graduate.” He attributes much of his success, and his confidence, to experience gained at Colby-Sawyer.

“All the opportunities I had at Colby-Sawyer showed me there was nothing stopping me,” he says. “Everything was within my grasp. Everything was possible.”

In the play, “Red Angel,” performed at the Williamstown Theatre Festival, Nathan Corddry (left) chats with fellow actor Eric Bogosian, who is also a highly respected playwright and has been nominated for Tony and Oscar Awards for his acting roles. PHOTO COURTESY OF NATHAN CORDDRY.

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For Rebecca Harned, a recently graduated biology student from Newington, Conn., the last year has been an immersion course in environmental activism. She spent last summer in Costa Rica, where she conducted field research on the effects of eco-tourism in some of the country’s national parks. Over the winter break, she traveled to Cuba, where she studied the country’s sustainable agricultural practices. And for spring break, she headed to Nicaragua, where she worked with the American Friends Service Committee and Compas de Nicaragua to assist communities in improving their water sanitation and agricultural practices.

On campus this past year, Rebecca led the drive to re-establish a recycling program. She convinced the college to launch a three-year pilot program, in which students, faculty, and staff will work together to build a campus-wide recycling program.

All of these efforts reflect Rebecca’s commitment to educating communities about ways to develop more responsible and sustainable approaches to managing their local environments. “My whole life has been geared toward the environment; I’ve always been drawn to nature’s beauty, to the changing leaves and the flowers in bloom,” says Rebecca, breaking into a wide and captivating smile. “But I’ve always been concerned about man’s place in nature and our tendency to want to conquer nature, rather than to respect and care for it.”

Rebecca has found great diversity of knowledge among the faculty, whose expertise ranges from wildlife and cellular biology and ornithology to animal ecology and conservation biology. She says she has gained a broad understanding of environmental studies, knowledge that she has solidified through her internships and field studies. “The interactive learning experiences have allowed me to use all the things I’ve studied in the classroom,” she says. Her studies abroad have also affirmed her interest in environmental education as a potential career.

Eric Riedel, when he was vice president of Student Development, worked closely with Rebecca in kicking off the recycling program. He describes Rebecca as an “environmental activist very much committed to a healthy planet and to making the world a better place.” To gain greater community awareness on campus, Rebecca wrote articles about the environment in every issue of The Colby-Sawyer Courier, the student newspaper, and she also served as the liaison to the college’s Institute for the Community and Environment. Additionally, she was always willing to do the hard and dirty work, such as collecting recyclables and lugging them to the transfer station. “Rebecca is a professor’s dream,” Riedel adds. “She takes what she learns and applies it. She takes her responsibility toward changing the world very seriously and sometimes doesn’t quite understand why others don’t see their responsibilities as clearly as she does.”

Biology Professor Bill Thomas, who has had Rebecca in several classes and supervised her senior project, has seen Rebecca mature both emotionally and intellectually in her four years of college. “She did more independent environmental research and outreach than any student I’ve ever seen,” he said. “She has expended a tremendous amount of energy in identifying environmental issues and working to educate people about them. She is to be commended for all she’s accomplished, and she should be very proud.”

Like many other bright and promising students at Colby-Sawyer, Rebecca has depended on financial aid packages every year that have combined scholarships and loans to finance her education. “I wouldn’t be at school otherwise; it just wouldn’t be possible,” Rebecca explains. “If I didn’t receive a lot of financial support, at most I’d be a part-time student with a full-time job.”

Rebecca returned to Costa Rica this past June to work for a one-year internship in sustainable development with The School for Field Studies, followed by a position with the Peace Corps. “I’m very excited,” she said before her departure. “It’s overwhelming that it’s all happening so fast, but it feels right, just like it’s my fate to do this.”
Save the date!
Reunion 2004 will be celebrated June 4–6, 2004, for classes ending in 4 and 9. As always, all alumni will be invited to this all-college event. Renew old friendships and make new ones; call your roommates, teammates, and friends to plan ahead for a memorable weekend on the hill! If you would like to volunteer to be part of your Reunion committee, please contact Tracey Austin in the Alumni Office (603-526-3886 or taustin@colby-sawyer.edu).

Calling all Singers
Were you a Monotone? A member of the Buzzin’ Dozen, Chapel Choir, or any of Colby-Sawyer’s other musical groups? Please let the Alumni Office know. We would love to have music be a part of Reunion, and your help and indication of interest are needed!

Alumni Directory
University Publishing Corporation is working on our new alumni directory, to be published later this year. Their unusual approach, which contributed to our choosing them for this project, is to provide a directory to every alumna/us who returns a questionnaire. The program is funded strictly by your voluntary contributions. We hope that all of our alumni will participate by returning the forms provided, and will consequently own this excellent reference book, which will list alums alphabetically, by class year, and by city and state. Please be sure to complete and return your form. For more information, please call the Alumni Office.

Chargers Club Brick Project
Construction is underway on the new walkway that will connect the Dan and Kathleen Hogan Sports Center with the beautifully renovated Mercer Hall. The brick engraver is completing the personalized messages on the first round of bricks, recognizing graduations, passings, marriages, births, and friendships. Add your commemorative brick to the new walkway. Call the Alumni Office for a brochure, or visit the Alumni and Friends pages of the Colby-Sawyer Web site for more information.

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Our secure on-line ordering process is running smoothly, allowing those of you who aren’t near New London access to our varied and unique Colby-Sawyer merchandise. Pictured below is the newest item in the Marketplace, a beautiful Judith Rayner color print, ready for framing, which offers an amazingly detailed depiction of the college. (The print may be viewed but not ordered on-line at this time—call for details.) Proceeds from the Marketplace support the mission and activities of the Alumni Association for the benefit of Colby-Sawyer College. Visit the Marketplace at www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends/.

Attention, Alumni Authors
If you have a book currently in print, please let us know. We would like to feature your book in the magazine and add it to our library collection.

Call for Nominations
Please call, write, or e-mail the Alumni Office with names of Colby-Sawyer friends and classmates who have made contributions of service to the college, their profession, and/or their communities, or whose public service reflects positively on Colby-Sawyer.
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A1930

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1931

Barbara M. Clough
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It is no surprise that only 4 replies to my 17 notes were received.

Barbara Vaughan Garside asks if Kendal in Hanover (80 Lyme Road) is a life-care community. Yes, it is, and admissions have mailed you some information about the facility, Barbara.

Prudence "Prue" Potter Jenkins made a 2-week cruise down the Inter-coastal waterway to FL, in Nov. She spent Thanksgiving with family in OH. Congratulations to your daughter who breeds and shows English Springer Spaniels, Prue. Having a dog taking "best" in the Springer class in the Feb. dog show at Madison Square Garden is well worth congratulations. Elizabeth "Lib" Grimes Smith is planning for 2 weeks at Jekyll Island, GA. She goes with her niece who is from New London, NH. What a great escape after the long, incredible winter! Harriet Gray Vangsness keeps busy with activities and her classes at Sun City, FL. We rejoice with you, Harriet, that you are able to sustain so active a routine of health and pleasure. All is well with me, though there are limitations. No more accurate reminder than my recent 93rd birthday. I wish that I could write each one of you a long letter. It would remind you of our past as pioneers of a well-established college. Take pride! Please keep in touch.

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September-May: Barbara Vaughan Garside

1932

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This has been a disappointing year for writing up my notes. I sent out 30 stamped return postcards with personal messages on each. Five were returned without a word on them, not even identification of who sent them back! If you are telling me you would like a new correspondent, please say so—I would love it! Now, a very sad note. A card from Helen Buker Rachlin’s son told me that Helen had died after a brief illness. Our sympathies are extended to her entire family. Devera Bolonsky Lappen’s daughter, Susan, wrote that her father had died in Nov. and that Devera is now in an assisted living facility. Evelyn "Evie" Kelley can’t believe that she is in her mid-90s and quotes a Reader’s Digest remark that “her back goes out more often than she does.” A positive attitude and one day at a time keeps her happy. It makes her smile more often. I talk to Gertrude "Gert" Ball Humphrey quite often. She is still in Seabrook, NH, and was snowed in this winter, as we all were. Her nephew and his wife are very attentive.

Barbara "Barb" Wilson Lenox isn’t dancing anymore as she has 4 ruptured disks, but she is doing pool exercises. A doctor/neighbor has breakfast at 7:30 daily with her and then he reads the newspaper to her. At 4:00 p.m., 3 or 4 of her friends have cocktails and then they go to dinner. She and the doctor do crossword puzzles each evening. She is still working twice a week at a drug and alcohol center on herbs and art subjects. In other words, she keeps very busy. Harriet Isherwood Power had a small stroke in Feb. No permanent damage, but it has messed up her life, and she is very tired and slow in moving and thinking. She says she gets better as the day goes on and by evening she is a decent person. Her 11th great-grandchild was christened just after Christmas and wore Harriet’s christening gown, which was made 89 years ago. She is the 16th baby to wear it (2 were boys). Harriet flew to FL for the event. This has been an up and down year for me. On the down side, I fell and broke 3 ribs. I was in the hospital for a short time and then I spent 2 weeks in Woodcrest, which is a beautiful assisted living facility here in New London. I used a cane during the ice and snow here, but now I am in my own home and walking without help, and loving it! We had a long hard winter with lots of snow. In May of ’02, my first great-grandchild was born and he is watch your TV programs. She is a beautiful girl and just skated in the World Championships.
a delight. On my 91st birthday, the entire family came up and helped me celebrate. It was a happy time and I feel blessed.

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1933

Class Correspondent Needed
Please send your news to the Alumni Office. Your classmates would love to hear about what is happening in your lives.

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1934

Elizabeth “Libby” Tobey Erb
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My husband, Dean, and I, Elizabeth “Libby” Tobey Erb, recently enjoyed a refreshing 2 weeks in Barbados. I use a walker, so travel isn’t our usual enjoyment.

1935

Ethelyn “Jackie” Dorr Symons
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1936

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What fun reading the news you ‘36ers send in! Keep it up; you’re great. Geraldine “Jerry” McKewen Bateman writes that she had acute bronchitis for 3 weeks and didn’t feel like doing a darn thing. Her children, Judy and Jack, are both living in NH and love it, snow and all! Two grandchildren are in NH, 3 in NY, and 1 in MD. The 8 great-grandchildren are distributed accordingly. Jerry is still singing in choir and choruses. Beulah Carrigan Crosby sent news that

missed the last magazine. In Aug. she had just returned from a stay in ME where she saw many relatives. “Everyone had grown and many had changed, of course for the better,” she said. She is enjoying her new home in Attleboro and finds people very friendly. Her grandchildren are in college, high school, and middle school. Her daughter and 3 of her grandchildren are near, so she is able to keep in touch with the younger generation. She reads a lot of good news about Colby-Sawyer, and she always enjoys viewing pictures of the college. Doris Hale writes that she has been helping her folks, Floyd Hale and Athelyn Gay Hale. Her mother had a stroke in Aug. She went into the hospital the day after their 65th anniversary and ended up having a pacemaker. When she was discharged, she was home only 3 days, but was re-admitted when they determined she had a stroke, language aphasia resulting. She has come a long way and continues to improve. They are selling their house and moving into a small mobile home, 134 Chestnut Lane, Lake Helen Villa, Lake Helen, FL 32744-2917. They received 130 cards on their 65th anniversary, including one from President George Bush and First Lady Laura Bush. Unfortunately, Floyd passed away in Jan. Our sympathy to you, Athelyn.

Hannah Smith “Snitty” Handy is still knitting puppets and caps for the hospital, which she says is “a fun side line while watching TV at night.” She felt fortunate to have been far enough south in Baltimore to miss the big snow storms that hit New England this past winter. Judith “Judy” Clarke Kitchen writes that time passes more quickly each year and now that she has celebrated her 86th birthday, it truly disappears. “It is good to be back in my apartment after spending a few weeks in a nursing home. I had a bad fall down brick stairs in my daughter’s new apartment and injured my back; however, as the doctor promised, I got over it after 3 months, ready to move on with the help of a walker,” she said. Judy’s oldest grandson was married in June to a beautiful girl. Her middle grandson, Justin, is now working for an accounting firm after graduation from Colgate and is hoping to settle in Boston for grad school. The youngest, Ryan, is a bright, happy, and attractive young man who enters high school in the fall. The antics of all of them keep Judy fascinated and amused. “I am a lucky grandmother,” she said. A very interesting thing happened to Judy a few months ago. She wrote, “Perhaps I told you we have Laurel Mead College here, which is made up of many retired professors who give of their time and talent to keep us mentally aloft and alive in a number of courses. One is a class in modern poetry. One week the teacher asked us to bring in a poem to share for discussion. Unbeknownst to all of us, we had a poet-in-residence who read one of his poems. He and his wife came here from NH. He read a lovely poem telling of the mountains and lakes and spoke of being in a small college town. I knew he must have been speaking of Colby. He seemed pleased when I asked him. His name is Donald Barnes and the poem was ‘I Must Go.’ He also has a book of his own poetry.” Constance “Connie” Mason Lane writes that as in 2001, once again there were both frightening and happy events in her extended family. This time it was son Hank’s family having three of them. In March, Hank’s wife, Judy, had malignant cancer removed from one lung. Because she never smoked and the cancer was discovered early, the operation was successful. In Aug., Tim, their 22-year-old son, had a pacemaker implanted. He had heart problems at an early age, which he did not outgrow. Hank had to undergo a serious lower back operation to straighten his spine. It was a successful operation.

Steve is well, lives in Honolulu and visits twice a year. His adopted daughter, Jennifer, graduated from Oberlin College and enjoys acting in a local theater company and works as a real estate appraiser. Nancy is teaching art in the local school, keeps the books for Jack’s construction company, and spends one day a week with Connie. Their son, Travis, lives in North Conway, NH, and is a climbing instructor for rock and ice climbing, as well as mountaineering in the White Mountains. Emily will graduate from Evergreen State College in Olympia, WA. She was able to earn credits toward her college degree by doing research and taking courses in Mexico, MT, Mt. Rainier, and AK. “Enjoying all of this keeps me young at heart,” wrote Connie. Nancy Fuller Sargent is moving to a new retirement community soon, to be just around the corner from her daughter and grandchildren. Her new address will be at Birchaven Heights in Findlay, OH. Should be exciting, Nancy! Trude Brauner Ross has just returned from a 3-week cruise to the South Pacific, which was very relaxing and beautiful. She now spends most of the winter in HI to escape the OR rain. She is now retired from all welfare and auxiliary organizations. Elizabeth Pond Zimmerman is living a happy life in Wilmington, NC. She has 5 wonderful children, who keep in touch with her all the time. Elizabeth has 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. A note from Patricia Schiavone Davis states that her mother, Dorothy Prime Schiavone, was placed in an Alzheimer’s unit in March 2002. She is well cared for and her husband and daughters visit

Send your news, photos, newspaper clippings, and greetings for classmates to your class correspondent or to the Alumni Office. Inquiring minds want to know!

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We look forward to hearing from you!
many times each week. She was very fond of her classmates and her years at Colby. Thanks for writing and best wishes to all.

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1937

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Faith Butterfield Wyer’s husband, Hal, wrote that he reads to her a lot since she has macular degeneration. She did enjoy seeing some of the pictures in our last Colby-Sawyer Alumni Magazine with the help of her magnifying reading machine. Faith told of selling their ME house after 32 years of commuting back and forth, and managing to enjoy the FL summer. They encourage any classmates who come to visit FL to be sure to look them up. Frances “Fran” Harrell Faulkner got my card requesting news on Valentine’s Day, her first without Gordon who passed away last summer. He was almost 90. She misses him but likes the retirement community where she lives, with lots of friends and activities to enjoy. She thought the last issue of our alumni magazine was especially excellent, and enjoyed the pictures and articles. Esther Ellet Mayo also enjoyed the Colby-Sawyer Alumni Magazine, especially the pictures of us all at Reunion. She spent Christmas in Flagstaff, AZ, with her daughter and the rest of the family, who have homes there. Christmas was white with lots of snow and she enjoyed it! Her great-granddaughter is 11 years old, and another great-grandchild was due this spring! She sends her best to all classmates!

Constance “Connie” Arnold Martin writes that she and her husband take daily walks, but no nice trips anymore. Connie volunteers at their local long term care hospital. Their daughters are fine, but no grandchildren, just 4 dogs and 2 horses! She keeps in touch with Ina Hardy McLeod and Theresa Wilkinson McIntyre. Lois Nutting Fitch and her husband, “Fitch,” enjoyed the white snow that piled up this winter. He celebrated his 90th birthday in Aug., and they are looking forward to their 63rd wedding anniversary in the spring. “These may not be the best years, but they are certainly not bad,” said Lois. She sends her best wishes to everyone! Mary Gay Marble Talcott is still living in her family home and is doing well. She had a nice visit last summer from Justine Mintie Caldwell and her husband. Martha Ware writes what we all feel, “All things considered, I am well and happy... and old!” Barbara “Coop” Cooper Cogswell writes from AZ that she keeps busy with bridge and concerts at her retirement home in Tucson, as well as church activities, creative hands, quilting, and Kettle Dinners once a month. She has had trouble with a bit of arthritis, but it is much better due to physical therapy. Her daughter, Sandra “Sandy” Thompson Grigg ’63, and grandchildren will visit for 10 days. Coop was glad to be out of the snowy winter back east! Doris “Do” Nielsen Powell writes that an article about her and her husband, Eliot, was featured on page 23 of the fall/winter issue of the Colby-Sawyer Alumni Magazine, complete with picture. Although “Do” did not write the article, she had sent notes in earlier. They had a warm winter in FL and are now back in Annapolis, MD, to enjoy the summer. I talked to Marilyn Pease Perry, who said she and John were okay, but didn’t have any special news. I enjoyed talking to them. Ties like college classmates are nice at any age, but especially at our age! The class sends their deepest sympathy to the families of the following classmates who passed away during the year:

Grace Lovett Short, Evelyn Bucker Clarke, Carol Everett Fraser, Doris Nichols Pester, and Jane Bantly Behnke

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1938

Class Correspondent Needed

Editor’s Note: Special thanks to Martha McCrarran Howard, who served as 1938 class correspondent from 1997 – March 2003.

Ruth Gray Russell sent along a note to the Alumni Office, which read, “I had completely lost track of my roommate, Betty Hill, now Bolton, from the 1 year I attended Colby Junior College, 1936-37. In 65 years, we had no contact. A friend of mine in Sanford, ME, where I returned after many years away, happened to meet Betty at a craft show in NH and learned that she had once roomed with me. She brought back Betty’s name and phone number, and Betty and I met for lunch during the fall of ’02. It was just delightful to see her again!”

1939 Reunion

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I heard from Virginia “Ginny” Mahard Laming, who along with Elizabeth “Betty” Higgins Hassell, will be the Reunion chairs for our 65th next year. Ginny wants all of you to keep taking your pills so you’ll be able to celebrate this momentous event. Mary Healy Howe lives near Ginny and will be coming with her. Ginny and her husband, Bernie, are Elderhostel junkies. Last Oct. they went to Eastport on a sailing adventure and found it very chilling. One fun event was visiting a woodworker who makes caskets, and was working on one that the customer wanted a telephone put in! Elizabeth “Betty” Higgins Hassell’s church in Palm Coast, FL, has been trying for some time to get a retirement community
going, but without much luck. Betty’s husband still teaches a class in faux painting, and has Betty teaching one in stenciling. They enjoyed a trip to Norway last fall and are looking forward to a second trip to AK. An e-mail from Nancy “Nan” Edwards Cox assured me she is still driving and indeed had driven to the Amish country to pick up a show dog of hers that had just won her championship, and then she drove back home to No. Grosvenordale, CT. I also had a new e-mail from Ai-Li Sung Chin who had moved into Brookhaven, a retirement community in Lexington, MA. She says she has joined several activities, made good friends, and attends many cultural/social activities there. Ai-Li is in her 3rd year of piano lessons. Although her 3 children and 4 granddaughters live some distance away, they do get together every so often. Miriam “Mimsi” Cluff Worthley is fine and still living at home. One of her daughters and her family has moved in with Mimsi, making life much easier. Mimsi still enjoys going to the RI Philharmonic, Marion Sage Boyd and Jack jumped at a chance to extend their FL winter sojourn by 2 weeks. It was a good thing, too, as the winter in New England was very snowy. Sadly, I must report the death of Barbara “Mixie” Mix Wells. She succumbed to cancer on Feb. 7. She is missed by many. I am surprised that more of you don’t have computers. If you do have e-mail please send me your address. It makes gathering news so much easier. Have a nice summer. Luv ya.

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1940

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Editor’s Note: A special thank you to Janet “Jan” Canham Williams and Juliette “Judy” Conover Reinicker for volunteering to serve as co-correspondents for the class of 1940.

Our sympathies go to Jeanne Schwob Homer whose husband, Bill, died last Dec. Harriet “Tillie” Tillinghast Fuller writes that she and her husband managed a trip to NM and a barge trip down the Ohio River this past year. Reid Francis Morris and his husband are building a “cottage” in Kennebunkport, ME, and hope to be able to move into it later this year. Margaret “Miggs” Tunison ’41 was one of us for 2 years. She and her husband, Gene, are enjoying life in their lovely home in Lyme, NH. Miggs keeps busy with house, garden, church, and community activities. Two of her children live in NY and one lives in WA. Margaret “Peg” VanDuser Hurlbut married Edwin D. Hurlbut last April and is living in a retirement community in Palm City, FL. She said she spent a few hours with Rosemary “Pete” Gamwell McCrudden in Feb., when Pete was visiting her brother in Vero Beach, FL. Peg’s daughter, Pamela “Pam” Dodd ’65, has moved to Orlando, and her son is living in NC. Peg now has 5 great-grandchildren. A fun Christmas card from Jean “Port” Porter Broders, Jan’s roommate, had mutual reflections on our age bracket and the misgivings presented therefrom. She’s busy visiting family, and when at home in Simsbury, CT, her “busyness” includes playing paddle tennis. Thank goodness for Christmas cards for keeping in touch. Ruth “Pooch” Randolph Woodman responded to Jan’s request for news. “Ev and I are so happy to be here near our wonderful college. Every Friday we have lunch at the French Table in the dining room, where one may only speak French.” Thank you, Pooch. Mary Robins Abbey and her husband, Carl, are coping with a few medical setbacks, but continue to maneuver each day. She writes that Priscilla Lafianne Dudis lives in her neighborhood and they see each other at the monthly reading club. Mary also writes that Harriet Close Skipton ’46 and Jean Henderson Read ’46 are also close by. Our deepest sympathies go to the family of Dorothy Benham Bishop, who died last Aug. My (Janet “Jan” Canham Williams) news is quite stationary. A decline in the vision department has resulted in a lot less driving. I still do a few volunteer jobs, but they are limited mostly to New London. They are also limited to what age has done to my capabilities. I am grateful for the proximity to 2 of our classmates. And I, Juliette “Judy” Conover Reinicker, continue to spend my summers at my cottage in Ontario. I enjoy gatherings of my family and the families of my sisters, Charlotte Conover Kraft ’43, Ruth Jo Conover Bartram ’43, and Lois Conover Halada ’47, who all come to spend time at the lake. We have agreed to be class co-correspondents, but the success of our column depends on you. We are all retired and many of us have slowed down. Just a note about where you are living, and what you do with your time will be of interest to your Colby-Sawyer friends. Drop us a note, or e-mail us at one of the addresses above.

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1941

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Well, ladies, those postcards did bring results, so let’s get right to the news. Mary Louise “Lou” Williams Haskell wrote that her granddaughter, Jessica Kramer, is a CSC freshman. A family affair, it would seem, as her mother is Amy Haskell ’81, and her aunt is Sarah Haskell ’70. Sarah made the front page of the Boston Globe Sunday Showcase in an article about her remembrance of 9/11/01 with a 10’ woven fabric piece on which 3,116 buttons were hand sewn. Quite an accomplishment! Anne Weston Miller is doing well. She continues to be my eye for class news in the Boston papers, and sent me the notice of Gordon Brown’s death last Oct. He was the husband of Peris “Perry” Childs Brown, and our deepest sympathy is extended to her and her family. Virginia “Ginny” Pickup Durell sent word that she lost her husband last year, and our sympathy is extended to her as well. She has 4 children, 8 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. She spent Thanksgiving with a son and his family in Atlanta. Margaret “Marnie” Scott Cikens wrote that she talked with Margaret “Margie” Law on the phone for about an hour in Nov. Constance “Connie” Rice Woods continues to be an activist, fighting against some of the tax issues in NH. When she wrote this in Nov., she and her granddaughter, along with a few dozen others, were holding vigil one night a week against war with Iraq. Elizabeth “Betty” Haggas Zwicker spent 2 weeks on Drakes Island, ME, last July with her son and his family. Her daughter was in England for 3 weeks for her high school. Betty is active at church and plays bridge. Dorothy “Dot” Krisher Phillips says they enjoy life in Philadelphia. Along with reading and gardening, she belongs to a group called “The Canes,” who work for a local charity. Jean Merrill Thornquist says she gets together with Lou Haskell now and then for lunch. She is on a women’s candlepin bowling team. Her son was expected for Christmas and they were then going to Wellesley to be with the rest of their family, including 5 great-grandchildren, ages 3-12. Mary “Marie” Westberg Francis said they had a great time on a Mississippi River cruise in Sept., and followed that with a visit to...
their son and his family in KY. Their daughter lives near them in Medford, OR. She commented on how beautiful the campus is in the photograph we received in the fall from Dr. Ponder. The fantastic renovation of the former Health & Exercise Science Center into a broadly functional facility, made possible through the generosity of Bill Mercer and Ramona "Monie" Wells Mercer, certainly contributes to that beauty. Sadly, Bill wrote that Monie's health did not allow her to attend the dedication of Mercer Hall. Joan Russell Desmond says that they sold their home last June and are now in a retirement community. Her 3 sons are fine and her twin granddaughters graduated from UM as this spring. Mercie Franke Dunfee writes that she and her husband celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary last year. They live in Topsham, ME, for 6 months, and Lakeland, FL., the other 6 months. She's still playing golf and doing watercolors. Carolyn Prann Steigerwalt covered her postal with news. She is still living in the same place in Pittsburgh. All of her children are well and she has welcomed her 1st great-grandchild. "Arthritis" and a new knee haven't slowed her down much. One of her step-children is a daughter. "If you wait long enough," she wrote. Joan Rosenwald Scott writes that she and Scotty sold their FL home and now live in a retirement community in Haverford, PA. They travel a bit. Margaret "Peg" Cawley writes from Mercer Hall. Jean Allen Cadwell writes on her card, "Peg" Cawley, who has volunteered to take over as class correspondent. Barbara "Bobbie" Boyd Bradley had to leave Sat., leaving 4 of us for the picture. However, for those of us who were there, it was a great time. Maybe the 65th will be better attended. A nice e-mail was received from Mary "Terry" Allen Cadwell, who lives in Pittsford, VT. She likes being close enough to Middlebury College to enjoy the cultural offerings and the companionship of a grandson there. Terry comments that although this winter was certainly very cold, it brought back memories of the "old days." How can we forget! Grace "Debbie" Braithwaite Hayden writes from Walnut Creek, CA, of her international family—3 grandchildren and 3 adoptedgranddaughters from Korea, India, and Bulgaria—giving her reason to travel to Portland, OR, to visit them. A note from Ruth Kennedy Edmonds, who lives in Huntsville, AL, tells of having to learn to walk again after a serious automobile accident. She now uses a walker, which she hopes she will soon no longer need. Her first son has retired and runs a 40-acre farm in TN. Her 2nd son lives nearby, so he can keep an eye on his mom. Marcia "Mish" Barnes Shaw-Straube writes from Vero Beach, FL, that her news is a descending tennis ranking, ascending golf scores, and decidedly less fleetness of foot! She has 4 children and 8 grandchildren who are all flour-ishing. Since Vero and Marco are only 4 hours apart, I hope to meet with her before long. Jean Craig Brooks reports that she and her husband, Ken, moved to NH in 1997 to a retirement home that didn't live up to expectations, and are now doing their own continuing care in Bedford, NH, in a new apartment near her daughter and 13-year-old grandson. Her son, Craig, lives nearby in Billerica, MA, with twin boys, so they have many opportunities to enjoy their grandchildren. A nice note from Elizabeth "Betsy" Short Cissel tells of her move to retirement living in Topsham, ME, near her daughter and son. Now retired from teaching, she is really enjoying the retirement—no meals, groceries, etc. Luckily, I caught Barbara "Bobbie" "Mo" Molander Warner the day before she left on a 10-day western Caribbean cruise. She has 4 children and 2 grandchildren, one a junior in college and one a freshman at Miss Porter's School. Grace Richter Constant writes that she has twins, Tom and Sue, and a daughter, Catherine. She has been a widow for 20 years, lives in Princeton, NJ, with her daughter, Sue, and will soon be moving to MA to be with daughter Catherine. She is a diabetic
and 10 grandchildren. WOW! All this and 4 children in the field of public administration. She received a prestigious award in Washington, DC, in last June was the highlight of our year, plus a fun real estate trip to New Orleans in Nov. That’s the good news. The bad news is a stroke on Dec. 1, paralyzing my left arm and hand and the left side of my face. I’m making wonderful, but slow, progress. The rehab facilities here at Marco are superb and just 5 minutes from our condo. Luckily, I’m right handed so things could be so much worse. Now that we’re all octogenarians, most of our news is health oriented. A note to the college from Virginia Coleman Hunter’s husband tells us that Virginia is now blind. I’m sure she’d love to hear from you. You can get her address from the Alumni Office. On a sad note, the college also reported the deaths of Audrey Shirley Tarbox in Sept. ’02, Dorothy Dawson Lockler in Jan. ’03, and Nancy Lewis Neme in Feb. ’03. Our deepest sympathy is extended to their families. We’re a great class! Please keep your news coming!

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1943

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Sincere congratulations from all her classmates are extended to Mary “Shy” Schu Teach for the well-deserved honor she received at the May 2002 commencement. If you didn’t notice her picture and write up on page 26 of our excellent fall/winter Colby-Sawyer Alumni Magazine, please go find that issue and do some re-reading. Shy got back from FL at the end of Feb, to find the winter snow and low temperatures had taken no vacation. A note from her reunion co-chairman, Sally “Sal” King Cramer, who, like everyone else, is retired, is busy volunteering at the Clark Museum, the library, and the visitor’s center, but she still manages to get to see all the kids and the 8 grandchildren. I liked what Virginia “Ginny” Hansen Gato wrote back on receiving her request for news, “All is well here. Are we really this old?” Or as another classmate wrote. “The ‘younger’ we get, the faster time seems to fly!” Unfortunately, Elizabeth “Betty” Everill Henderson was not able to make our 60th, as she was visiting one of her sons and his family in London at the time. She mentioned they had a big bash for Bob’s 80th last summer with all 22 children and grandchildren present for the occasion! Betty is still volunteering, playing bridge, and visiting family and friends. Priscilla “Puss” Parker Craig missed the 60th too, as they were slowly working their way north from FL, stopping here and there to visit family and friends before their granddaughter’s wedding. She wrote to say, “hi!” to all. Betty Jane Goss Conant had lunch with Meredith Munsey “Moogie” Craig in Jan. during one of many snowstorms. Jim Bewley and Dorothy “Dot” Gay Bewley, who live in New London, will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary in Nov. They keep active in between their volunteer work, golf, and the many town activities. They also enjoy their 6 grandchildren, ranging in age from 5 to 30 years old. The two oldest live in England and were over last summer. Jean Stewart Hilton’s husband had major heart surgery a year ago, which has kept them close to home. All is well with them now. Fortunately their 4 children and 10 grandchildren all live in New England, so visits were frequent. Instead of going away this winter, Margaret “Margo” DeGraff Hotaling went on a Holland American cruise in Oct. and is planning a trip to the Canadian Rockies this summer. As she says, life is different when you’ve lost your husband. She keeps very busy with volunteer work. Barbara “Connie” Constantine Johnson has enjoyed the good AZ winter weather and didn’t miss the VT snow and the cold. Instead of skiing, they now play 9 holes of golf and don’t worry about the score. Connie also enjoys playing lots of bridge and doing water aerobics in an effort to keep all parts moving. Sadly, news reached us that Spense, Connie’s husband, had passed away from cancer while they were in AZ. We extend our deepest sympathies to you and your family, Connie. Although it was a cold and icy winter, nothing stops Doris Douglas Butler from going to the winning UConn Huskey basketball games. She volunteers regularly on Saturday mornings as a docent at their local Windsor Historic Society. Her wedding dress (1945) is in a current exhibit. Jean Wackerbarth Hadidian has just painted her first picture. It seems her new neighbor at Dodge Pond teaches watercolor, so she hopes to do more painting this summer, as well as enjoy her delightful granddaughter. Mid Feb. was the one-year anniversary for Carolyn Spoguey Holtz’s recovery from a heart attack, open heart surgery, quadruple by-pass, and congestive heart failure. She’s now back on an exercise schedule, has resumed her drawing, and will have an art exhibit with...
4 other women in Aug. Another classmate who has had more than her share of fractures and hospital stays these last couple of years is Clarise Davis Adams. In spite of it all, she has retained her wonderful sense of humor. Drop her a line at 3699 Brandy Rock Way, Redwood City, CA, 94061 for the “rest of the story.” I enjoyed the note from Sue Van Daell Douglas, who says the family is fine and life is good. Joan Manda “Mandy” Mueller will be in Basking Ridge, NJ, visiting her brother, Joe, early in Aug. She’s been busy raising funds for the historic preservation with one group called “The Villagers” and also for Dade Heritage Trust.

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1945

Class Correspondent Needed

Please send your news to the Alumni Office. Your classmates would love to hear about what is happening in your lives.

Barbara Janson Green and her husband, Al, are still involved with many activities and volunteer work. Two of their grandchildren have graduated college and are working in New York City. Another granddaughter is studying to be a veterinarian. Two of their grandsons are in college, and the 3rd will start college in the fall. Barbara and Al keep in touch with the grandchildren via e-mail, which they thoroughly enjoy. Elizabeth “Patsy” Leonhard Miller enjoyed her grandson, Jimmy’s, wedding on July 6, ’02. He and his new wife live near Boston. Jimmy’s sister, Christine, expected twin girls in May. That makes 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren for Patsy. Ann Norton Merrill says it’s wonderful to have so many Colby-Sawyer gal in the community who enjoy getting together for bridge, lunch, and tennis (when the weather allows). The regulars in the bridge group include Ann Norton Merrill, Ann Tilton Carpenter ’44, Barbara Gesen Trulson ’51, and Shirley Holmes Dunlap ’47. Anne and her daughter, Antoinette Curtis Ledziian ’66, e-mail each other daily. Betty Mei Yuke writes that her husband, Paul, has Parkinson’s disease. They have been living at Aegis of Fremont, an assisted living community, for 2 years. Betty says it’s a lovely place, near to her family, shopping malls, and plenty of Chinese restaurants!

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1946

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Hello all! Virginia “Ginny” Parsons Breuer called me on a very snowy day this winter. She is still quite active in the church choir and volunteers to transport wheelchair bound people. Her children and grandchildren live nearby and are active in scout work. The whole family got together for her sister, Shirley Parson’s ’42, 80th birthday. Ginny and I talked and talked about our days at Colby, glee club, and the great gang in Page dorm. Elsie Allen Petersen lives nearby in West Hartford, CT, which is Ginny’s hometown. Lois Lippincott Lang states that in March, they were still digging out from the great Feb. snowfall in NJ! Both she and her husband are well, just older! Her granddaughter graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in May. Her granddaughter is a freshman at William & Mary and is a top-notch lacrosse player. Priscilla “Billie” Beardsley Glenn and her husband, Russ, work out 3 times a week at their club and are still deacons in their church.

Billie, an avid artist, does monthly art shows at a gallery in Atlanta and is a co-president of a second art association. As if she’s not busy enough, she also manages to do covers for Rand Research Corporation publications. Rusty, her eldest, travels in the U.S. and internationally, speaking and advising on fighting in urban areas, educating civilians. She has a granddaughter at Brown University, who recently spent 6 weeks in Beijing studying Chinese. Yet another grandson studies Japanese. Robert is an avid fisherman living in ME and is vice-president of A.G. Edwards. Her grandchildren are all active in sports and the National Honor Society. Randy is on sabbatical from managing a country club. He was a tri-athlete in the Charleston, SC, area. Billie and her husband take 3 weeks a year to cruise to various ports, preferring small ships. To date they have visited 52 countries! She states that all is well and is looking forward to seeing everyone in 2006. Elizabeth “Betty” Abt Hardy’s husband, Elvin, was kind enough to drop us a note. Betty had a stroke in Jan. while vacationing in FL. She is now in the hospital in Nashua, NH, and gaining her health slowly. We all wish Betty a full recovery and thank Elvin for taking the time to keep us current. A note from each of us would go a long way in picking up Betty’s spirits. The Alumni Office can furnish you with the address. Nancy “Grimesie” Grimes Traverso ’46 MT is living in Bonita Springs, FL. She said that Lucille “Lhu” Fuller Bradford and her husband, John, spent the winter nearby. Nancy is hoping to have a visit from Jean Henderson Read and her husband, Dick. Beverly “Bebe” Walker Wood

Send your news, photos, newspaper clippings, and greetings for classmates to your class correspondent or to the Alumni Office.

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We look forward to hearing from you!
spent 3 weeks in FL this winter with relatives and their grandchildren. She spent 4 days at magical Disney World and survived! Bebe enjoyed the rest of her winter in “cold country,” volunteering for Ragged Mountain’s ski patrol. Love of winter sports must run in the family. Bebe’s sister visited from ME and they spent an entire day on the slopes. While at the Confidently Colby-Sawyer: Succeeding Together banquet this past Oct., I had a delightful chat with Jean “Je-Je” Harding Pierce ’47. It was Je-Je who donated the funds to establish Pierce Park at the college. Pierce Park is a granite display right on the Quad with carved benches and a table so you may pause for reflection or just rest. It is softly lit at night—a must see while on campus. Je-Je still lives in Wellesley and is as warm and friendly as ever. Many thanks, Je-Je, from all of us. Please keep your classmates current about what is happening with you, your families, and your comings and goings. Continue (or begin) to send in the postcards so we may all keep tabs. The spectacular, the mundane or just the everyday, it’s all important. We spent some of the most formative, creative, and growing years of our lives together. Let’s continue to share and to care. I look forward to hearing from you for our next publication.

1947

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A new granddaughter kept Betty Funk Smith busy in July ’02 when her daughter, Guinever, gave birth to Isabel. Guinever then opened a sculpture show in Jan. and needed lots of help getting it ready. Grandma Betty went to the rescue. Interestingly, Guinever was not permitted to paint during her pregnancy, so she switched to sculpture. Margaret “Peg” Fish Langa also became a grandmother once again. Grandson Tyesen Ephram, a revolutionary namesake, was born to Peg’s daughter, Jennifer, in Dec. Another daughter, Melissa Langa ’74, has been made partner in the law firm of Bove & Langa, located on Trent Street in Boston. Peg informed me that a third daughter, Victoria, is an orthopedic surgeon specializing in hands in Pittsburgh. This was interesting news as yours truly, Marilyn Perry Sagar, had hand surgery in Oct. to correct Dupuytren’s Contracture. After 3 months of therapy for my right hand (fortunately I am left-handed) all is “moving right along.” I’d be happy to share my experience with anyone anticipating a similar surgery for inward curling fingers not caused by arthritis. Betty Funk Smith inquired if the problem came from “too much typing?” The answer is no. Dupuytrens is hereditary, although it is usually passed on to a male family member! A mystery, to say the least. In case you hadn’t noticed, we ’47ers were quite prominent in the fall/winter Alumni Magazine, starting with our 55th reunion. Then, pictured in the “Capital Campaign Supplement” is our very own Trustee, Jean “Je-Je” Harding Pierce. Two more pictures appeared with our column of Beth Platt Bascom, Annette “Bunkie” Hill Rea and Charlou Hill Gladish, who traveled the farthest, all the way from CA to attend our reunion. Sadly, Charlou passed away Jan. 1, 2003. Our condolences to her family. Finally, did you take note of our participation for annual giving? Kudos once again to our class agent, Cornelia Fay Rendell-Wilder. We are indeed “something else.” Let’s keep up the good work. I have agreed to remain your class correspondent for a while longer and would welcome a co-correspondent, as well as more news. If you are into e-mail, you can do so at alumni@colby-sawyer.edu. Otherwise, write or phone me. Please see In Fond Memory

1948

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Nancy Dexter Aldrich and Roger did a Grand Circle South American cruise in Jan. ’02. After a few days in Buenos Aires, they spent a fun day at a working Estancia in Montevideo, Uruguay. The next port was the Falkland Islands, but rough weather prevented them from stopping. They cruised around Cape Horn, through the Beagle Channel, and to Ushuaia, Argentina, going through the Magellan Straits, and around the Patagonia Fjords. It was a fabulous trip with port calls in Chile’s Punta Arenas, Puerto Chacabuco, Puerto Mont, and Valparaiso, where they were based to Santiago, Chile. It was a trip of a lifetime. This fired them up for a 2nd holiday. In April, Nancy and Roger flew to Vienna, boarded a Grand Circle riverboat, and cruised the Danube, Main Canal, and Main and Rhine Rivers. Mase and I did the same thing last July on a Vantage Tours’ riverboat, so we know it’s wonderful. Nancy called it a fairy tale trip as the scenery was reminiscent of childhood stories of the Brothers Grimm. The Aldrich’s granddaughter, Emily, is an accomplished horsewoman and pianist, while their grandson, Christopher, plays a trumpet well enough to impress Wynton Marsalis, who gave him a free lesson. Julian’s jazz department director approached Chris and asked him to call when he finishes high school! Elizabeth “Sis” Forrest Annis says while her classmates make many trips around the world, she and Bill do some traveling, but still enjoy life in the snowbanks of NH. An ever-faithful correspondent, Sis’s postcard said, “Before I pack to fly to Italy, I must get a note to Les.” Barbara “Babs” Witte Baron and her husband, Ozzie, are doing well, even though winter was cold and stormy in the northeast. They often reminisce about their past travels of 6 European countries in 22 days, and fondly remember attending the 25th CJC reunion. She was impressed with the new buildings. Hopefully, she will come back to see the change after 50 years! Dorothy “Dot” Sanborn Breed and her husband, Dick, recently moved from a house to a condo at Hilltop Place off the Sunapee road, near Crictent’s Market. She and Patricia “Pat” Bentley Nye both reside in FL in the winter and in New London during the summer months. Pat and Tom reside at The Seasons near the Lake Sunapee CC.

Madelon “Maddy” Pinnicke Cattell says next year she will start Christmas cards at the end of the alphabet and work backwards since those people always get the late cards. Maddy and Newton will be in their retirement community, The Village at Penn State, by July. They made a trip to HI and spent the winter in Phoenix, but otherwise had a quiet year. Charlotte Huke Canha and John have some exciting news. Their son and his wife are expecting their very first children. They now know that one baby will be two, a boy and a girl. A “banker’s family” all at once! Elizabeth “Betsy” Wyman Chase recently attended her grandson’s graduation at Amherst. Betsy had her 2nd hip replacement last year and is feeling great. She and Fran have been married 56 years. They hope to resume traveling after the war is over. Her hobbies include dabbling in watercolor, her garden club, and her church thrift shop. Francis “Fran” Wannerstrom Clark and Sam had a wonderful family reunion in Cape Cod last year and plan to repeat it this summer. Their 3 kids and 7 grandchildren were all there. The Clarks spent New Year’s Eve at a gala at Belmont Castle, one of Newport’s summer “cottages” or mansions! They feel great and are happily “on the go,” traveling whenever and wherever they can. They visited Sicily and the Amalfi Coast this spring. Katherine “Kay” Heinrich Clark and I chat by e-mail frequently. She was not able to be at reunion as Jim is not well and “getting away” is limited. She did have an opportunity to go to Medford, OR, to see her son. He is one of a group of 3. The Dinner Dogs, who write songs and perform for children. Kay and her son, Tim, met daughter Sue in San Francisco, where the 2 women celebrated birthdays together. Grete Hansen Dainiak wrote about the rough winter in CT. She read many books and did lots of handwork projects. The temperature reminded her of walking through tunnels of snow from Appletree Cottage to Colgate. It was so cold that her folks bought her a caracul lamb coat to keep her from freezing on the way to classes. Anne “Buckie” Buckman
Marilyn Colburn Dow ’50

November 10, 1930 - February 25, 2003

Marilyn Colburn Dow, member of the class of 1950 and receptionist/telephone operator at the college from 1988 to 2002, passed away in February of this year. Once, during an interview, a student reporter who wrote a profile on Marilyn for the Colby-Sawyer Courier asked her about her “colorful and creative” wardrobe. Marilyn explained that for too long she had worn white uniforms as an occupational therapist. “I think life should be enjoyed,” she answered. “To me, all the beautiful colors in nature that God gave us should be enjoyed. Life is too short not to.”

Marilyn’s family includes her daughter, Carol L. Dow ’83, of New London, New Hampshire, and her sister, Dorothy Colburn Holstine ’54, of Alexandria, Virginia.
and statewide in the League of Women Voters. In her spare time, she volunteers at the local chamber of commerce, YMCA, and for a non-profit affordable housing developer. She is also involved with the city of Novato’s commissions and committees. Patsy has been married 51 years and has 3 grown children, who all live in CA. Ruth Dresser Paulson and Don have sold their condo on Cape Cod. Ruth is trying to fit things from 2 houses into one. FL is now their year round residence, but during July they will rent a place on a Cape beach. Last summer she had her usual get together with Roberta “Bobbie” Ware London, Ann Ackerman O’Rourke, and Barbara “Barbie” Russell Sayward. They always enjoy their mini reunions. Bobbie London and Olin would have loved to come to reunion, but she is in her 4th year of remission from cancer (Quote from Bobbie. “Sounds good to me!”) so it’s difficult for her to travel. She and Olin were in the antique business for years. Bobbie’s specialty is antique linens and lace. The Londons missed the investment and reception for the M. Roy

1949 Reunion

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Catherine Chiquoine Jacodine writes that she is living in Allentown, PA, with her husband, Ralph. Both have retired from their professions. He was with Lehigh University and she was a pre-school and kindergarten teacher. Her 4 children are grown and scattered from Boston to San Francisco. They spend their summers living on Martha’s Vineyard. Beverly Pelletier Menk sent a note from KY, where she and her husband have retired. They have settled after serving in the army in Panama and Ft. Knox. They are parents to 6 children and 11 grandchildren. Bv voluntee in the office of the Newman Center on the U of KY campus one day a week.

Miriam “Mimi” Coffin Ragdale lives in NYC during the winter months. She made a trip to Cuba in Jan. She said there is much poverty, but the scenery is beautiful. She would like to return some day.

Lois Wheeler Watson writes that she has 3 children and 3 grandchildren who live right near her. They all enjoy using a big inground pool during the summer. It is a close-knit family, as they all cruised to the Caribbean and the Hawaiian Islands together.

Constance “Connie” Dow Madison sends greetings to her old roommate

Nancy Hough Sturtevant, and to all the “girls” from McKean Hall: Kitty, Cookie, Audrey, et. al. Jean Larkum Hardcastle is residing in Vero Beach, FL, 7 months out of the year. She enjoys being near classmates Joan Hamilton Sweetland and Donna Oosting Muenzberg. Both Jean and her husband, Dennis, are very active in their community. They have 7 grandchildren, 2 of whom will be heading off to college this year.

Joanne “Ducky” Rhodes Storrs enjoyed a wonderful trip up north in May ‘02, visiting her children and 3 grandchildren. She was in Toronto in Sept. ‘02 for her grandson’s wedding. Ducky has been in “Timber Greens” for 5 years and is enjoying every minute of it. She does lots of volunteer work and is playing as much golf as possible. I. Margaret “Peggy” Monroe Mink, took a trip to central CA the end of Jan. I visited Hearst Castle, Death Valley, and a few of the missions along the coast. I am sorry to report the death of Pauline Nelson Mangan on Dec. 18, 2002. Her husband, Harry, pre-deceased her in 1996. She left 3 children and several grandchildren.

1950

Class Correspondent Needed

Editor’s Note: Special thanks to Jean Hubley Meyer, who served as 1950 class correspondent from 1995 - January 2003.

Please send your news to the Alumni Office. Your classmates would love to hear about what is happening in your lives.

Jane Grayson Slover enjoyed an intergenerational elderhostel trip to the Grand Canyon in June with her 11-year-old grandson. They enjoyed white water rafting and exiting the canyon by helicopter! Ann Roraback Bowen reported that she has contracted ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease), which affects the motor neurons that control the muscles. Sadly, her speech is slurred and she is becoming paralyzed. Currently, there is no known cause of or cure for ALS. Ann and her husband, Bill, enjoyed a cruise around South America in Jan., from Buenos Aires, Argentina, to Santiago, Chile. Ann reported it was great fun, but probably her last cruise, as traveling is becoming more and more difficult. The Bowens became great-grandparents in Jan. when their granddaughter, Andrea, gave birth to Olivia Ann. Ann sends her best wishes to all classmates and prays that all is well with everyone. Alice Morris Schrade sends along some encouragement for any classmates who may have become widows. “There is life after losing a life-long companion, if you choose it,” she says. It’s been 3 years since Alice lost Karl, and she’s now back on track. She spends her time traveling, exercising at the Y, and volunteering with literacy volunteers and her church. She’s still living in Delmar, NY, but decided to move to a newly built townhouse development to make her new nest. “Life is not the same as it was, but that happens with a death in the family. What has helped me most, I think, is the support of widowed friends who rallied around me. They were there when I needed them, and their support helped to lead me back into the ‘real world.’ This winter, I went to FL alone, and found being by the water a great healing experience. I would be glad to talk by e-mail (amschrade@earthlink.net) with others who may need a little encouragement,” says Alice.

Dorothy “Dottie” Zuchi Tosti and her husband, Joe, will celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary this year. They have moved to a condo in Ashland, MA, from their large home in Framingham after 38 years. They enjoy having their 2 daughters and 3 sons close by. Dottie and Joe also enjoy their house in Dennis, MA, on Cape Cod year round, and spend 6 weeks each year in Palm Desert, CA. Their 12th grandchild was born in Feb., making the total 6 girls and 6 boys. Dottie and Joe will both turn 73 this summer and keep busy with work, church, home, and family. “We feel blessed,” writes Dottie. She encourages anyone who wants to contact her to call the Alumni Office to obtain her phone number.

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1951

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Hello everyone! Joan White Snively writes that they just returned from one month in Venice, FL. The weather was in the 60s with blue skies all month. How perfect. Joan and Cub have a great grandchild. They plan to sell their house in NC. Sounds like they will live in their other house in New London, NH. I am sorry to have missed Conrad and Barbara Gesen Trulson when they were visiting their daughter. They were at the Devon Horse Show where we planned to be with them but we weren’t home. Marilyn “Lynn” Savely Fotheringham writes that her family visited at Christmas. She said that Samantha, their granddaughter, was a delight. They drove to New Canaan to spend a few days with their older daughter in Manhattan. Hope to see you, too, Lynn. Maybe we will drive out to Chagrin Falls. Polly Ford LaBalme has moved. Her sisters decided it was too difficult for her to keep up a sort-of-big house where she has lived for 30 years. Ruth Gray Pratt wrote a long letter at Christmas time. As you all know, they are living in New London in a condo. They also have a place on Perkins Pond in Sunapee, not far from New London. She laughs about downsizing! Mary Jane Critchett Lane and her husband, Charlie, have

settled in Rockport, MA, for their retirement years. Most of their 6 children and 13 grandchildren live nearby. One son does live in FL, but they see him often as they travel in their 5th wheel trailer. Mary Jane enjoys working at a school as a substitute teacher. She thinks often of her “Colby family.” Elaine Wahidstad Littlehales writes her husband died a year ago. They were married 46 years. Their 3 children have turned into a family of 11. They have 3 in-laws, 3 grandsons, and 2 granddaughters. Her newest granddaughter was born just 5 hours after her daughter Sara’s plane touched down in Birmingham on her trip home from her dad’s funeral. “One dares not contemplate what might have happened had her plane been delayed at all. Now a year old, Marit Chase has turned out to be a redhead with a redhead’s temperament—perhaps that is why she demanded to be “let out” 3 weeks early,” wrote Elaine. Elaine is fine and getting used to her new life. Nice to hear from you, Elaine. That’s all I have for now. Oh yes, Elaine—I send post cards like Dartmouth does, except you may not have received one yet. Please see In Fond Memory

1952

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I am sad to report the passing of Constance “Connie” Hutchins Cahill after a long struggle with cancer. How fantastic Connie was able to come to our 50th reunion. We all send our deepest sympathy to George, their 3 children, and 3 grandchildren. If anyone would like to send a donation to the American Cancer Society in Constance Cahill’s name, I know the family would be most appreciative. The address is 6 Stratham Road, Natick, MA 01760. I have no other news. I must get an updated e-mail list so that I can bug you all to send me your news. With e-mail as easy as it is, there is no excuse. Nancy Keefe Hirschberg was in walking distance from me and we were never able to get together. I, with my open-ended invitation, was blessed by lots of company. Everyone is still welcome, but planning on my part is a must. Marilyn “Chasie” Chase and I have gotten together and plan to do so more when my calendar frees up. Chasie is fine, recovering from the hernia operation she had last summer. Golf and her work at the hospital keep her busy. Come on gals, news please. Please see In Fond Memory

1953

Class Correspondent Needed

Editor’s Note: Many thanks to Carolyn Nagel Kaufman for agreeing to write one final column for the class of 1953.

Please send your news to the Alumni Office. Your classmates would love to hear about what is happening in your lives.

Author? Musician? Artist?
Send us reviews of your work, publicity photos, press releases, whatever you have. We’d love to feature your talent in your Colby-Sawyer Alumni Magazine.
Bobbi had summered with her parents. Marcia Morse Duncan had a busy year moving from her house and barn in Castle Mountain, CO, down the road to 4 dome structures on an acre of land in Gunnison. “Smudge” shares this “hobbit house” with her dog, Phoenix. She still runs her bookstore in Gunnison, but had a tough summer with a lack of tourists during the horrific fires throughout CO. Smudge of tourists during the horrific fires throughout CO. Smudge went through a major store remodeling in Feb. Her high school reunion was cancelled the week of 9/11/01. Hannah “Nan” Langdon Darce loves to travel, enjoys her 4 children and 10 grandchildren, and planned to be at our 50th with bells on!

Maureen Maroney Kinney, along with her extended family, celebrated Frank’s 70th birthday at the local golf club, in addition to a grand summer family picnic. Sadly, Maureen also wrote that her father passed away at the ripe age of 94. Note that Maureen’s family is so large that they wore name tags at the summer gathering! Elsa Holstebro DeFrances and Guy did some home remodeling over Christmas, but unfortunately it was a bad choice of time. Phyllis Coppeto Mischow and Guy did some home remodeling over Christmas, but unfortunately it was a bad choice of time. Phyllis Coppeto Mischow can’t believe our 50th came so soon after our 45th. Phyllis had lunch recently with Maureen Maroney Kinney and spent this past Christmas with her daughter’s family, including her 4-year-old and 20-month-old granddaughters. Phyllis reports that sadly, her 4th English bulldog, Casey Jones, died recently. Jane Bacon is retired, except for running a children’s summer camp in Lake Placid, NY. Last July, Jane took some of the campers on an exciting sailing trip off Boothbay Harbor, ME. Winter was spent skiing Whiteface Mt., followed by a thawing out in March on Pine Island, FL. Merabeth Dogherty Donaldson writes that her son-in-law died recently in a tragic accident involving a snowplow on the wrong side of the road. Merabeth didn’t attend our 50th, as she is still very busy helping her daughter, Amanda “Mandy” Donaldson Courtwright ’82, and her 2 young grandchildren cope with the loss of their dad. Barbara “Bobbi” Howe Tucker and Ted are having a ball playing with their new Kodak digital camera. Their annual Christmas letter included 10 pictures of their yellow Lab, their son and his Lab, their 3-year-old grandson, and a super shot of Bobbi and her husband looking fit and trim. The Tucker’s children include Jennifer Tucker Perley ’81, who lives in Madbury, NH. Lois Enman Marshall writes that she has managed to keep busy since her April 2001 retirement. Her travels have taken her to Houston to visit her daughter, Carlyse, who moved back from Russia. “No visa necessary for TX,” she said. Lois is president of the New London Bandstand Committee and keeps busy in the winter working at the Mt. Sunapee Ski Area’s Learning Center. Joan Kaufman Kirkpatrick ’54 MT couldn’t decide whether to attend our 50th or husband Charlie’s 70th reunion at Bowdoin. The compromise they made was a 2-week hiking Eldorado trip to the English Cotswolds and Cornwall. What energy! After Margaret Frost Fenton left us in ’53, she went on to obtain a BS in nursing at Columbia University. “Margie” apparently passed these genes on to her 2 daughters who both became registered nurses. To keep their medical string going, the oldest of their 5 grandchildren is earning a degree in bio-medical engineering. Margaret herself was a nurse at the Andover Elementary and Middle Schools for 18 years before scaling down to church and women’s club activities. Interestingly, both of her sons-in-law were graduates of the US Naval Academy. Marina Filides Latchis recently moved to Barnet, VT, from Concord, NH. She writes that she has become a “golf-cart graney,” spending 6 months per year in VT and the other 6 months in Venice, FL. Carolyn Nagle Kaufman, am still trying to find one of you to take over as editor of our class of ’53 notes. I’ve been busy with monthly trips to NYC to keep an eye on my 95-year-old aunt, who still lives alone in her apartment. We had a surprise Christmas celebration in Atlanta when our Damis, CA, crew joined our other two families, making us 15 strong. Many, many thanks to Gordon McAllen Baker and Barbara Johnston Rodgers for their tremendous organizing job as “Reunion chairpersons extraordinaire”

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1954 Reunion

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Editor’s Note: Special thanks to Jane Doherty Johnson, who served as 1954 correspondent from 1994 - March 2003. A warm welcome, and thank you, to Jo-Anne Greene Cobban, Margaret “Peg” Lewis Morland, and Glencie Hobbes Harmon, who have agreed to serve as class correspondents.

A triple thank you from your class counterparts to all who responded to our news column. This is a good way to get caught up with each other as we work toward our 50th reunion. Stop right here and get every calendar marked, or a note on the refrigerator or bulletin board, that our reunion is June 4-6, 2004. It is clear many of you have kept close relationships with fellow classmates, as you will see by some of the notes mailed in. We may be living closer to one another than we realized, so we’ll spin across the country, state by state. From around New England, Natalie Langley Webster (Portsmouth, NH), Anne Dwyer Milne (Manchester, NH), Jean Crigan Ingwersen (Wellesley, MA), Jane Shoemaker Sterm, Sarah Bond Gilson ’52, and Sandra Davis Carpenter ’55 meet once a month for paddle tennis. This group plans a 4-day special get-together on beautiful Lake Winnipesaukee this summer. Anne Milne mentioned that she and Jean Crigan Ingwersen joined Margaret “Margot” Thompson at her Winter Park, CO, cabin for their 6th annual week of skiing trip. They were joined by Noel Roe Wilson ’53 and Patricia “Tricia” Dobbs Montgomery ’53. Barbara “Bobbie” Smith Day-Schoen ’52 also dropped by. Margo added joyfully that in 2 more years, the ’54s will be eligible to ski free on the CO ski slopes! Do you have to live there to qualify, Margo? Jean and Phil Ingwersen and Anne had a great trip skiing in France as well. It was organized by Penny Pitou, a well-known NH skier who has her own tour business. Anne Dwyer Milne volunteered for 30 years on the board of the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester, NH. For those who took up art classes at CSC, this is a real nice place to visit. Anne will retire from that position but is going to keep active with the NH Episcopal Diocese and the NH Council on World Affairs. Way up north in Bethlehem, NH, is where Joan Durkee Reed and her husband, Len, have made their house for 25 years. She mentioned conducting a marketing and public relations business right out of her home, as well as being an active citizen in the community. They stop business to take a couple of trips a year and get together with their 4 children and 8 grandchildren, who are presently “scattered.” We know what that means, Joan, as some of ours are “scattered” as well. Nancy Paige Parker of Marblehead, MA, along with Carol Nelson Reid and her husband, Jack, of Topsfield, MA, and Helen Johnson Sargent and her husband, Scott, of Kennebunk, ME, have been friends since Colby days, and are still having good times together. Nancy lives in New London, NH, part-time and has taken her 2 small rodents to a current Bitsy the Beaver contest at the local library.

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“Adventures in Learning” courses, which are non-credit classes for community members, sponsored by CSC. Helen and Scott are planning a 21-day trip around Sicily, Sorrento, and the Isle of Capri this year. A brief note was received from Gloria Fish Chick in Concord, MA, to let us know that she has 2 grandchildren: Peter, who turned 3 in June, and Clara, who will turn 1 in July.

Arlene Soderberg Ely is a West Springfield, MA, resident and is in her 12th year operating Ely Antiques, in Hanover, VA. Last October, Glen and her husband, Vic, were in AZ. The Browns have enjoyed Little Lake Weir in Summerfield, FL, this winter, where Joan finds the area well suited for watercolor painting. She continues to hunt for antiques, especially old valentine cards and hand fans. Her collection is quite remarkable and she has contributed an article to an organization’s journal devoted to their collection.

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Percilla Horridge Savacool, and visits Percilla and her husband, Ron, at both their FL and Lewes, DE, residences, and they in turn visit Shirley and Bill at their homes in Boston, MA, and the coast of ME. Libby, as our fund raising class agent, has done a very good job getting classmates to contribute to CSC’s annual campaign. She keeps us up on the interesting work her husband, Wes, does in converting a church into 5 floors of condos in Boston. She continues to sing in the St. Andrew’s church choir and that makes us wonder if we could get a few more to volunteer for a group to sing at our reunion.

Ann Blessing Bieler as the director, Doris Ruprecht Carlisle at the piano? We have a lot of choice and glee club singers in our class. Can we put that on the table for consideration, reunion committee? Anne Rosenbach Scott lives in Wolfeboro, NH. Classmates touring the area might be greeted by Ann working in sales at a furniture store in town, but only 2 days a week. She is leaving plenty of time for gardening and a new craft, hooking rugs. She travels to visit a daughter who is living in New London where other town residents include Elizabeth “Libby” Pegg Phillips, Margaret “Peg” Lewis Moreland, and Barbara Barselle Dye. Patricia Jezerny Short is in nearby Grantham. We must add Joan Kaufman Kirkpatrick as a New London resident for 6 months, where she enjoys swimming in the beautiful pool at CSC. The other 6 months she swims a mile every day (outdoors) at Vero Beach, FL. She has been enjoying many Elderhostel programs. Next time tell us where, Joan. Something others should try?

Peg Moreland’s picture is in the recently published history of New London, NH, compiled by Ann Page Stecker, a CSC professor. The book includes Peg’s famous chewy maple cookies recipe. Classmates, you may want to pick up a copy the next time you are in town. Living in South Glastonbury, CT, is Joan Potter Patilene, who has kept up her friendship with Mary Lou Schneider Crowell, and each year has a visit with her in Tequesta, FL. Joan met Hope Jane Liewin, from Port St. Lucie, FL, at their 50th high school reunion, as well as Mary El Allen O’Callahan ’53. The 3 got together in FL to see a show this past winter. We were sorry to learn from Lois Kilpatrick Shelton of Ansonia, CT, that she lost her husband, Bill, on Feb. 10, 2003. They would have celebrated their 45th anniversary in June. Lois has 3 children and grandchildren in CT, and a son in OK. From Redding Ridge, CT, Barbara Schaff Blumenthal writes that she married Tom Blumenthal on June 28, ’01. “Cupid was Joan Crain Ingwersen, who suggested that Tom, a friend of ours in 1960, call me. Both Tom and I had lost our spouses. He did call, and 4 years later we are married. It was terrific having Joan and Marjorie “Midge” Dexter Ayars and their husbands join the celebration,” wrote Barbara. Susanne “Sue” McMahon Fuller makes her home in Rochester, NY, but finds her way to Lake Sunapee every summer. She is most impressed with the improvements she has seen at CSC. Sue spends her winters in Sun Lakes, AZ. She wonders if there are others in the Southwest, and, if so, would love to have them call her at (480) 883-1961. From Venice, FL, comes a note from Nancy Fish Perior, who has a son, Mike, and a daughter, Debbie, and 2 grandchildren live nearby, but Leslie and family are living in Milwaukee. A little babysitting with 3-year-old Lindsey during the week, then Nancy rounds out her week with a part-time position in a card shop. She said to get a FL license to work in a lab would have required a back to school program in Tampa and with only a 10 minute trip to the beach from your home, Nancy, you made the best choice! Lake Worth, FL, is home to Joan Dryden May. She had a chance to enjoy Disney World with her son, Mike, his wife, Mary Ann, and 2 granddaughters who came from Baltimore a few weeks before she went into the hospital for back surgery. We all wish you a speedy recovery, as we know you look forward to getting back on the golf course, Joan. Joan’s daughter, Whitney, is a professor at Indiana U. in the medical
school while Kip, her husband, is chair of the criminal justice department. She proudly pointed out that Whitney was chosen as a Carnegie Scholar this year along with 24 others in the U.S. Northern FL is the place to be in the winter, reports Mary-Jane Mahoney Wright. She is another golfer and yoga enthusiast. Wonder if all these golfers learned the basics in the sport at CSC. We know some will remember the practice shots of trying to get a golf ball into a tin can on the floor of the basement of one of the dorms on a rainy day. Mary-Jane and Norm return to Cohasset, MA, in the spring, and they like to vacation on Cape Cod. A number of classmates could have a mini-reunion right there on the Cape.

Elizabeth “Betts” Laidlaw has a new address. A year ago she packed up, sold her house in the city, and moved to the small town of Manchester, MD, to a maintenance free place that she describes has “a built-in handyman who speedily responds to requests for help.” Has to be every woman’s dream, Betts, and you got him! In NJ, Jean Samuels Stephens continues teaching in her hometown of Lawrenceville. She is president of the Princeton branch of the English Speaking Union (E-SU) and serves on the national E-SU school committee as well as leading a group for the E-SU as national travel chair. Other family members involved in education are daughter Betsy, who is dean of admissions at Reed in OR, and juggles her time with twin boys who arrived in 2002. Jean’s son, David, is headmaster of Rivermont in Davenport, IA.

Ann Blessing Hibler, a resident of Hackettstown, NJ, in the winter, spends summers at their home in Pocono Summit, PA. She is directing 2 choirs (30 years of service), plus is serving as pianist. Ann and Andrew travel to the Caribbean in the winter but come summer time, they visit in New London with Laura Homan Dow. It’s “where in the U.S.” are Barbara Frank Ketchum and her husband, Zeke, this month? Love the sound of Wyomissing, PA, a musical address, but she explains they live in Reading, part-time.

They travel to AZ in the winter and play a lot of golf until April 15. In the summer they can be found in Wellfleet on Cape Cod. They have 10 grandchildren who love to visit them and 2 golden retrievers to greet everyone. From Bethel Park, PA, Carleen “Sunny” Madson Dukstein sent us quite a lot of news. She keeps in touch with Frances “Fran” Moody Bacon, who lives in Matthews, NC. Sunny and her husband are both retired, living in the same house they bought 43 years ago, but they are thinking about a retirement village in a couple of years. She said they have gone through 3 truck campers. They have been camping from 1972 to 2002. In the fall, they make an annual trip to Ogunquit, ME, and early spring they go to FL. She wondered how many remember Rita and Larry Bruno who worked in the cafeteria at Colby. She tells us that Larry died a few years ago and Rita is living in Bradenton, FL. Skipping down to VA, we find Helen “Meg” McWalter Finan, who married Jack Finan in 1956. Their 6 children include Laura, Sean, Tim, Kathleen, Dan, and Meg. They have 7 grandchildren, and number 8 was due this spring. Meg worked as an educational secretary in the Deerfield (NH) Community School for 22 years. Divorced in 1990, Meg now makes her home with her sister in Vienna, VA. We have another classmate in NC now that Mary Jaxon Burson has bought a townhome this past Feb. in Hendersonville, where she plans on settling down. She spent 2½ years with her partner traveling throughout the US and Canada. It’s a wonder she received our mail. The experience of travel has an “enriching and life-changing experience, living simply and spontaneously,” she concluded. Mary has 6 grandchildren to enjoy. Those who are living 6 months in one location and 6 months in another will keep us challenged in keeping up with them. Janet Hofmann Hansen and her husband, Tobey, enjoy their summers in Harbor Springs, MI, but consider their permanent residence in southern CA, where the weather is good for activity outdoors in the Carlsbad and San Diego areas.

And from Traverse City, M1, we were glad to hear that Emily “Em” Spencer Braugh and husband Neal are well and keeping busy. Their family includes 6 children (4 married) and 6 grandchildren, adding a great-grandchild in Aug. (Any more great-grandparents out there?) They still have time for being officers or volunteers with their church, as well as Civil War and art organizations. Our classmate who lives in HI is Frances “Frannie” Pryor Haws, who has lived there since 1962. The Haws just celebrated their 48th anniversary, and have 2 granddaughters to spoil and play with. She mentioned her activities include sailing, riding, kayaking, and playing golf but adds that she also is a volunteer at the hospital. By listing classmates by state, you may discover someone might be living in your area and if you would like to contact them, give Jo-Anne Cobban a call or send a note for more information. Many have sent in their e-mail addresses. You may find another classmate to travel with to the Reunion in 2004 or a long lost friend, perhaps! We also have some “temporarily” lost classmates. Maybe you can help us find the following: Judith Attwill, Diane Baker, Nancy Bright Burk, Joan Marie Fama, Patricia Sweet Gavin, Mary Hastings, Sandra Pitlington Henderson-Fahney, Carol Herrick Herrera, Janet Kinz, Louise Kleinschmidt, Jane Larson Larson, Mary Jacqueline London, Carol Brown Lowenberg, Paula Biaigi Migliaccio, Martha Tuttle Murphy, Helen MacDonald O’Donnell, Susan Herz Platt, Nancy L. Brown Roberts, and Jean Milliken Westholt. Do you visit or correspond with any of these gals? We’ll include a few more names for you to research next time. And finally, a special note from Jane Doherty Johnson. She writes, “For nearly 10 years I have been pleased to serve as class correspondent. The time has now come to pass this responsibility on to 3 new classmates. Jo-Ann Green Cobban, Glenice Hobbs Harmon, and Peg Lewis Moreland. I have very much enjoyed writing the class notes, especially the huge amount of news that was printed in the 2000 bulletin following our reunion. Having lived in Chicago for 43 years, and now living in Pittsburgh, I have found that I am too far out of the loop to be the best source of keeping us all connected through the Alumni Magazine. Since our new class correspondents are all from New England, I believe they will be able to generate the news I wasn’t always able to do because they are involved with campus life, see many Colby grads, and just have better access to getting news. For me, this was a fun job but was becoming increasingly frustrating as I failed to get the news we all look forward to reading. So do help them out, as it is such fun to hear about the activities we are all involved in. Can you believe that next year we will be celebrating our 50th? Love to everyone, and thanks to Jo-An, Glenice and Peg for taking over!”

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During the past months, Colby-Sawyer alumni represented President Anne Ponder and their college as official delegates to inaugural ceremonies at other colleges and universities. We are grateful to those who accepted invitations.

Rachel Hobbie ’86 at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, on February 7, 2003.

Leslie Wright Dow ’57 at Guilford College, on April 11, 2003.

Silvia Pilatti Doe ’76 at Franklin & Marshall College, on April 12, 2003.

1955

Class Correspondent Needed

Editor’s Note: Special thanks to Jane Dallas Kaup, who served as 1955 class correspondent from 1996 - January 2003.

Please send your news to the Alumni Office. Your classmates would love to hear about what is happening in your lives.

Martha “Marti” Strauss Shoemaker continues to live in Hinesburg, VT, with her husband, Julien (“Shoe”). They are the northeast (ME, NH, and VT) regional coordinators for Compassionate Friends, a national nonprofit, self-help support organization that offers friendship and understanding to bereaved parents, grandparents and siblings. The Shoemakers lost their son, Dave, in an ice climbing accident in ’79. They also have 2 daughters, Linda and Laura, and enjoy the company of their 2 grandchildren, Kyle and Anna Louise. Marti also volunteers with the Echo Science Center, the Mad River Chorale, and as an usher at the Flynn Performing Arts Center.

Rosemary Carhart Keenan is in her 6th year as a volunteer driver for “Meals on Wheels.”

She keeps busy working on the committee for her upcoming 50th high school reunion, and keeps active by spending time with her grandchildren. Joanne Holden Miller and her husband, James, enjoyed a tour of France this past fall. They traveled from Paris to Normandy, and through wine country to the French Riviera. They concluded that Monaco was the most memorable. Mozell Zarit took a 10-day trip to Japan, followed by a few days in Hong Kong this spring. “That’s what one does when they retire,” she wrote. Remember, our 50th reunion is just around the corner! Let’s hope for a good turnout in 2005!

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1956

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Hello, everyone, from the frozen North (aka Maine)! We certainly had what is known as an “old-fashioned” Maine winter. This fall I had the pleasure of meeting Jason Zotalis, the new major gift officer at the college. Jason was trying to meet as many alumni as possible in the New England area. I hosted a luncheon here in Brunswick for several of the area alumni, ranging in classes from 1940 to 1962. Jason listened attentively to us reminiscing about the faculty, house mothers, curfew, 5 mile limit, etc. Lots of laughs, as you can imagine! We all had a delightful time and decided we all should get together more often. The highlight of the afternoon was an excellent video with narration by President Ponder about life, facilities, and academic studies of the college today. Sally Marker Hayward wrote on a Christmas card of a fabulous trip she and Don took to the British Isles last year. They will take their annual trip to the Rockies to be with their grandchildren for the holidays.

Marsha Smoller Winer, Nate, and their daughter, Ellen, took a wonderful trip to Italy last year. Marsha said that Ellen had majored in art in college and was invaluable in helping them plan their daily activities. A delightful letter from Cynthia Oswald Sipos from Sugarland, TX, tells of tremendous growth in her area. She says Houston is being expanded to her back yard! Her solution to the traffic noise and huge mosquitoes was to enclose her back porch. She is grateful for her family and friends who have helped so much since Don passed away several years ago. Cynthia keeps in close touch with Louise “Liz” Zeller Curley and had a wonderful visit with her in Houston. Ann Boyd Seidel is still living in Jackson Hole, WY. She writes, “We have loved the experience in this magical place! There are many wonderful folks with a variety of interests.” Arlene Annan Demoss and Rich have been married for 20 years, and Arlene has 9 step-grandchildren (10 by now!) Since retiring, they have been traveling by every means available. Arlene and Rich met square dancing, but aren’t home enough to do that any more. Arlene sent her letter via e-mail, which makes it easy to keep in touch. I do hope other classmates will send me messages by e-mail, telephone, letter, or whatever is easiest, but please do it! Your classmates want to read about you! Till next time, Nancy.

1957

Class Correspondent Needed

Editor’s Note: Special thanks to Miriam Barndt-Webb, who served as 1957 class correspondent from 1997 - April 2003.

Please send your news to the Alumni Office. Your classmates would love to hear about what is happening in your lives.

Carolyn Woodward Newton’s 1st grandson, Cameron Mason Poe, was born April 17, ’01, to Chris and Cyndi Poe in Dallas, TX. Her 1st granddaughter, Alexandra Margaret Poe, was born on Aug. 24, ’02, to Justin and Erin Poe in Austin, TX. Carolyn’s youngest son, Brandon, will wed Lynnette Foster in Deerfield, MA, on Oct. 18, ’03. Carolyn and her husband, Fred, continue with their prison ministry.
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I saw Priscilla Tufts Bartle the other day in the library where I work. She’s fine, busy, and still working. Virginia “Ginny” Dana Windmuller still lives in Wayne, NJ, and writes that all is well with her. She’s still the school nurse at Ryerson Elementary School. This is her 18th year, and Ginny plans to stay on at least through next year, and then she’ll see! Her husband, Rudy, has been retired 14 years and is homebound. Their oldest son, John, is married, works for the U.S. Patent Office in Washington, DC, and is house hunting. Their youngest son, David, is very interested in living in Asheville, NC. She enjoys painting landscapes and writes that she is the biggest dealer in the Blue Spiral 1 art gallery (www.bluespiral1.com on the Web). Her work has been published in Best of Pastel, The Artists Magazine, and Landscape Inspirations. Judith Christie Anderson recently visited with Bette Sliven Alsbrook in Philadelphia while visiting her daughter and son-in-law, who live there. Her daughter, Emily, is a housing analyst for the city, and Emily’s husband is teaching at NYU while working on his Ph.D. in public policy. Your class correspondent (Sarah “Sally”) Beal Fowler is well, busy at the local library, and looking for lots of news from all of you! Let’s hear from you soon!

1960
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It should be summer by the time this column arrives, but since it has been a long winter I am not sure what to expect. I sent out a number of postcards and e-mails and did not get a very good response, so I hope it could be blamed on my server being down. I did get a nice response from Ann “Meri” Skeds Nielsen, who has been employed as director of administration for the VT Bar Association for 10 years. She also serves as chair of the cemetery commission of the Green Mount Cemetery in Montpelier. This year Meri was recognized for 35 years of service with the Red Cross Blood Services of Vermont-New Hampshire Region. (She started at age 5 according to Meri! Sure thing! But congratulations just the same!) Meri and her husband, Corky, live in Montpelier and they have a combined family of five. Winter finds the Nielsens snowshoeing with their golden retrievers, sometimes as many as 7. Summer finds them with friends and working on their house, in and out, and in the gardens. Great to hear from you, Meri. Carolyn Nienhuys Karl answered with news that life in the Cumberland Plateau of TN is “dandy.” She and her family enjoy good friends, church life, golf, tennis, and sailing their sunfish on the TN lakes. Carolyn works part time as a physical therapist in a local nursing home and plays the flute for enjoyment. Her family is healthy and self-supporting. She loves her grandchildren and she hopes to hear from her classmates.

Alumni Caring. Judy Butler Shea ’60 (I) with her friend and classmate, Joan Perry MacDermott ’60 (center), and Sarah Wardner ’86. Joan, who died in October 2002, suffered from Lou Gehrig’s Disease, and Sarah was the hospice nurse who took care of her; just one more example of Colby-Sawyer alumni helping each other.

1959 Reunion

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worth waiting for! We got a Wheaton Terrier puppy to keep McKinley, our Toller, company. They are wonderful together. We hope to get the motor home out of the barn where it has been snowed in. At Christmas we got 18 inches and more just kept coming. Beautiful! Then the ice set in. Not sure where we will go, but we hope to be away for the mud season. Please send me news so your classmates and friends can keep in touch. Have a wonderful summer.

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1961

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Greetings from Iceland, USA! Wow, what a winter we had! Lots of snow and cold, with emphasis on the cold! I feel like I’ve been living in a cocoon. Condolences from our class to the families of Elizabeth “Misty” Booth Davis and Claire Sawyer Emery ’60. What outstanding individuals! Our sympathy also goes out to the family of Linda Hawkes Halunen ’62. How well I remember Lynn. We traveled by train from Rochester, NY, to Potter Place during a snowstorm. What a nice gal! My husband and I enjoyed being hosts at a Parents Weekend reception held in Ware Campus Center this past Oct. It was wonderful to hear such positive feedback of the college. The parents were full of enthusiasm about everything, from the Colby-Sawyer curriculum to dorm life. I was happy to see that 39 percent of our class contributed to the annual fund this past year. I hope that the percentage of giving will increase in the coming year. As most of you know, Prudence “Prue” Jensen Heard has been our class agent for quite a period of time. Nice job, Prue! I talked with Elizabeth “Tizzie” Grove Schweizer on the phone recently. She and hubby Fred are really enjoying life in Ithaca, NY. Their son, Fred IV, and his fiancée will be married July 5. Write me, girls! We need your news!

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1962

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Editor’s Note: A warm welcome, and special thank you to Gail Graham, who has volunteered to serve as co-correspondent for the class of 1962.

Hi, from your new class correspondent, Gail Graham, who got roped into this job at last year’s Reunion. I recently attended a reception to meet President Anne Ponder in Naples, FL, where I bumped into Judith “Judy” Bodwell Mulholland and Judy Park Kukk. Judy Mulholland has retired from a rewarding career as a print/publishing executive (first woman in the Printing Hall of Fame) and is living full time in Naples with her husband, Bob (retired president of NBC), whom she married in 1991. They have 4 children and 5 grandchildren between them, all of whom are thriving. Her current passion is competitive bridge, and they also enjoy golf, travel, etc. She says, “We know how fortunate we are.” Judy Kukk and her husband, Tom, live in Naples and Akron, OH, and have 2 children and 2 grandchildren who live close by in Naples. She will give us a more detailed update in our next column. Susan “Sue” Webster Suplee is enjoying her 2 grandchildren, doing the bookkeeping for her husband’s business, and preparing for her daughter’s wedding to her German boyfriend in Hellbrun, Germany, in Oct. She is also trying to remember all the good things we learned during our afternoon cocktail with Joan Anderson last spring and apply them to her aging body! Marcia Meyer Snyder writes that she and Patricia “Pat” White Nash are going to celebrate their big birthdays together. She keeps busy selling real estate, walking, playing tennis, cooking, and knitting. She has been blessed with her husband, Glenn, 2 married children, and 4 lovely grandchildren. Sandra Dix Fesler wrote that she and her husband, Jim, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Aug. 18, ’02. Jim recently retired from his psychiatry practice in Tampa, FL. His career was very demanding, so now he and Sandra are enjoying their “relaxed” time together. Their children—Tom, Nancy, and Susan—live close by, so they are able to see their 5 grandchildren often. Penelope “Penny” Read Stevens is retired, but continues to prepare returns during tax season. She’s also just downsized to a great condo. She is a deacon at her church and leads the Stephen Ministry Program.

Penny enjoys playing bridge, sailing, swimming, photography, and travel. Her son, Russell, and his wife, Sheila, are in CA. Russell is with Boeing and Sheila is a Ph.D. with Kyphon. Penny’s daughter, Wendy, lives nearby in South Salem, NY, with her husband, Tom, and their 3-year-old daughter, Sarah. Wendy is a portraitist and Tom is with Consumer Reports. Barbara “Sandy” Stone Ramsay sent along to the Alumni Office a great picture (see this page) of herself, Lucretia “Lou” Van Cleef, and Patricia “Pam” Matthews Pope, along with the following story behind their “reunion.” She wrote, “Lou and I were roommates in Burpee our senior year. Pam was a good friend of both of ours during our CJC years. In fact, she and Lou were roommates in Boston following college for about a year. All of us had completely lost touch with each other—not even a Christmas card—for 40 years. One day last summer, I looked into Classmates.com and saw Pam’s name listed. I immediately sent her an e-mail letting her know how to get in touch with me, and I also asked her about Lou. About a month later, I received an e-mail from Lou saying she’d heard I was looking for her. She asked if I would be interested in joining her and Pam (and Pam’s husband, Bob) for dinner in Boston the following Sunday. Pam lives in Dallas, TX, but she and Bob were taking a cruise up the East Coast into Nova Scotia. The ship was making a stop in Boston. So my husband, Joe Bartlett, and I drove the 2 hours to Boston, and 3 old friends had a wonderful reunion! Even the men enjoyed each other’s company (the man in Lou’s life, Gary, was in ME that weekend and was unable to join us). It was as though we’d never been apart; we just picked up where we had left off, and of course enjoyed many laughs over old memories. We are all delighted to have found one another again!” Great story, Sandy, Lou, and Pam! Sadly, Diane Huston Dobbins lost her husband, Chuck, in June ’02 after an 8-year battle with Alzheimer’s. Diane is slowly recovering from the loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Diane. As
for me, Gail Graham. I have spent 6 weeks in FL, am now back on Cape Cod for 6 weeks, and then I will be returning to FL for 6 more weeks at the end of the month. Please e-mail me at Gailcrack@aol.com with all your news. Happy summer!

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1963

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Joan Gilbey Whittaker and her husband, Chris, became 1st time grandparents to a baby girl in April '02. In March, they welcomed another granddaughter, born to their daughter, Susan "Sue" Whittaker DiFatta '97. Chris retired in Jan., and the Whittakers hoped to spend a few winter months in AZ. Barbara Grimes Staats and her husband, Allan, continue to enjoy living in Madison, NJ, and take advantage of its proximity to NYC. They enjoyed vacations in 2002 to FL, New England, the ME coast, VA, and NC. "Retirement has its benefits," Barbara wrote.

1964

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Hi, classmates. This winter should have been the perfect time for you to sit down and share some of your life's experiences with us. With all this snow in New England, there was not much else to do. Please, please, please write and let us know how you are doing and what you are doing since leaving Colby Junior College 39 short years ago. We did hear from Nancy Bland Wadhams who is living in Simsbury, CT. "Dave and I are enjoying retirement and our 3 grandchildren. We spend our summers at Winnipesaukee in NH and occasionally visit New London. We get together a couple of times a year with Alice Lawton Lehmann and her husband, Bill," wrote Nancy. Jensine Dodge Allyn writes, "Denny has taken early retirement, so we plan to spend lots of time in our 5th-wheel camper, exploring the country. We now have 4 grandchildren and are very grateful all are healthy and happy." Jensine is living in Rochester, VT. Carol Adams and her husband, Rich Cafiero, have just spent their 1st winter in their Santa Fe, NM, home. They'll spend the summer in their home in the Catskill Mountains of NY. Carol and Rich have 6 children between them, so they get to travel south to Atlanta, GA, and west to Santa Monica, CA, and Portland, OR. They still have 2 children in college, one at Reed and the other at Holyoke Community College. Carol has been learning to draw and to speak Spanish. Rich is a pharmacist and enjoys fishing on his days off. "We love it here in the Southwest. The sky is huge and the sun is strong," wrote Carol. I had lunch with Cathy Wood Hallsworth recently. She works in the town assessors office in Hollis, NH, and is usually hard to tie down because of her busy schedule with town meetings weekly. Dave has retired and is helping AARP with tax returns.

1. Leslie "Lee" Norris Gray have pretty much retired from real estate except for a referral here and there. With 4 grandchildren in the immediate area, my 87-year-old mother in Shrewsbury, keeps the books for St. Andrews-By-The-Sea summer chapel, playing golf and tennis, and doing my counted cross stitch projects (just finished Christmas stockings for the 4 grandchildren), I keep myself very busy. Rick and I are looking forward to his retirement in the near future so we can do some traveling around the USA. I guess we are all at the stage of retirement (or almost there). I am sure many of you are having some new and exciting experiences in your retirement and we'd love to hear about them. The easiest way to reach me is by e-mail (just love this new technology). I look forward to hearing from many of you in the next few months.

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Frolic Taylor ’67

Saving Open Space:
One Woman’s Mission

N ational Eventing Magazine, Issue 5, September/October 2002, featured a story of “an individual who is making a difference to ensure that future generations of horse enthusiasts in central New York will have a place to hunt, drive, and ride.” Colby-Sawyer’s own Frolic Taylor ’67 stars in the story, which says that Frolic’s work “proves that it takes only one individual with vision, energy, time, and resources to launch a campaign to help save open space and create a trail system for equine use.”

Frolic began her quest for an equestrian trail in 1996, when she inherited a parcel of farm property in Cazenovia, New York, 20 miles from Syracuse. Many farms in the area were being sold to developers, and Frolic was concerned that equestrian land, including treasured fox hunting territories, would disappear. Over the next few years, she learned what she needed to know to become an activist for her cause. In 1999, Frolic founded the Cazenovia Area Equine Association (CAEA) to unify horse owners into a powerful force in the community and attract more horse enthusiasts to live and ride in the area; to promote awareness of the local equine industry and encourage the involvement of area residents, businesses, and legislators; and to establish permanent easements for existing equestrian trails and create new easements that expand the existing trails.

To condense years of passionate effort into a short story, suffice it to say that Frolic’s efforts have been overwhelmingly successful, and her approach and organization are being touted as role models for communities with similar goals. Now, with a group of local advocates assisting her, Frolic continues her efforts, through state and local governments, to make central New York a “premier equestrian destination,” to encourage an equestrian community which will have a positive economic impact on the area, and to “have a trail network that connects many of the area’s wonderful farms and attracts all manner of horse people and events.”

Frolic Taylor—founder and president of CAEA, horse lover, foxhunter, and passionate activist—is a Colby-Sawyer graduate who is making a difference.

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One of life’s harsher realities is that we’re at that age when we’re going to start losing classmates. I’m sad to tell you that Judith Roscoe MacFarland, a lifelong resident of Hartford, CT, died on March 3, leaving her parents, her husband, Brian, and her 2 daughters and their families. Donations in her memory can be made to the Helen and Harry Gray Cancer Center or the Palliative Care Unit, c/o Hartford Hospital. You’re also invited to visit www.mem.com for a Dignity Memorial Announcement. Our sympathies go out to Judy’s family. I personally pray that wonderful memories of Judy will help to soften their pain. Now, who knew there was a trail from the Irish Sea to the North Sea? Perry Crouse Jeffords does. She and husband Jeff (both retired), walked across England on the “coast to coast” trail last June. Their youngest daughter, Laura, graduated from UVM in May. Carolyn Humphrey Brown and her husband, Dan, along with a group of 10 others, explored Patagonia by foot and public transportation in late November, covering parts of Argentina, Chile, and spending a couple of days in the southernmost city in the world, Ushuaia, on the island of Tierra del Fuego on the Beagle Channel. According to Carolyn, by all accounts a great adventure! On the domestic travel side, Cheryl Barchard Blackman and husband George traded in their 23’ motorhome for a 25’ fifth-wheel with a slideout and a Chevy Silverado (with all the bells and whistles) to pull it. Last Aug., they spent 6 weeks visiting 32 states and covered 11,000 miles, the route determined somewhat by the Vietnam buddies George wanted to visit. They knew they were on a real vacation when 4 weeks into the trip they not only didn’t know what the date was, they also didn’t know what day of the week it was! Highlights of the trip included fishing in several states, a float trip down the Snake River, horseback riding on the beach, and unusual places like New Ulm, MN, and the Valley of Fire in NV. Their son, John, continues to work for/with George in the home remodeling business and daughter Tammy is a stay-at-home mom. When they are able, Cheri and George take any combination of the five grandchildren camping when they visit. Our belated sympathies are with Cheri, who unexpectedly lost her 81-year-old mother on December 4, “turning,” as she said, “our world upside down.” I was thrilled to hear from one of the five "is" from Sheppard Dorm—Christine “Tina” Hewitt Morrison—but saddened by news that she lost both of her parents within a short time of each other. Her recent activities tend to be concentrated on the things that need to be done when that happens, including selling the home in Bronxville that was in her family for 45 years. I ate my first artichoke there! Belated sympathies, Tina. Tina’s sister, Pam, is now in the Kingsport area. Tina has taken up doubles ping-pong, and her husband, Ian, is enjoying early retirement, but may get back into teaching and coaching if the right opportunity comes along. More retirement news comes from Janis "Jan" Green Barnes, who, after 28 years of teaching primary school in Victor, NY, retired last June and moved (new address is 3408 Poplar Beach Road, Canandaigua, NY 14424). She's got much more time now to spend with her 4 granddaughters: Carlie, Tori, Lauren, and Megan. Mary Cook Millard, an interior designer, and husband Chuck, a building contractor, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary in Jan., and bought an old house in Bethel, ME, which they are fixing up. Mary’s 91-year-old mother, Bunny, lives with them now, and their daughters, Christy and Cara, are both married with
Betsy left for Mount Holyoke in 1989, never to return to VT, and with husband, Tom, lives in Connecticut with Babbie’s adorable granddaughter, Amy. Son, Tom, is a junior at Bridgewater State College and splits his time between VT and CT. Babbie went for her bachelor’s degree in elementary education at Johnson State in 1986. If I did the math correctly, Babbie and Frank moved back to Essex, CT, in 2002. She substitutes at various elementary schools, is busy remodeling their condo, and plays tennis whenever she can get a game. She and Frank continue to be in touch with Carlyn Cleaves Watts and Martin Watts (they live on a gorgeous lake in ME), and Babbie and Paula “Peggy” Franke MacDonald get together as often as possible. Christmas cards are still exchanged with Marcia Quimby Troy, Betsy Cochran Jones, and Dorothy “DeeDee” Wolcott Stockman, but she’s lost track of Jane “Janie” McCarthy Radke (can anyone help her out here?). Life at the Captain Art and Susan “Sue” Chapman Melanson compound is always busy and interesting! 2002 for Sue was the “Year of the Kitchen,” a remodeling project extraordinaire! The “herb” side of Sue attended a huge women’s herbal conference in Aug., which included the art of mendhi (henna tattoos). Sue and Art raise the most beautiful huskies, but she wrote that she was planning to move to Vermont with Sue’s horses now. Toby, nearly 10) had to be put down on the same day. How very sad. Krissie, graduated from Colby-Sawyer College in May ’03. Sue writes that she’s “having a harder time with this transition than the first day of kindergarten.” And Sue’s book, Wentworth-By-The-Sea, 1969: A Novel, generated enough interest to pull together a hotel staff reunion last July! The hotel is scheduled to reopen sometime in the future. Sue was also a judge for the Miss Vermont Scholarship Pageant in July. Linda has been enormously busy with her Homeowners Association and taking care of her 88-year-old mother. I’m hoping that she’ll write a book about her Sept. 2002 trip to Prague for a wedding. She writes like Erma Bombeck—witty, dry, cut to the chase! Keep those cards and letters coming. We can’t know what you’re up to unless you tell us! Please see In Fond Memory.

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We look forward to hearing from you!
Adams (a Declaration of Independence signer) in 1780. Judith Hauck Lippert has been married to her husband, Nels, for 31 years. Their 20-year-old daughter, Annie, attends Gettysburg College, and Tom, their 27-year-old son, is a graduate student at the Univ. of NC. The Lipperts live at the beach in NJ, and Nels works in NY. 

Prudence Hostetter says she’s a bit worried about bankruptcy at American Airlines, but she is still flying to Los Angeles. She is enjoying her 6-year-old son tremendously. Prudence ran the VT Marathon in May. While in VT, she had planned to stop by CSC to show her son the “hills and trees.” “Life is great! Best to all my classmates in 2003,” wrote Prudence.

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1968

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I love my new class correspondent title. It gives me an opportunity to re-establish old ties and make new friends. Through the people that I have met over the years, Colby has stayed in my life. Currently I am attending grad school at UNH in Manchester. I was talking with one of my fellow students about Mt. Kearsarge. When she mentioned Mountain Day, I knew that she had to have gone to CJC. We graduated from Colby 20 years apart, and now Sharman Hayward ’88 and I have something else in common besides wanting to become schoolteachers. June Chapin Swenson ’54 is the Christian education director at the church that I attend, and she recently welcomed her 5th grandchild into the fold. Jill Messinger Wilbur ’75 is the sister of one of my best friends. For me, the influence of Colby-Sawyer College is found in many different people. This winter, I went home to Barrington, RI, to meet some old friends. I visited with Susan “Sue” Schantz Spiro. She and her husband have a condo overlooking Narragansett Bay in Bristol, RI. Sue teaches environmental lessons at the Environmental Education Center of the RI Audubon Society. She reminded me that her sister, Ann Schantz Meers ’76, also attended CJC. Through our class e-mail correspondence, Sue discovered that the husband of our classmate, Wendy Russel LaRose, and Sue’s husband, Jim, both work for the same company, based in Portland, ME. While visiting in RI, I had dinner with 2 childhood friends who are also CJC graduates, Kristin “Kris” Gladding Chwalk ’69 and Sue Dudley Horton ’69. We reminisced about the time during freshman year when they came to visit me at Colby and stayed at the Cranehurst Inn. (I can still smell the sticky buns!) Sue just traveled to Thailand with Barbara “Barb” Gary ’69 to attend the wedding celebration for Sue’s brother, Steve, and his bride from Bangkok. I decided to find an old dorm mate and close friend, with whom I had lost contact years ago, Meredith “Merrie” Dodd Taylor ’69 MT. We lived in the same dorms during our 1st and 2nd years at CJC (Page and La Chaumiere). After finishing school, Merrie served in the Peace Corps and eventually settled in WY. I found her through a press release on the Internet announcing her appointment to the WY Outdoor Council. Meredith is their Yellowstone program director. She and her husband, Tony, have been running an outfitting business for over 20 years and take wilderness horseback trips into Yellowstone. They are very active and passionate environmentalists. By the time this is published, we will have already convened for our 35th Reunion in New London. Many thanks to our reunion committee, Carol Way Wood, Anne Wadsworth Markle, and Susan Austin Kraeger. They each sent me news, so I will start with them. Carol Way Wood is living in So. Dartmouth, MA. She is still an artist and has a greeting card company, Beach Pea Press. A number of shops across the U.S. carry her cards. The next time you buy a greeting card, be sure to check to see if it’s a Beach Pea Press creation! Carol is also the sales manager for Salt Marsh Pottery in South Dartmouth, where her son is a 6th grader. Carol’s daughter is a dolphin trainer in the FL Keys. Anne Wadsworth Markle lives just outside of Philadelphia in Devon, PA, with her husband and son. Her son is a high school junior and is already exploring colleges for next year. Trained as a graphic artist, Anne is working on updating her skills using Adobe PageMaker and also thinking about how she might use her newfound knowledge to train other graphic artists who find themselves in the same situation. Anne still sings (remember the Monotones?) and regularly performs with The Larks singing group to entertain residents at area retirement and nursing homes. She has also taken up piano playing again. I spoke to Anne on the phone, and we reminisced about our old classmates. She told me that she once lived with Lynn Macdonald Bishop in Boston. Anne receives a newsy Christmas letter each year from Patricia “Patti” Whitney. Susan Austin Kraeger is working at Colby-Sawyer College in the Advancement Department, just minutes from her house. She raises chickens and is a passionate gardener (flowers and vegetables). Eggs are the second most important things the chickens provide! Susan’s husband, Tom, is as passionate a golfer as Susan, and they are both enjoying Baker Hill Golf Club, a new Reese Jones equity golf course that opened in Newbury 2 years ago. They live with 2 dogs, a cat, and aforementioned chickens in a rural setting, and run back and forth in the summer to Lake Sunapee where Tom’s family has a house. Susan wrote, “We love to travel and this past year has taken us to HI and the western Caribbean. Life is good.” Gusty Lange and her husband, Steve, live in Brooklyn with their 2 children, Chelsea (8) and Dylan (13). Gusty is in her 18th year of teaching at the Pratt Institute in the Graduate Communications Design Department. Gusty shared, “We spent most of last year completely renovating (contractor stories!) 2 apartments (we are landlords to 8). In the summer we spend time in ME, where I get into a kayak at sunrise every a.m. If the tide is up! I see as much as possible of Anne Wadsworth Markle.
and am in touch with Patricia “Patti” Whitney, who teaches at the Belmont School. Cornelia “Nina” de Schepper is working in real estate in San Francisco and has beautiful cats!” Helen Sawyer McClure-Hawley had a great excuse for missing our reunion this year. She wrote, “I will be graduating that weekend with my dual certification and BA in English and special education. I hope to attend future reunions and look forward to seeing everyone again, soon! My love to all. Do you remember seeing everyone again, soon! My reunions and look forward to tion. I hope to attend future

Sawyer McClure-Hawley was close. Has anyone heard time, but now treasure memories ships I made at Colby at the address, as I love ‘being in touch’ Please don’t lose my e-mail

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Anne Alger Hayward enjoys getting together with Mira Fish Coleman. Mira has a son, Peter, who is the same age as Anne’s 10-year-old daughter, Katie. Anne also gets together with Marguerite “Margot” Woodworth Seefeld and Anne Pouch, who has a thriving bead business. Anne Hayward keeps busy doing tax credit transactions at a large law firm.

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I, Linda “Kelly” Graves, would love to have something to write for this column because I know you open the magazine directly to our class notes as soon as you receive it. I do, too, and I wrote the column! Alas, there is no news to share. I would like to say that I think I will survive the college application process for my oldest child. We are down to the final 2 schools (a new form of “March Madness”) and now we scramble for the last look and final decision. Stay tuned. Hope you are all well. Call a Colby-Sawyer friend and have a nice chat and then send me the news! The Alumni Office did hear from Nancy Aptthorp Bamhart. Nancy’s oldest son recently moved to Los Angeles with his band, trying their hand in the music world. Her husband, Mike, is still recovering from an accident, which resulted in a broken femur. His accident happened last June in their backyard in the isolated town of Stehekin, WA. Modern technol-
Nancy, who was at their other house in Wenatchee, WA, where their other son attends high school. Nancy was able to contact the National Park Service via radio telephone so that Mike could receive emergency medical attention. Mike was airlifted by helicopter to the hospital in Wenatchee. On a more positive note, Nancy and Mike completed their 2nd photography book, which is a photographic essay of Holden Village.

1973

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A warm hello to you all! If you were not at our 30th Reunion, then you missed it! A good time was had by all. It is so easy to e-mail me with your news. Please let me know what you are up to, if you have children and what they are into these days, or perhaps you took a nice vacation somewhere, and, who do you keep in touch with? If you have lost touch with someone, I can help you reconnect. Alexandra “Sandy” Cummings Sullivan writes, “I am starting year #8 at Edward Jones Investments. My daughter Mary, 24, is settling in Boston. My son, David, 20, and daughter Liz, 18, are both at James Madison University in VA. I am enjoying single life and trying to get in as much travel as possible, as well as visiting Colby alums Elizabeth “Betsy” Monogan Heitz and Jan Lyle Malcolm.” Jan, what are you up to? You live in the same town as Patricia “Pattie” Crowell Mitchell. She and her husband celebrated their 26th anniversary in May! Their oldest, Chip, is in law school, Matthew is at Elmira College, and Joy has just finished her sophomore year in high school. Hey, Pattie, can you talk to her into going to Colby? Pattie lives in Barrington, RI, works part time and does volunteer work, and they all enjoy sailing in the summer. The RI coast is stunning! Jane Haslun Schwab, did you see that Sandy (above) also has a daughter at James Madison University? Maybe you could carpool, as Lindsay Schwab has just completed her sophomore year there. Her sister, Taylor, just graduated high school in Warwick, RI. Is she going to Colby, Jane? Seriously, Jane is a teacher assistant in the high school in Warwick, RI, where they live. Debbie Morrill, would you please e-mail me? Sharon Sawyer Cross has been busy these days. In between writing and illustrating some children’s books that she wrote, Sharon has been designing and constructing sets for The Encore Rep. Company in RI. Since that wasn’t enough, Sharon is now acting with the company as well, and will play the part of Sheila in a performance of “A Chorus Line.” Their son will enter his sophomore year at Keene State College and is studying elementary education. Their daughter is a very gregarious 8-year-old who sounds like her mother; she is into jazz, tap, ballet, voice, piano, theater and soccer, and wants to add on guitar. The Sawyer-Cross family has spent some time traveling recently in Europe. They skied in Italy with the family of one of their 10 foreign exchange students, and then visited his family on the Island of Gotland in Sweden last fall. To top it off, his aunt and cousins came to RI for a 2 week visit over the past winter holidays! Sharon and her husband are planning on designing and building a new home in NH and are looking forward to being back on the water again. Elizabeth “Betsy” Williams Shake is a spiritual director in Syracuse, NY. She and her husband, Jim, recently enjoyed a wonderful few days snorkeling, relaxing, and dining at beautiful Caneel Bay on St. John’s Island. They have a 15-year-old son. Paula Smith, Elizabeth “Beth” Hammond-Robinson, Elizabeth “Libby” Rowan Hargrove, Marie Mulhall Roome, Lisa Loehr Weiner, Patricia “Patty” Weliska Clarke, Catherine “Cathy” Fontaine Cantwell, and anyone else, if you are reading this, then please e-mail me your latest. Ciao! P.S. In the next issue, I would like to include what you did to celebrate your 50th birthday! Please e-mail me with your story. It can be fiction or non-fiction. If you chose to ignore it and hide under your bed, that’s ok, too.

1974

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Hi all! Greetings from CT. Here’s some news: Susan “Sue” Marcotte-Jenkins has a new position as the executive director of the Birchtree Center for Children in Portsmouth, NH. The center provides educational services to children with autism and their families. Dale Carder Van Wart lives in Sudbury, MA, with her 2 girls, ages 12 and 14. Both girls are active in soccer, skiing, riding, and tennis. She is an administrative manager for the State Highway Department. She deals directly with “The Big Dig,” budget, and plans the tours. Mary Jo Rollins Gauthier writes, “Hi to everyone who was on the 3rd floor of Best. I would love to hear from all of you! Drop me an e-mail (gauth6808@aol.com).” Melissa Langa has been married to Jeff Wulfsion (Dartmouth 1971) for 26 happy years, 21 lived in Brookline, MA. Their daughter, Kate, is a sophomore at Reed College in Portland, OR. Their son, Jim, is an avid sports fan, and a sophomore at the U of Missouri (Go Tigers!). After earning her BA from Douglas College (NJ) and a law degree from American University, Melissa worked for a few years for the federal government litigating sex, race, and age discrimination cases in the federal circuit courts of appeal. Then, after raising her family, she got a master’s in law in taxation at BU School of Law. Last year she became a partner at a firm recently renamed Bove & Langa. In her “spare time” she co-authors a “Trusts & Estates” column for the local legal newspaper, and teaches a course in estate planning at the BU Law School. Porsche Pierson Ashford is married to Brian, whom she’s known since they were 11 years old! They’ll celebrate their 10th anniversary this summer. Porsche spent 14 years as an active duty naval officer and then 6 inactive years in the Reserves. About 12 years ago, she moved to Richmond, VA, to head up Navy Officer Recruiting for VA. Until Dec., she was the director of sales and marketing for Theatre Virginia, a professional LORT theater until the theater closed its doors. She is now focusing on “Societe 1066 - Paris Vacation Properties,” a real estate business she and Brian started last year. They currently have an apartment for rent in the 7th Arrondissment, very near the Eiffel Tower. It’s available on a weekly basis or as a time-share. It sleeps 4, as long as you don’t mind sleeping in pairs! It is completely equipped, right down to hair dryer, DVD/CD player (with DVDs and CDs), and an ever-growing library of guidebooks. If you’re interested, you can contact Porsche at boxster@erols.com. Porsche notes, “I always enjoy reading the class update in the alumni magazine and hope that others...”

Author? Musician? Artist? Send us reviews of your work, publicity photos, press releases, whatever you have. We’d love to feature your talent in your Colby-Sawyer Alumni Magazine.
will sit down and e-mail you." You go, girl! Come on, let’s hear from more of you so this column can rock!

1975

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Well, I haven’t heard a peep from anyone, so you’re stuck with news about me. I’m still in Andover, running my Ferguson Communications business, and raising 2 “growin’ fast” boys. The new news is that I’m engaged to Allen Koop, whom many of you may remember from Colby-Sawyer days as that very tough, but cute, history professor. Small world, eh? Somebody...anybody...please write soon so I don’t have to fill up this space with wedding details.

1976

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**Marcia Abbott** has been living in Wellesley, MA, for the past 18 years with her husband, Tom Clemow. They will celebrate their 20th anniversary this year! They have a son, Dane, who is a sophomore at Middlesex School in Concord, MA, and a daughter, Grace, who is a 7th grader at Wellesley Middle School. Having her son in Concord provides Marcia with plenty of excuses to drop by and visit Martha “Marty” Stengel Ryan. Marcia says she and Marty always have plenty to talk and laugh about! “On the professional side, I am coming up on 9 years with VERITAS Software, where I am the director of sales for New England. It’s a great company, and they have encouraged my professional development with leadership programs and training. Most recently, I have participated on the integration team for the acquisition of a company in the Boston area that we are buying. It’s given me a glimpse of a different side of the business,” wrote Marcia. Marcia still hears from Teri Sandberg Kilarski ’77, as they occasionally exchange e-mails and the annual Christmas card. Teri’s children are the same ages as Marcia’s. Marcia would love to know the whereabouts of Claudia Behrer Froehlich!

**Leslie Jenik Baker** has been married to her wonderful husband, Jim, for the last 22 years. Their daughter, Alison, is married, and their twin daughters, Amanda and Adrienne, graduated high school in May. Leslie has been an executive in the telecommunications industry ever since graduating from college, and she loves her career. She is looking for Debra “Debbie” Bray Mitchell ’79 and Suzanne Michaud Diddel ’77, and would love to hear how everyone is doing. Priscilla Walker Dalmus of Acton, MA, is the proud, busy mom of Christian, her 12-year-old son, and Sage, her 10-year-old daughter. She regularly sees classmates, friends, and fellow Acton residents Elizabeth “Betsy” Hill Lynch, Lynn Specker Martin, and Ann Erickson Shaw.

**Sarah J. Minor ’76**

“Art for the floor.” That’s how Portsmouth, N.H., artist Sarah J. Minor describes her work. And if you want to get a good look at her pieces, at your feet is precisely where you’ll have to look, as Sarah specializes in distinctive, hand-painted canvas floor cloths.

Floor cloths have been used in the United States since the 1700s. In fact, Sarah says her pieces are a re-invention of what the colonists used in their homes. Their floor cloths were made from the sails of ships. The sails were painted, often with the use of stenciling, and then they were treated with linseed oil. Today, Sarah uses cotton duck, which she describes as a thicker version of an artist’s canvas. Her pieces are painted with exterior paints and primers and acrylics. They are also treated with a special artist’s varnish, which provides durability and lasting beauty.

Floor cloth artists are quite unique. Sarah gives her floor cloths a “painterly quality,” so they stand out. Her themes tend to be nature oriented, particularly focusing on fruits, vegetables, and flowers. She paints custom pieces, and her creative work can also be found on placemats.

Following her graduation from Colby Junior College in 1976, Sarah went on to the University of New Hampshire, where she received her bachelor’s degree in studio art. She then took a job in the Financial Aid Department at UNH. Sarah knew art was her calling and, after five years, decided to leave her job in academia. She went on to work in women’s retail, managing stores in York Village, Maine, and then in Farmington, Connecticut. During this time she used her artistic sensibility in fashion, merchandising, and window displays.

She eventually became frustrated, realizing that this “art” was not her “art.” Seven years ago she returned to New Hampshire and decided it was time to sink or swim. She put her first floor cloths into a gallery and they began to sell rapidly. She began working out of her home and her increasing success allowed her to move into her own studio three years ago.

To have a closer look at Sarah’s work, you can visit her studio at The Button Factory in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. She’ll also be at the Marblehead (Massachusetts) Arts & Crafts Festival over July Fourth Weekend, and at the Camden (Maine) Arts & Crafts Festival on July 19 and 20.

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lives in Gathersburg, MD (a suburb of DC), where she has been for the last 21 years. Her oldest, Katie, graduated high school last year and after spending last fall at East Carolina University, opted to come home, as the party scene was way too intense. She attended the local community college for the spring semester and will transfer somewhere for the fall. Jenna (15) is a sophomore in high school and loves it and Robert (11) is in the 6th grade at the middle school, where Carol works part time as an assistant in the library. She loves her job, especially working “school hours,” which gives her the flexibility with the kids. Carol’s husband of almost 23 years, Rick, works in DC for a trade association and travels quite a bit. They enjoy the DC area and all it has to offer, with the exception of the sniper attacks last fall, which she says gave whole new meaning to grocery shopping, pumping gas in a curved position, and constantly looking over their shoulders. Carol still keeps in touch with her roommate, **Elisabeth “Lisa” Moles Sykes ’79**, who lives in Chicago. Lisa’s job periodically brings her to DC, which gives them time to spend together. Carol also still hears from **Nancy Barnes Berkeley ’76** and **Katherine “Vinnie” Burke ’76**. They try and have their mini-reunion every year and are overdue at this point! **Elizabeth “Bizzy” Edwards Bunbury** has been married and living in St. Petersburg, FL, for 20 years now. She admits that she looks forward to reading about what is going on at CSC. Last year she brought her family to see CSC and is surprised how much it has changed over the last 25 years! She hates to even admit it has been that long. Bizzy has 3 children, Tom (16), Hannah (12), and Mack (8), and teaches art for their Catholic school and is the technical support team for her family. Bizzy is hoping that all of her Colby dorm mates will write so she can hear what they are all up to! **Susan Baker Atwater** has been busy with her 2 daughters’ activities. Lauren (15) plays high school varsity soccer and basketball, and will be starting track. Meredith (10) plays soccer, basketball, softball, trumpet, violin, double bass, and sings in the choir. Susan loves watching them participate in all of their activities, as it ends up being fun for them rather than a burden. **Lori Porter Mead** says “hi” to all the gals who lived in Austin ’76-’78. If you would like to send her an e-mail (ptsmom92600@yahoo.com), she would love to catch up with you. Lori is married and has a wonderful 2 1/2-year-old son, Porter. I, **Jody Hambley Cooper**, am still working towards my M.Ed. with a concentration in school counseling at Plymouth State College and hope to graduate by spring ’04 after an internship in the fall. I can’t believe that I’m that close to the end! I still live in New London and have a son, Josh (20), who is a sophomore at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA, double majoring in accounting and music, although he is now thinking of changing over to finance.

1979

**Reunion**

Class Correspondent Needed

**Editor’s Note** Special thanks to **Ann B. Wagaman**, who served as 1979 class correspondent from 1980 - March 2003.

Please send your news to the Alumni Office. Your classmates would love to hear about what is happening in your lives.

**Debra “Debby” Taubert Morris** writes, “Long time, no see! Life is good in Southern CA. The kids are already 11 years old! Send me an e-mail to rdmorris1@cox.net to let me know where you are!”

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**Hello to all classmates. My family and I (Pamela “Pam” Aigeltunger Lyons) had the good fortune to visit New London over winter break. The campus looked beautiful covered in close to 2 feet of snow. If you haven’t visited Colby-Sawyer recently, I suggest you check it out. Nancy Michaelson Burke and her daughter, Bridget, paid me a visit at Lake Sunapee this past summer. We took our daughters to Colby-Sawyer and revisited Abbey. We also took a road trip to Dartmouth for a quick peek at Sigma Nu. I spoke with Holly Spoerl Coombs ’83 recently. She is married to Chris and has 2 young sons. I would love to hear from more of you. Susanne Schaffer Garrity graduated from Salem State last May with a master’s degree in early childhood education. She wrote, “During my studies, I met and became friends with Natalie Ciulla, a Colby-Sawyer graduate from the class of ’99 and a 1st grade teacher in Lynn, MA. Natalie and I shared many great stories about Colby-Sawyer. We were both inspired by Dr. Clement. I’m still making great friends from Colby-Sawyer!”

1982

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**Editor’s Note** A warm welcome, and special thank you, to **Melissa Buckley Sammarco** who has volunteered to serve as 1982 class correspondent.

I thought I’d give a shot at being the class correspondent for the class of 1982. It’s hard to believe more than 20 years have passed since we graduated from CSC. I am living in Rome, Italy, with my husband, Paolo, and our 2 children, Matteo (6) and Isabella (2). I met my husband on a ski
Mrs. Essex County, Massachusetts.
Anne Hills Barrett ‘83 was crowned Mrs. Essex County, Massachusetts in October 2002.

holiday in Switzerland 14 years ago. He then came to Boston and received a Ph.D from MIT. We have been living in Italy for the past 6 years now, the first 5 years in the city of Milan. My husband is a professor in the department of civil engineering at the University of Rome. I am a full-time “Mamma,” and keep myself busy running the home and surviving in a foreign country. I also teach English to 1st graders, and love to work in my garden in my spare time. Rome is beautiful, the weather delightful, and the food just wonderful. Drop me a line; I would love to hear from my classmates. Linda “Perl” Perley Stefanik, is living in Manchester, NH, with her husband, Rick, and 2 daughters, Mandi (18) and Sarah (14). She and Rick celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary on March 24. Mandi graduated high school in June and has plans to attend college. She was 4th in her class out of 500! Linda is not working, as she was permanently disabled from an accident while living in AZ. Her husband owns his own company, so she helps out however she can with the business. Mostly she is at home or chauffeuring the children around. Her dad lives in a little town on Peace Island, Maine, and doing some sightseeing in England. It would be a great thing to do. Other than that, Anne is busy with 2 girls, ages 4 and 10, a full time job, and volunteer work in her community. She recently enjoyed a trip to the UK, visiting friends and doing some sightseeing in Scotland and England.

1983

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1984 Reunion

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Editor’s Notes: Special thanks to Robin Tobin Dwyer, who served as 1984 class correspondent from 1996 – February 2003.

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Class of 1983 Mini-Reunion. Every year, these ladies from the class of ’83, along with their spouses and children, get together for a mini-reunion. This year they gathered at the home of Jenn Parisiella in Beverly, Massachusetts. Attendees included (l to r) Bess Ratcliffe Hutchison, Jenn Parisiella, Kim Quercia-Leone, and Penny Hanson Moschella.
Editor's Note: Special thanks to Cara Landen Wall, who served as 1985 class correspondent from 1991 - February 2003. A warm welcome, and special thank you, to Stephanie Greene Cascais, who has volunteered to take over as class correspondent.

I am delighted to be the new correspondent for the class of 1985! As you may have already heard, Cara Landen Wall has decided to spend more quality time with her family and various activities. I am sure you join me in thanking her for a job well done over the past few years and appreciate all of her efforts in keeping us well informed. Thank you, Cara! Remember back to the spring of 1985? We thought we would keep in touch with our Colby Sawyer “families” forever, but time somehow has a way of getting in the way. One of the best ways to keep in touch with former classmates is through the Colby-Sawyer Alumni Magazine, so please keep me informed so we can reconnect with old friends. Perhaps you got a new job, took an exciting vacation, had a new addition to the family, volunteered for a special project, or went back to New London for a visit. Whatever the news, please share it with me so that I can share it with the rest of the class. I would love to hear from you! Here are what some of our classmates are up to:

Sandra Beattie Hand and her husband, Mike, have 3 children, 9-year-old David and 7-year-old twins, Jennifer and Steven. She is on the Vestry and is assistant Sunday school superintendent of her church. Sandra is also involved with the PTA and town recreation programs. Her family loves to travel, and most recently took a cruise to the Caribbean. Sandra stays in touch with many of her Best Dorm friends. Julie Gregory Vogan has been married for 17 years to Jonathan Vogan (ENT physician), and they have 4 children: 3 boys and 1 girl, ages 5 to 16 years old. After 10 years of Navy life, they are “back home” as civilians in western NY, where both Julie and Jon grew up. Julie wrote, “I have been a full-time homemaker for 16 years, since our 1st child was born, and continue to use my ‘nursing skills’ on the home front and elsewhere. We’re very involved in our church (Bible Presbyterian), where I teach Children’s Church and help in the nursery, and have kept busy taking “Precepts” Bible study courses in most of the churches we’ve been a part of. I have also loved helping in the local public schools that our kids have attended.” Carla R. Byers says, “I’m ashamed to say that this is the first time I’ve shared what I’ve been up to, primarily because my professional career has been all over the place!” After graduation, she was accepted to law school in NYC. “Needless to say, I was thankful for the amount of work that came with the American Studies major since it seemed as though I was reading 500 pages of briefs, cases and opinions per night,” commented Carla. Following law school, she moved back to MA and, disillusioned with the law, “I concentrated on criminal law and had the ‘privilege’ of spending most days with one of the many attempted prosecutions of John Gotti,” she remarked., she decided to take a job with a non-profit called Elderhostel. She traveled the country and decided that she really liked the function of marketing. After 5 years with Elderhostel, she decided to pursue an MBA. Carla graduated from Simmons School of Management in 1997 and became a consultant with an economic development firm. She worked primarily with non-profits, helping them compete for federal money. During this time, she found that she was more of a fundraiser than anything. Carla is currently a major gifts officer at Smith College.

“Is anyone sensing that single sex education is important to me?” wrote Carla. My personal life is boring at best. I’m still single-and-still-looking with no children, says Carla. She keeps in touch with her best Dorm friend, (Kara Summergale, who is doing very well and living on Cape Cod. Kara owns a house cleaning business and is a bookkeeper for several small businesses. Carla also noted, “Since I keep up-to-date on what’s happening at Colby-Sawyer, I was thrilled to learn that Margaret ‘Peg” Rogers Andrews is working in the Advancement Office. She forwarded my e-mail to Marty Cross and I hope to see her this summer.” Should anyone care to correspond with Carla, you can reach her at cbyers@smith.edu. I, Stephanie Greene Cascais, still work for M&M/MARS in NJ, but recently transferred jobs and now work as a project manager in the sales division. Although it has been rather frightening at times, overall the change has been great! My new job allows me to travel a lot, which is wonderful since this winter in NJ has been rather bleak. I have 3 stepchildren, ages 14, 17, and 19, so needless to say, we are experiencing those wonderful teenage years. Yikes! It always amazes me how they feel they know so much more than everyone else. The oldest is a freshman in college and is interning at a radio station. He really seems to enjoy the activities and may pursue a career in broadcasting. The middle son recently graduated from high school and has his heart set on being a marine biologist. This has always been his life-long dream and he is working very hard in school to make it a reality. The 14-year-old girl is the dreamer. Being the only girl with 2 brothers has made her a very strong and independent young woman. She is very active in school and already has a boyfriend! Poor dad! After the long, cold winter, I was thrilled to get back out on the course to play lots of golf. Originally I began playing because my husband played, but I am now hooked. Last year, I came in overall 4th (1st for women) in our company golf league! In addition to golfing, I have taken up running and weight training. Although the health benefits have been wonderful, I have found both sports a wonderful way to relieve tension and stress. I hope to take a trip back to New London this summer with my husband and show him the beautiful campus of Colby-Sawyer.

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Class of 1988 Mini-Reunion. This group of alums from the class of ’88 gathered for a mini-reunion with their children. (L to r) Dale Thurber O’Leary with daughter, Maggie; Jennifer Wilkinson Bussey with her children, Elizabeth (left), Kate (right), and Christopher (front left); and Katey Long Holtgrave with her sons, David (left) and Mark (right).
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Hello, everyone! Sorry my addition to the class column did not get in the last publication. Life has a way of running away from me sometimes. Since my last column, I have heard from Patricia “Tricia” Spiegel Montville, who wishes everyone well and is thrilled to be expecting a 2nd baby in Aug. Her 1st son is 2 and seems to understand that there is a baby coming soon! Patricia is still working as a recruiter from home and feeling grateful that she continues to have steady work in this difficult economy. Karen Williams Jason writes she is still very busy as the director of planning and construction at Bridgewater State College, while pursuing her master’s degree at night. She should graduate in the spring of ’04. She thoroughly enjoyed a family vacation in Key West in April. Selfie, age 11, and Jesse, age 6, are very involved in soccer, baseball, softball, and 4-H, as well as their school activities. Molly O’Shea Piercy writes that she’s still working for Sysco as a sales rep and loves it. She has been married now for 16 months. She sees Bermie, Sally Mac, and Cricket all the time. Martha Hamilton Davidson has moved to Fairhope, AL. I also heard from Heidi Carlton Herlihy. Many of you may remember Heidi who was at CSC for her freshman year and then went off to Bentley College. She has worked with firms such as Deloitte & Touche in Boston, a smaller firm in Marblehead, went into business for herself, and now is working as a CFO for one of her former clients. Heidi was married in 1989 to her husband, Cutter. She has an 11-year-old daughter, Katie, and a 9-year-old son, Will. She remembers her great times at CSC and wishes everyone well. Karen McHugh let me know she has been working at Wake Forest University Medical School in Winston-Salem, NC, in the Ophthalmology Department. She has been in the field of ophthalmic photography for 16 years and absolutely loves it. Before moving to NC, she was at the Univ. of Miami. Working in an academic atmosphere she has had several opportunities to give lectures and to attend several educational meetings throughout the country. She has been the assistant editor of the journal of Ophthalmic Photography for 5 years and she loves receiving articles from colleagues from around the world. Rachel Hobbie has been keeping me informed about things going on at CSC. “Red” hasn’t changed a bit. As for me, Sallianne Ficara Lake, I have been doing human resource consulting for the last year and have enjoyed the flexibility it has given me with my 2 sons. My husband, Rich, has recently opened his own business doing in-home networking and computer support. My sons are growing quickly; Ben is 6 and will be playing baseball in the spring and Chris, who is now 4, keeps us all busy. I hope you are well and wish us all safety and peace.

1987
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It is nice to have spring/summer here at last after a long and cold winter! Although, I must say the skiing was great. My 5-year-old, Buck, is almost keeping up with me now and my 2½-year-old, Caroline, is learning and not inclined to be left behind. We spend a good amount of time in the winter in ME at Sugarloaf (my husband, Tom, is a Colby graduate.) I understand that CSC was in the snow belt this year and the skiing at Mt. Sunapee was great. Remember those days skiing at King Ridge? I had a nice e-mail from Katrina Wing Clark, with some very sad news. My heart goes out to her and her family. She wrote, “I married Ed Clark in ’94 and we have (had) 3 boys. Liam is 7, Cameron is 4, and Baxter was born June 21, 2001 and died of SIDS July 14, 2001. We only had him for 23 days, but now we have someone up above keeping an eye on us! I held a fundraiser last year called Baxter’s Scavenger Hunt to raise money for the National SIDS Alliance, Inc. based in Baltimore, for SIDS research, education, and outreach. We made $10,000.” Katrina runs a little graphics business (no employees other than herself) and does mostly real estate ads for the newspapers and a 16-page, 4-color magazine for her one big client, Coldwell Banker Watson Realty. Katrina also just happens to be the assistant in the realty office and recently sat for her licensing exam. Her husband is an architect who has been working in Middlebury, VT (45 minutes away), for the last 7½ years. Liam is in 2nd grade and Cam goes to daycare for a half-day weekdays. They were very busy with all the snow during the winter. Liam took snowboarding lessons and Cam skied. Katrina’s family is resting an 1876 house in the historic district in Rutland (“Didn’t think we had one, did you?” she joked) and have been for the last 6 years. It had not been lived in for more than 40 years, and had been used as a bookstore for about 10 years in the ‘80s. I also had an e-mail from Kathleen “Kathy” Whalen Swanson, who is enjoying every moment with her new daughter, Tatum. She wanted me to include these great wedding pictures, from her own and Kimberly “Kim” Devers Scheer’s nuptials! Congratulations to you both. Catherine “Kate” Long Holtgrave is still living in Louisville, KY, with her husband, Bob, and their 2 children, 9-year-old David and 7-year-old Mark. Kate enjoys running, and she participated in a half-marathon in April. Melissa Clemons Russell is living in Freeport, ME. She was writing to let me know that unfortunately she would not be able to attend reunion this spring. Congratulations to you both.计算机支持。我的儿子们正在成长，Ben已经6岁，将在春季参加棒球比赛，而Chris，现在4岁，仍然让我们忙个不停。我希望你们都健康，祝我们所有人平安。

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Scheer Wedding. These ladies had the opportunity to reconnect at the wedding of their friend and classmate, Kim Devers Scheer ’88 (not pictured). The group includes (l to r) Kathy Whalen Swanson ’88, Michelle Hieber McBrya ’89, Nancy Nickerson Nunes ’88, Michelle Cucuel Couture ’88, and Lisa Avery ’88.
We certainly missed her, as well as the rest of you who weren’t able to attend our 15th Reunion. It is so nice to be in touch with so many of you. Keep the e-mails coming! Happy summer!

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**1989 Reunion**

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Kim “Schroeder” Stewart
recently attended a bridal shower for Kathy Tuck ‘89. Also at the shower was Carla Gordon Russell ‘90, Jo Calisto Scarpetti ‘89, and Karen Tuck ‘76. Kathy married John Higgins on June 8, ‘03 in Sebago, ME. Schroeder lives in Jackson, NH, with her boyfriend, her mini dachshund Mattie, her yellow lab, Dozer, and her cat, Wicca. She is still working for the American Mountain Club in the logistics and purchasing department, and if that is not enough, Schroeder is a lieutenant in the local fire department and a justice of the peace. Heather Cutting-Chard wrote that Lauren “Vivian” Douglas ‘90 visited her in AL last fall. Heather and her husband recently vacationed in Switzerland with their 2-year-old son, Jackson. Laura Hockmeyer Reynolds reported to the Alumni Office that she had her 2nd daughter, Meghan Mary Reynolds, in April 2002.

**1991**

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Well, my husband and I, Jennifer “Jen” Barrett Sawyer, are expecting another potential CSC class member (the class of 2024) in late July. We are very exited and our daughter, Maddie, will be happy to greet someone to play with! Janel McDonald Lawton and her husband, Shad, expected their 1st child in May.

Alycia Calavito Park and her husband, Dave, have purchased a “fixer upper” in CT and are keeping themselves busy with that never-ending project. Alexis Trowbridge Scavetta ‘93 ran her 1st Boston Marathon in April. Way to go, Lex! I had the pleasure of bumping into Elizabeth “Liz” Dean. She is doing well as the administrator of the Cape Cod Breast Center. She let me know that Kristen Booker Tasker and her family are relocating to VT. Sounds like they are going to be very happy. I cannot urge you enough to get in touch with Kelly or myself and let us know what you are doing! Have a great summer! This past Christmas, Kelly Lynch, was able to catch up with a few of my former CSC roommates. Laura Shaw Cameron, Electra Mead Blair, Stephanie Stratton Schell ’93, and I gathered at Stephanie’s house in Meriden, NH, only a few exits up the road from Colby-Sawyer. Stephanie is expecting her 3rd child in July. Electra has a growing stable of both horses and dogs that she continues to successfully breed and bring to the show ring. I received a surprise call from a former teammate from the Equestrian Team. Carol Crowther Studer ‘90 called me at home one Sunday morning after reading her Alumni Magazine. We spent nearly an hour catching up and sharing stories. Surprisingly, Carol and I live only 15 minutes away from each other. She is living in Cupertino, CA, and working in Redwood City, CA. Carol is an instructor at BOK Ranch, a non-profit organization that provides therapeutic horseback riding lessons to individuals with special needs. Wendie Johnson Cobb welcomed a new son, Brendan Hamilton Cobb, on Dec. 4, ‘02. I hope to hear from everyone soon!

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Lisa enjoys her new “career” as a mom, and is also working part-time as a massage therapist in Cambridge, MA. Beatriz Hotz ‘94 and his wife, Laurie Costa Mendez, were married on October 12, 2002, in Kings Park (Long Island), New York.

Hotz/Diaz Wedding. Beatriz Hotz Diaz ‘93 and her husband, José Manuel Diaz, are all smiles on their August 12, 2002, wedding day in La Coruña, Spain.

Mendez Wedding. Simon Mendez ‘94 and his wife, Laurie Costa Mendez, were married on October 12, 2002, in Kings Park (Long Island), New York.

Jennifer Barrett Sawyer
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Austin Brian Ladd on April 3, ’02. His parents, Jen and John Ladd, welcomed a baby boy, Austin Brian Ladd, on April 3, ’02. He weighed in at 8 lbs., 14 oz., and was 20” long. Austin joins his big brother, 3-year-old Derek.

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La Coruña, Spain, on Aug. 12, ‘02. She is living and working in Madrid, Spain. Robyn Keating Ladd and her husband welcomed Austin Brian Ladd on April 3, ‘02. He weighed in at 8 lbs., 14 oz., and was 20” long. Austin joins his big brother, 3-year-old Derek.

Kristine “Kris” Crawford Miller and her fiancé, Mark Starrett, own Mark’s Monadnock Mountain View restaurant in Troy, NH. Mark is an NECI graduate. Kris writes, “We have been open for just over a year, and it has been quite an adventure.”

Considering just last year at this time I was a special education teacher for kindergarten and 1st grade, it has been a busy whirlwind year! We will be married on July 4, ’04, and hope we can get away from the restaurant long enough to plan for it.” Kris hopes everyone is well and sends her best. She hopes everyone is being bad about keeping in touch. She hopes everyone is well, and she would love to hear from her old friends. Her e-mail address is sir-crosby@webryders.net. Katharine “Katy” McCullough Attianese is living in West Granby, CT. She was teaching 1st grade, but stopped after her 2 children—3-year-old Madeline and 18-month-old Sam—were born. Her days are now filled with lots of children’s activities. Katy says she thinks about her friends from CSC a lot, but she admits to being bad about keeping in touch. She hopes everyone is doing well and sends her best. Thank you to Melissa Tucci for providing an update on Marcella “Marcy” Bronzino Bettencourt. Marcy and her husband, Eric, have been married for 4 years and welcomed their 1st child, Hope Elizabeth Bettencourt, on March 30. They are living on Martha’s Vineyard, and although she is on maternity leave right now, Marcy works at a small private bank. “Unfortunately, Marcy does not have Internet access, so she’s probably going to kill me for doing this! I’ll take my chances,” says Melissa. Melissa enjoys hanging out with friends. Her e-mail address is sir-crosby@webryders.net.

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Thank you to all that have so actively contributed to this column. Please continue to send contact information and related news regarding CSC 1994 alumni.

Nicole Mayo-Gowell and James Gowell ’96 expected their 1st child in April. Theresa “Rene” Whiteley-Warren, Katie Ventura ’93, Maureen Walsh, Trisha Bartlett, Tobi Harrington, Erin Kenneally King, Danielle Rychalsky ’98, and Sara Goodridge ’98 attended Nicole’s baby shower, hosted by Tracy Sutherland Fitch. Allison “Ally” Goff Sharpe and her husband, Chris, are expecting their 2nd child in July. Heather Stockford writes from Sanbornton, NH, where she is teaching multimedia/video production at Laconia High School and is running a business called Reel Shark Video Production LLC.

Somehow Heather is finding the time to get married on Aug. 2. Patricia “Patty” Randall Berry and Daniel “Dan” Berry delivered their 1st daughter, Margaret Mae Berry, in Nov. 2002, and are residing in Londonderry, NH. Patty is the community outreach director at the Manchester YMCA, and Dan is the associate branch director for the Greater YMCA in Reading, MA. Tobia Harrington will marry Rich Murch in Bar Harbor, ME, this July. Christopher “Chris” Gasparro and his wife, Jenn, are the proud parents of a new baby girl, Kathryn Anna Gasparro, and are living in West Lebanon, NH.

Anthony “Tony” Librot reports that he was married a year and a half ago. Stacey Banks Nieman, her husband, Peter, and their 2 children, daughter Rachel and son Clayton, are living in Nashville, TN. Stacey is staying busy by teaching preschool and watching her children’s athletic events. Neil Cremin planned to be married May 31, ’03. Neil writes that he is working for Wells Fargo Home Mortgage and coaches youth lacrosse for the town of Saugus with Ryan Fay ’97. Charles “Chip” Caswell ’93 and his wife, Dorine, expected their 1st child in May. Dana Healy is still living in CO and is running a business called Shark Video Production LLC.

graduating from CSC, Simon has worked in Nantucket, TX, and Greenwich, CT. In ’97, he joined his family’s specialty clothing import business, The British Apparel Collection, based in NY, which he is now running. Simon and Laurie have purchased an older home in North Stamford, CT, where they currently reside and are spending a lot of time on renovations. They see Quincy Hawes ’93 quite frequently in Newport, RI, where they spend much of their summers. Unfortunately, Quincy was unable to attend their wedding, as she was married the very same day! David “Dave” Morin and his wife, Sara Hodgkins Morin ’95, became proud parents to a baby boy named Jack Raymond Morin, on Dec. 19, ’02. Kym Herman writes that she and her husband live in Norfolk, MA, where she is busy with daughter Emma and son Dylan at home, and works at Mass General in Cardiac Step Down. Jill Shapiro is a full time student at the Univ. of Southern ME, where she is studying to become a clinical mental health counselor with a specialty in family and marriage counseling. Jill’s goal is to open a private practice in 2004.

Erin last year. Simon Mendez was married to Laurie Costa Mendez on Oct. 12, ’02, in Kings Park (Long Island), NY. Since excitedly preparing for the 2004 Olympics. She let us know that Donna Thurau Smith and her husband had a baby girl named

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Hello to all! It was a terribly, cold and long winter in the Northeast. My husband, son Marshall (age 3 1/2), and I are still living on the coast of ME. What a wonderful turnout of alumni news this time. Thank you to all who wrote and a huge thank you to Jill for compiling so much information. We realized that many e-mail addresses have changed, making it difficult to contact some people. Please feel free to e-mail us with new addresses at any time. Also, please remember, we will not write information through word of mouth, only through direct contact of individuals. Please keep your news short! Peter Johanson and his wife are living in Ann Arbor, MI, with their 2-year-old daughter. Pete is in physician assistant school and will finish up in ’04. Lisa Casey LeBeau and Eric LeBeau ’94 are living in VT and welcomed a daughter, Grace-Kathryn, last Aug. Rebecca Sargent will graduate with a certificate of advanced graduate study in school administration and is currently an intern in Boston public schools. She will be looking for an assistant principal position next year. Nadine Corrieri Lohr was married in Sept. ’02. She and her husband bought a house in Chesapeake, VA, and she is employed as a sales manager for Marvera. Nadine would love to hear from Christopher “Chris” Weaver and others; she can be reached at nadine516@yahoo.com. Stefan Schwartz and his family are living in Fairfax, VA. Don Varnum was married in Dec. ’02 and is currently pursuing his master’s in administrative studies at Boston College. Nicole Shipman Caporizzo, who is enjoying being a mom to 2-year-old Fiona, welcomed a 2nd daughter in March. Jessica Dacey was in attendance at Stephanie “Steph” Smith Hanna’s Oct. ’02 wedding, along with Jeanne Corcoran ’96, Carrie Berggren ’97, and Susan “Sue” Olsen. Elizabeth Ford Breton started her 7th year at Jellstone Park and works as assistant to the president. She and her husband live in Ashland, NH, and are looking to buy a home and start a family. Gretchen Eriksson lives in Manchester, NH, and is in her 4th year working for Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield. Jill Kleimon Votano and her husband welcomed their 1st child, Julia Frances, in Jan. ’03. I’ve seen pictures and she’s beautiful!! Sara Gilderdale recently purchased her 1st home in Wilmot, NH. She frequently sees Jill Kleimon Votano, Brenda Sherwood, and Lynne Morse. Shawn Coe and Jacqueline “Jackie” Swain Coe welcomed their 2nd child, Amelia Elizabeth, in Nov. ’02. Shawn is currently finishing up his master’s at Dartmouth in the MALS program.

Quigley/Tremblay Wedding. Jack Tremblay and Heather Quigley Tremblay pose with their Colby-Sawyer friends on their wedding day. (L to r) Sara Hodgkins Morin ’95, Dave Morin ’94, Erik Macenas ’94, Tony Librot ’94, Ally Goff Sharpe ’94, Christine Caccavaro ’95, Heather Quigley Tremblay ’95, Jack Tremblay ’94, Chris Gasparro ’94, Lynne Morse ’95, Becky Theberge Cruz ’93, Patty Randall Berry ’94, and Dan Berry ’94.
Felicia DeRosa will marry on New Year’s Eve ’03. She is living in Boston and enjoying her career at Parents Helping Parents. Stephanie “Steph” Hoffman Parker and her husband bought their 1st home in Natick, MA. Steph says it’s a “real fixer-upper” and they’re extremely busy with renovations. Matthew “Matty” Richards was married in April, the day before his 30th birthday! They had expected a large turnout of CSC alumni. Matthew “Matt” Godbout and his wife welcomed their 1st child in April. He is able to be home more often with his new job as a corporate sales manager with the Indianapolis Colts. Heidi Stevens just finished up her 2nd year of teaching 1st grade at the International School of Prague in the Czech Republic. She and her fiancé, Justin, were married in Greece in April on her 30th birthday! She returned to NH (Plymouth State) in June to finish her master’s as a certified reading specialist. They move to Park City, UT, in Aug. Kevin Galuski plans to marry his long time girlfriend in Nov. ’03. Kevin still works for the U. of Albany as the head equipment manager and the director of the New York Giants training camp. Sarah Holmes graduated with a master’s in psychology from Boston U. last spring and has opened a branch office of her handwriting and document examination company in Boston. We always love to hear from you. Lots of news of marriages, babies, and 30th birthdays! We’re certainly growing up. Have a wonderful summer and keep the news coming.

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Editor’s Note: A warm welcome, and special thank you, to Kristin Sneider Mulready and Jenny “Jen” Rowell Pedersen for volunteering to serve as class of 1996 co-correspondents.

Jane Perkins Jepson and her husband, Matt Jepson ’97, are still living in Concord, NH. They have a 2½-year-old daughter, Kathryn, and in Jan., their son, Daniel Bror, was born. Jane is currently on maternity leave, and Matt’s woodworking business is doing well. Jenny “Jen” Rowell Pedersen is living in Nottingham, NH, with her husband of 2 years, Mark Pedersen ’00. They built a house about a year ago and have been keeping busy with landscaping, painting, furnishing, etc. Jen is a manager at Redhook Ale Brewery in Portsmouth, NH, and Mark is a high school science teacher in Plaistow, NH. The couple does not have any children yet, but they do have a 1-year-old, 100 lb. black Lab named Guinness. Jen is a manager of their 1st home around Christmas-time. It is a log cabin near a lake in NH. After the long winter, they were excited to see what their front yard looked like without snow! They also recently obtained their 2nd dog through a local shelter, which, according to Kyle, is a great addition to the “family.” Kyle let us know that Michelle Mirani, who left

Like Mother, Like Son. Lois Gilbert-Fulton ’65 and her son, Chris Fulton ’96, celebrate on his wedding day in August 2002.

CSC in ’94, is residing in FL and doing well. James “Jim” McGilvery is single and living in Philadelphia, PA. He is working for AND 1, a basketball show and apparel company in Paoli, PA. He works as an account executive, selling sponsorship for the AND 1 Mix Tape Tour and the AND 1 High School Basketball Championship. Last summer Jim went on a nationwide tour with AND 1’s Mix Tape Tour running street basketball and hip hop concert events. He can be seen from time to time AND 1’s television show, “Streetball, the AND 1 Mix Tape Tour,” on ESPN and ESPN2. Jim recently met up with “Dr. Jean” and some local alumni for dinner during the AAHPERD convention. He returned to campus in Feb. for the alumni basketball game and had a blast with his old teammates. Jim attended Matthew “Matt” Richards ’95 wedding in April, and is looking forward to Joshua “Josh” Pincoske ’97 and Hillary Woodward’s wedding in July.
Tiffany Taylor Merrill married her husband, Chris, in 1999, and they live in Augusta, ME, where they are in the process of finishing their house. Their adorable baby girl, Brooklyn Marie, was born on Jan. 5, '03, and Tiffany has decided to stay at home with the baby as opposed to going back to her job of 7 years at Community Health and Counseling Services. Dawn Lohmann Kilcrease and her husband recently purchased a home in Rindge, NH. Their son, Alek, just celebrated his 6th birthday, and their daughter, Makayla, will be 2 in July. Dawn started a new position as the community relations director for the Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School District a few months ago. She enjoys her job immensely as she is able to utilize the skills she obtained at CSC.

Christopher "Chris" Fulton married Kathleen O’Connor on Aug. 24, '02, in Scituate, MA. They enjoyed a fantastic honeymoon in HI. If you haven’t had the opportunity to visit HI, Chris strongly recommends going. He and Kathleen recently purchased a house in Rockland, MA. It is an antique colonial with a nice yard and they love it. For the last 6 years, Chris has been working in financial services, helping families and professionals achieve their goals. Melissa Miller

Tiffany Taylor Merrill

Marcoux married her husband, John Marcoux, on Sept. 28, '02. John went to William & Mary and Cornell Law. They met a few years ago at a Christmas party. A few close Colby-Sawyer friends attended the wedding, including Maura Higgins '95, Troy "Skip" Hagemann '97, Kathleen

McLaughlin Ringler '97 and Kathleen’s husband, Jay, Melissa and John are living in Chicago, where John owns a Bikram yoga studio and Melissa is doing prenatal and labor massage.

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My (Amie Pariseau Ellis) big news is I am finally out of teaching! I accepted a job as a social catering executive at the end of Dec. at The Inns at Mill Falls in Meredith, NH. My role is to book and detail all social events for the inns, mainly weddings. It has been quite a change from teaching, with a different schedule (lots of long hours and weekends) to get used to, but I am really enjoying it! Jolene Thompson is still living in NH and has been keeping busy learning how to telemark ski, when she’s not picking teeth. Congratulations to Aaron Silver Oak Equestrian Center in Hampton Falls, NH, and she gladly left pharmaceutical sales behind. Lauren is the business manager and event coordinator, allowing her to combine her love for horses with the world of business and promotions. She continues to live in Andover, NH, but may move to the Seacoast in the fall. Lauren has a new truck and her 1st new horse! Elizabeth “Liz” Cronin and John Gosselin ‘99 just bought a new townhouse in a beautiful section of Lowell, MA. After graduation, Kara Matty started her career in advertising at Arnold Worldwide in Boston. After 2 1/2 years, she decided a move was in order, and changed venues to Gap Inc.’s in-house advertising department in San Francisco. She currently works at EURO RSCG MVBMS Partners, which provides advertising, marketing services, corporate communications, and interactive solutions to clients near and abroad. A call out to any alumni visiting the San Fran area, Kara would love to hear from or see you. Catherine Yarbro Walgren is working full time at the Chesapeake Emergency Room as a physician’s assistant. They are trying for a move to San Diego in order for her husband to learn to fly a new helicopter and then teach out there for 3 years. Karen Newton Gray was married to Eddie Gray in Fairlee, VT, on Oct. 5, '02. (See photo from her wedding on opposite page) She wants to thank all of her dear friends for traveling and taking the time to attend her wedding, making it extra special and

In The Rockies. Kyle Houghton ’97 and his girlfriend, Melissa, at Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado.
memorable. Karen had the honor of attending John Racine and Stephanie Peterson Racine’s wedding in Aug. ’02, as well as Tanya Erno Barnes’ wedding in Oct. ’02. Karen continues to teach the after-kindergarten program for Dartmouth College, and is currently living in Orford, NH. Curtis Low is living in Denver, CO, and working for Eastern Mountain Sports. He is managing the rental department and hard-goods line. He is keeping busy biking, skiing, going to see music, and traveling. Curtis hopes everyone is healthy and enjoying life to the fullest.

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Michelle Dodier Deming is enjoying married life and is expecting not one baby, but fraternal twin boys in June. Holy diapers! It was great to hear from all of you. Please keep in touch. Please also keep your information current with the Alumni Office, so we can find you. Take care!

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By the time you read this, we will have gathered on top of the hill for our 5th year reunion. Time certainly has flown by and many new adventures and family additions have taken place. Christopher “Chris” Quint, Nathan “Nate” Kelley, Nathan “Nate” Camp, Robert “Rob” Gagnon, Ryan Baker, Lauren Bodkin and myself (Jamie Gilbert) enjoyed working together as a committee to plan the weekend, and we hope you all had a wonderful time! Besides reunion and the alumni notes, I have been busy here in CT working for J.Crew and as a nationally certified massage therapist. I recently returned from a well-deserved vacation in sunny FL with Amy Hall ’99. The weather was great and I came back looking nice and tanned. As for Chris, he is busy planning an Aug. ’03 wedding with his fiancée, Kim. Chris is still working as the manager of advocacy for the Colorado Tobacco Education and Prevention Alliance. Chris and Kim recently welcomed a new addition to their family, a dog named Sadie. Here’s what’s happening with the rest of our classmates. I still keep in touch with Lisa Lachesky. She is still flying the friendly skies with Northwest Airlines and lives in Cordova, TN. She is having a great time down there and when not flying, she spends time with her boyfriend, Mark. Hopefully she’ll be making her way back up to New England, where she’s missed! Jill Bishop Avery was married on Oct. 12, ’02 in ME to Ryan Avery from New Orleans. Many CSC alums were in attendance, including Nathaniel “Nat” Novak ’99 and Rachel Woodbury Novak ’98, Ryan Avery (husband), Jill Bishop Avery ’98, Sarah Prescott Mills ’98, Diane Marsden ’96, Ryan Morley ’99, Cindy Barker, and Colleen Shea ’98.


Macenas Wedding

Mark Macenas ’98 and his bride, Hilary E. S. Macenas.

Mark and Hilary Macenas with members of their wedding party. Colby-Sawyer alumni include Mark (sixth from left), Erik Macenas ’94 (fourth from left), Timothy “Tim” Blodeau ’96 (second from right), Scott Klark ’97 (fifth from right), and Charles “Obie” Miller ’96 (sixth from right).

Lauren Bodkin is in her 5th year teaching sophomores at Brewster Academy. In her free time she is working on writing a children’s book. CJ Santavicca is living and working on Cape Cod for a business software company called SSA Infinuim. CJ would like to pass on this message. “Colby-Sawy..ah! I’m not lookin’ for given hobbies and long walks on the beach...I have an itch for the ‘Groove Child’ CD. I know Ghandi and Morcom have it, but are they still alive? Anyway, call me (508-360-1126) if you have it.”

Patrick “Pat” Quinn is living in downtown Brooklyn and coaching men’s basketball at Long Island University. Shannon Zimmerman is living in Exeter, PA, and is still in school, but will be graduating as a PA in Aug. She recently got engaged and is...
planning to marry in '04. Taylor Larson pulled a fast one on all his friends when he announced that he “passed the engagement test” and eloped with his fiancée, Kaitlin. He is busy working for the CO Rapids as an account executive and living in Denver, CO. Brian “Pepe” Heon has been living and working in UT for the past year and a half. He is working for the Canyons as director of lift operations. “I ski 6 days a week and most of the time it’s work related! I can’t beat that,” says Pepe. Jeremiah “Scooby” Boobar ’98 still lives in Colorado Springs and works for RockShox, which was recently purchased by the SRAM Corp., based in Portland, OR. He is working in marketing communications. His initial job with the company involved attending major East Coast mountain bike races. Before spring break of his senior year, he had signed a contract to work with the company. Jeremiah graduated on May 17, 1998, with a degree in sports management, and on May 19, he flew to Santa Cruz, California, to begin his new job. During the summer of 2000, RockShox relocated to Colorado Springs, Colorado, and that is where Jeremiah has been since. His initial job with the company involved attending major mountain bike events, repairing suspension systems, and doing custom set-ups for professional athletes. Last year, RockShox was purchased by SRAM, a corporation that produces drive-train components for bicycles.

**Jeremiah “Scooby” Boobar ’98**

Jeremiah “Scooby” Boobar ’98 says his passion for bicycling began when he started riding his first tricycle, and then his first big wheel. “I wore holes in all three plastic tires on both trikes,” he states proudly. His fascination continued through his first BMX bike in the first grade, a mountain bike in the seventh grade, bike racing from the time he was 14 years old, right through college, and now in his job as BlackBox program manager for RockShox, the world’s largest manufacturer of bicycle suspensions.

During his freshman year at Colby-Sawyer, Jeremiah began working part-time for RockShox at major East Coast mountain bike races. Before spring break of his senior year, he had signed a contract to work with the company. Jeremiah graduated on May 17, 1998, with a degree in sports management, and on May 19, he flew to Santa Cruz, California, to begin his new job. During the summer of 2000, RockShox relocated to Colorado Springs, Colorado, and that is where Jeremiah has been since. His initial job with the company involved attending major mountain bike events, repairing suspension systems, and doing custom set-ups for professional athletes. Last year, RockShox was purchased by SRAM, a corporation that produces drive-train components for bicycles.

This merger brought Jeremiah into his new position as BlackBox program manager heading up the advanced product development program. In this role, he is in charge of high-end product development as it relates to top athletes. Jeremiah conceptualizes, designs, builds, tests, and delivers prototype products to top athletes in hopes that his designs will help them to ride faster. A major component of his job still involves attending professional mountain bike races around the world to provide tuning and repair work for the athletes. Just this spring, Jeremiah was in Fort William, Scotland, working a World Cup mountain bike race.

Many of the riders for whom Jeremiah does custom suspension work have won World Cups, national, and world championships. In December, he was one of five mechanics featured in Bicycling magazine in an article titled, “101 Tips From the World’s Greatest Mechanics.” At just 27 years old, Jeremiah has already ridden his way to the top of his profession.
IN MEMORIAM

Nicole Denise Lafitte ’99
May 20, 1977 - October 16, 2002

by Zanna Campbell ’00

On October 16, 2002, the Colby-Sawyer College community suffered a great loss when Nicole “Nikki” Denise Lafitte lost her yearlong battle with cancer. Nikki was a 1999 graduate who had studied sport sciences. She was very active in clubs, athletics, and in her academics, but I’ll remember her best as an unbelievable friend.

I can’t remember the first time I met Nikki because we were childhood friends who grew up together in Littleton, New Hampshire. High school was an absolute blast and having Nikki as a captain on the cross-country team and a buddy at school dances made it all the better. Sharing our college years brought us even closer. Since Nikki passed away last fall, I’ve been in touch with many of her Colby-Sawyer classmates, friends, faculty, and staff. The activity most of them think of when they think of Nikki is running. She was a fierce and strong competitor who would never give up or give in. The strength and determination she learned and perfected in her running ability carried over to her everyday life.

Academics never came easy to Nikki, and she worked hard for every grade she received. She took advantage of the James House Academic Development Center and had strong relationships with all of her professors. Although she was studying sport sciences, Nikki couldn’t deny her love of children and she spent her work-study hours at The Windy Hill School running around the playground and teaching valuable lessons to youngsters. Like many of our students, Nikki got involved and made many lasting friendships in the process.

Nikki was taken away much earlier than one would expect, and we will miss her greatly. When she was diagnosed with melanoma in the late summer of 2001, she came to terms with the situation and proceeded to help the rest of us through it. This young woman was the definition of selfless. Even on her toughest days, when she was feeling weak and ill, she still wanted to hear all about your life, your struggles, and your triumphs. Like so many of those whose lives she touched, I’ll miss her smile, her giggle, and her sheer love of life.

Niko (we sometimes called her “Sweet”) Lafitte lived by the mantra, “Real winners are ordinary people with extraordinary determination.” With her strength of character, her extremely close and supportive family, and her innumerable friends, Nicole “Sweet” Lafitte truly was a winner.

Mini-Reunion. This group of alums had a mini-reunion, along with their spouses and children, in Connecticut. Pictured are (l to r) Erika Cone Clohecy ’99, Amy Bergeron ’99, Andrea Huff Rose ’98, Andrie’s husband, Tim Rose with their son, Nathan Rose, Jayson Thyng ’99, and Erika’s husband, Mitchell Clohecy, with their son, Jayson-Mitchell Clohecy.

friends, family, football, and hockey. I also headed to Atlanta, GA, with my sister in April to catch some baseball and lots of sun. I, Suzanne Blake Gerety, am continuing to work as the marketing director for Gerety Presentations, which is my husband’s speaking and training business. I’m enjoying traveling around the U.S. for conferences and promotional events. In Feb., Melissa Eckman and Martin Binette ’98 were back on the campus of CSC to attend the annual Alumni Basketball game. They had a great time catching up with old teammates and especially getting a chance to see new parents Nathan “Nate” Camp ’98 and Elizabeth “Beth” Bryant Camp ’92 and their beautiful baby girl, Elliel Rosemary “Rose” Keefe writes that she’s still living in Pensacola, FL, and loves it! She continues to teach Head Start, but plans on switching over to teaching a public school pre-k program in the fall. She bought a boat and goes boating and fishing a lot. Rose keeps in touch with Helen Pickard Viens, who has a baby boy, Jacob. Jayson Thyng continues to be the assistant manager for Market Basket in Lee, NH. During his free time he hangs out with friend Erika Cone Clohecy, her husband, Mitch, and their little boy, Jayson. On occasion he hangs out with Amy Bergeron. Amy wrote that she enjoys spending her time working in her ceramics studio and playing with her horse, an American saddlebred. Amy is hoping to obtain a working ceramics kiln sometime soon. Erika Cone Clohecy writes that she, her husband, and their son, along with Amy Bergeron and Jayson Thyng, went to CT to visit Andrea Huff Rose ’98, her husband, Tom, and their son, Nathan, in Jan.

Eric St. Onge and his wife, Andrea Lemire St. Onge, are doing well and write that they are very busy. They are living in Manchester, NH. Andrea is working for CPTE as the athletic trainer for Souhegan High School in Amherst, NH. She also does rehab in the clinic where she works. Eric is busy attending school at UNH for his MSW, and continues to work at the Pine Haven Boys Center. Eric and Andrea always look forward to the Colby-Sawyer Alumni Magazine for updates on their fellow classmates! Marc Harding and his wife, Giselle Beauchemin Harding, are enjoying their married life. Giselle and Marc have finished renovating their house and Giselle did a great job decorating it! Marc completed his work on the Transportation Security Administration project for the airport screeners process of becoming federalized. Marc traveled around the country during this project and had fun.

Adrienne Shrekast is doing great and continues to live in Boston, MA, with Kara Crane and Heather Gardiner. Adrienne still teaches for Brookline Public
Schools and graduated from Simmons College in May with her master's in education with a concentration in language and literacy. She is hoping to stay in Boston and will be traveling abroad this summer. Heather Gardiner continues to nanny for the same family she's been working with for almost 2 years. Heather plans on attending graduate school in the fall for nursing. She had a great winter on the ski slopes! She sends a big congrats to all the recently engaged CSC alums. She also told us that she, Kara, and Adrienne have spotted Nathan “Nate” Cordry in numerous commercials and on “Law and Order.” Way to go, Nate! Tracy Rowe is happy to announce her engagement to Peter Crowell ’01. They are planning an August 16, ’03 wedding at her mother’s house in Springfield, NH. Tracy is very excited and looks forward to the many CSC friends that will be there to celebrate. John “Goose” Gosselin and his fiancée, Elizabeth “Liz” Cronin ’97, are looking forward to celebrating their June 28 wedding with plenty of CSC alums. They recently bought a townhouse in Lowell, MA. John’s personal training company is expanding and he is getting ready to run his 3rd summer strength and conditioning camp at Buckingham Browne and Nichols (BBN) in Cambridge, MA. Eric Kreis launched his company’s website www.stolencasualgear.com, where he sells a line of casual clothing for the alternative/extreme sports enthusiast. David “Dave” Bourassa got married in Las Vegas in May of ’02, and Corey L’Italien was his best man. Dave and his wife honeymooned in Maui for 10 days, and they bought a house in CO. Dave is teaching physical education at a private school in Denver. During his free time he skis the wild backcountry of CO and hikes Fourteeners. Dave has plans to compete in the CO powder Powder 8 ski competition this spring. Jeff Devaney writes that he’s still living in Salt Lake City, UT, where he is completing his master’s degree to be a nurse practitioner. Jeff will work in trauma service at the Univ. of UT Hospital and he’s very excited about it. He is getting married in Aug. of ’03 and is building a home in Park City, UT. Jeff continues to work in the burn trauma ICU at the Univ. of UT. Andrea Goupil and her boyfriend, Andy, bought their first home in Nashua, NH, and she writes that things are going great for her. She still works as a pharmaceutical sales rep and is really enjoying it! Colby Calkins is doing well and continues to work for the UMass Medical School on research protocols and is attending graduate school part time. Cara Falconi and Lisa McNamara ’01 recently moved into a townhouse, where they plan on living for the next few years. They are in the process of being certified to be therapeutic foster parents this spring and are very excited! Cara is enjoying graduate school, where she is earning her master’s degree in clinical mental health counseling and expressive therapy. She also is a nanny part time for 3 energetic children! Cara also has accepted a research assistant position at Harvard University, where she is involved in assessing Latino children’s language and literacy. Cara trained through the spring for her trip to Africa in June to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro. She stays in touch and sees all of the “Ribbon Girls,” and she is looking forward to attending some of their weddings this summer. Ryan Morley tied the knot in May with Diane Marsden ’96. Ryan shared that he and Diane took a trip to CSC in the summer of ’02, and he proposed on the steps of Page Hall where Diane was Ryan’s RC his freshman year. He continues to work as a certified athletic trainer at Hallmark Health in Melrose, MA. Ryan is going back to school in the fall to become a radiologic and MRI technologist. Amy Hall continues to work at Fox Sports New England and at a brand new Fitcorp part-time. Carrie Anderson and Nicholas “Nick” Burchard are still living next door to her in South Boston, where she writes, “always leads to some sort of excitement.” Kara Crane is a physical education teacher at a private school in Brookline, MA, and she absolutely loves it! Kara coaches soccer, basketball, and lacrosse. She is planning to relocate to CT or NY to be closer to her boyfriend. This summer she will be running a trip camp, which she says will be nice to have a break from sports and enjoy kids in a different setting. Kara, Adrienne Shrekgast, and Heather Gardiner hear from Ronald “Ron” Coleman often. The girls write, “Ron is stationed in the Middle East for the Iraq crisis. Please keep him in your prayers.” Charles “Chuck” Morrison enjoyed a much-needed vacation this spring to Ireland along side his fiancée and long-time love, Sophie Reist ’00. The Carriere twins, Brian Carriere and Christopher “Chris” Carriere, and Brian’s fiancée, Nicole also went on the vacation to Ireland, and they all had a blast! Chuck made a career change from the IP firm/dot-com where he had worked for 3 years and is now working in radio and absolutely loves it. He works as a producer at 1510AM The Zone Sports Station, and at 96.9 FM TALK, both based in Boston, MA. Chuck also hosts a sports talk show on WDIS Discussion radio. Kyle Battis is living in Concord, NH, and is working for Professional Physical Therapy Services, where his duties include athletic training coverage for NH Technical Institute, rehabilitation at the clinic, lecturing to the public on various topics, personal training, and team training camps. Kyle recently achieved the National Strength and Conditioning Association’s Certified Personal Trainer certification. Professional Fitness Coaching, his own personal training business, is growing every day and is very rewarding.


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We look forward to hearing from you!
Kyle started a radio fitness segment on WSPS 90.5 FM and can be heard Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. in the Concord, NH, area. He offers a free e-mail newsletter that is jam-packed with useful fitness information. If you send him an e-mail to kbattis@hotmail.com, he will sign you up! Kimberly “Kim” Kogut is working at the NH Community Loan Fund in Concord, NH, as a loan servicer. Her company is dedicated to helping people who are low to moderate income and have less access to money and resources to get help and better their lives. She works on a variety of programs from “Home Of Your Own,” to child care facilities and a manufactured housing park program, to micro credit of NH and much more.

Laura Densch Heath and her husband, Courtney Heath, have put the finishing touches on their home in Springfield, NH, and moved in this spring. Laura continues to work at DHMC in the PICU and loves it! Jennifer Mitchell Buckler celebrated her wedding in Sept.’02, where Jennifer James Ensign was one of her bridesmaids. Elizabeth “Beth” Freeman was there to celebrate as well. Jennie, Beth, and Jen got together in New London, NH, for a girls weekend to catch up during the winter. Jennie teaches preschool and loves it! Samantha “Sam” Wolthuis is the manager of a federal research grant for family and children’s services in Tulsa, OK. She was recently appointed by the mayor to serve on the city’s Human Rights Commission.

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Ciao! I, Tara Schirm Campanella, hope 2003 is going well for everyone. I am going through some major changes right now, as I have relocated to Sicily, Italy! We have been here 2 weeks, and so far I love it. The countryside is so beautiful and the towns are full of so much to see and do. I am slowly learning Italian. I was married Nov. 30, 2002, and my husband, Jon Campanella, and I are doing so well. We are very lucky to be starting out our marriage on a 3-year honeymoon since we will be stationed here in Sicily for that time. We are eager to see it all and travel all over Europe. We have our first trip this weekend to hike up Mt. Etna and travel around the base in 4x4 jeeps. We have decided to live in a small village outside the base and are eager to get settled. Our wedding was attended by a few CSC ladies. In my bridal party were Dina Cannata ‘99, Maryellen Skulski, and Michele Stantial. We had to move the wedding indoors because of the weather, but the ceremony was so special. Then after a traditional southern barbeque dinner, we parted late into the night! Dina is doing great. She is going back to school to get her degree in pharmacy and she works as a pharmacy tech in MA. Maryellen just got engaged! Her fiancé, Richard Mitrano, was very creative in his proposal; it was perfectly suited to Maryellen’s unique taste. Maryellen is still working at Filene’s corporate office and she just moved into a beautiful new apartment in Medford, closer to her fiancé. They are planning for a fall 2004 wedding. I will have to make a special trip to the States for that one! Michele also has lots going on. She bought a condo in Melfrose and is busy fixing that up. She adopted a kitty and is spending lots of time with the new man in her life, Shaun. I also have more engagement news! Sandra “Sandy” Weirs and Sean Haggerty ‘98 have gotten engaged! Sandy wrote that they are very excited and just starting to get into the busy process of planning a wedding. They live in Bangor, ME, and a summer wedding is planned. Sandy keeps in touch with Kelly Fisher and she says Kelly is a music/art teacher back in her hometown and she loves it. Send me an e-mail and update me some more, Kelly, if you like! I would love to hear from you! Best wishes to you all! I saw Richard Blanchard ‘99 online recently and he is doing great. He lives in a new place with a beautiful view and still works at Sodexho, taking good care of the CSC students! Michelle Berger Lefebvre was married to Eric Lefebvre on Oct. 12, ’02. Cynthia Bailey was a bridesmaid, and other CSC guests included Benjamin “Ben” Selleck ’01 and Rebecca Banas. Michelle is living in Torrington, CT, and works as a paralegal at Wall, Wall & Frauenhofer, LLP. Robert Carroll is still living it up in LA. He is planning on working on season 12 of “Road Rules” and he just got a new car. He got back to the East Coast to visit a few months back and really loves CA. I am glad you are making it out there, Robert. I always knew you would! Nicole Bennos wrote to say she was working in event planning in Boston and she keeps in touch with lots of CSC folks. She says Jacqueline “Jacky” Woyda and Jesse Worobel ‘01 bought a house in Denver and they are doing really well. Todd Gully is living at home and taking over his family business. Nicole said Christopher “Chris” Fitzpatrick is still doing really well at State Street. Kristen Anderson writes, “I am still up to the same old stuff, teaching science, coaching volleyball, basketball, and softball. I’m looking forward to the summer when I can travel a little and just relax.” It is good to hear you are doing well, Kristen. If you ever travel towards Sicily, drop me a line! Hayley Cozens wrote to say that she and Kathleen “Kate” Lovell are living in a new place together in South Boston. Hayley says she also sees Kathryn “Kati” Tirrel and Kelly Sargent often, who both live in NH. She also would like to note, “Nicole Lafitte ‘99, a very, very good friend to Kate and me, passed away of cancer in Oct. The funeral was held in Littleton, NH, and it was a very sad day for everyone! There were hundreds of people at the funeral. She was only 25.” This was mentioned in the last issue of the
Hi everyone! It’s been a busy time since I (Jennifer “Jen” Prudden) last wrote. I have made it through another round of report cards (as my fellow teachers can understand) and am looking forward to summer, as I’m sure you all are. I’m still living in Brookline, MA, and can’t wait to head down the street to Fenway. I’ve also been very busy running, going to a recent UNH hockey game, and maybe some traveling with wedding plans and have begun searching for a house. Jennifer Pesare and Hayley Cozens are roommates once again in a new apartment in Somersworth, NH. It’s a great location for them, since they are both working in the city.

**Sylvia/Hay Wedding.** Colby-Sawyer friends gathered to celebrate the marriage of Matt Hay ’00 and Lindsay Sylvia Hay ’00 on December 28, 2002. We recently had a small gathering of CSC friends in Boston. Kelly Sargent, Hayley Cozens, Kathleen “Kate” Lovell, Zanna Campbell, Jillian “Jill” Gragnano, Christopher “Chris” Cabe, and I all gathered for a fun night on the town. Kelly Sargent is still at Fitcorp in Manchester, NH, as the program coordinator at their private site at Fidelity Investments. She’s living with her sister and is really enjoying herself. Kate Lovell and Hayley Cozens are roommates once again in a new apartment in South Boston. It’s a

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Well, it’s that time again. Thanks to all of you who wrote in, letting us know what’s new in your lives. For those of you who didn’t receive Kristy’s e-mail, please be sure to send us your updated information so that we can do our job of keeping the class up to date on you! As for me, Jennifer Pesare, things in RI are going well. Life at the West Warwick PD and the town itself are slowly getting back to normal after “The Station” fire, which I’m sure you all heard about. Thank you to those of you who sent along your thoughts and well wishes for the safety of my family and friends in town. Other than work I am enjoying life and especially my new puppy! Kristy Meisner writes, “Things up here in ME have been really cold and tremendously busy! I am still at Advocates For Children and work is wonderful! Yes, I still love my job. This past Dec., Sean Peschel and I took a mini-vacation to FL! We had so much fun. The best part of our trip was our ride home. We drove from FL to NH in a little under 23 hours. It was one crazy adventure! Sean and I have also had the chance to see a few of our classmates! Sean, Melissa “Missy” Brown, and I had a wonderful weekend together in Dover, NH, to celebrate Sean’s new apartment. It was wonderful to have the 3 of us all together again, something that we really didn’t think too much about when it occurred everyday! Sean and I also have had the chance to see Jeffery “Jeff” Haspray on many different occasions. We try to make a point to visit whenever we are in Boston! Other than that, things are going great! I hope that everyone is enjoying all the happenings of

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the ‘real world!’ Recently I had a chance to visit with Catherine “Catie” O’Brien and Rosetta Cannizzaro in Boston; a night on the town with the girls was a great mini reunion. They are both doing well and enjoying their jobs. Melissa “Missy” Brown writes, “I’m pretty busy with grad school, which is going well right now. I think you know this but I’m an Americorps worker at a non-profit agency called Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention and Services (APPS).” She says that the job is going really well, and her boss has her writing tons of press releases and designing posters and brochures. “What’s really neat is seeing my press releases making the front page of the county newspapers as a news article,” said Missy. She didn’t see too many CSC alums over the winter, since Oswego was practically buried neck-deep in snow, but in Dec. she went to Boston to meet up with some CSC alums for a going-away “party” for Anthony Giovanni ‘02 (before he went to FL). Kristin Giannino writes that she and Mike are getting excited for their wedding coming up in Aug. and a honeymoon in St. Lucia. “We are also in the process of purchasing a condo in North Andover. Hope all is well with everyone,” she wrote. Sara Hammond is still working at the same law firm in Allston, MA. She was recently accepted to law school and will begin in the fall. She will be working full-time and taking classes in the evenings 3 times a week. Sara wrote, “It will be stressful, but it will be worth it in the end!” Congratulations, Sara! Allison “Ali” Wamboldt recently attended the women’s hoops alumni game where she saw Sara as well as Leisa Jesser. Ali has changed jobs. “I work at Frozen Ropes in Pocasset. It’s an indoor baseball and softball training facility. I do some office jazz (marketing, program promotion) and give private lessons and clinics. My official title is softball coordinator, but we may be changing that soon to softball director. Doesn’t that sound more official? Mostly I just play a lot of ball. Our professional instructors are currently down in Fort Myers with the Sox teaching them our visual mechanics curriculum, which is kind of nice, it would be nicer if I were there, but alas...I am not,” wrote Ali. Heidi Allen has also changed jobs and is now working at Digital Flannel (a graphic design firm/ad agency) in Woodstock, VT. Heidi is also engaged and is planning an Aug. 23 wedding to her fiancé, Jason Goodrich. Also newly engaged is Heather Cole. She writes that Jason (the guy she was in love with through most of high school) proposed on Valentine’s Day during the sunset while in FL. They are sharing an apartment in North Bennington with their Boxer puppy, Josie. They are planning a June 4th wedding, where Julie Tyrrell Olsen and Rebecca “Becky” Ferland will be 2 of the bridesmaids. Julie is working kindergarten—first grade special education in Yarmouth, ME. “I am married as of July 27 (so I am now Julie Olsen, not Julie Tyrrell) I am living in South Portland, ME...” she wrote. Loving married life is Noble Chipley Farrow, who writes that “It’s been almost 8 months since the wedding, and Chad and I have been working on home improvement projects in our spare time.” Noble is still teaching at Westford Academy in MA. Two of my old roomies had the chance to write me recently. Amanda Rucci says, “I love my job as director of the handi-capped ski program at Mt. Sunapee. Work ends when ski season ends and I am heading back to DC for the summer to work at a summer camp.” She can’t wait to be back in the city, as New London gets a little quiet. However the mood is lightened because there are many CSC grads still in New London whom she gets to see every once in a while. Amanda is living with Megan Smith, who is working at Dartmouth in the rehab department. She also sees Julie McFarland quite often. Julie is working as a 2nd grade teacher in New London. Our other roommate, Kimberly “Kim” Morrison, loves living in sunny CA! “Life is great. I met an incredible man. He is a chemical engineer with GE. We are in the process of buying a home together. It’s a duplex, so we can rent it out after we leave the area. It’s a huge investment, but we are so happy. I feel like the luckiest person alive. I don’t want to jinx the future, but I am sure he and I will end up together. We have been traveling to places such as Napa; Sedona, AZ; and Paso Robles. We are both East Coasters and have 3 trips planned back east for the summer, then HI in the fall. I feel so lucky.” Leanne Towle is currently working at Sunapee Elementary School as a special education assistant in 5th grade. She writes, “I also run the YMCA after school program in my building, so I get to work with a great group of kids from kindergarten through 5th grade. Right now I am frantically trying to get grad school and job appli-
It’s very challenging working with children, birth through 3! In the fall I am going to be assistant coaching the Lasell women’s soccer team, which I am really excited about,” wrote Lisa. She is currently playing in an indoor league with Maria Tescione, which she really enjoys. Lisa also spent the winter doing a lot of skiing. “Cara and I are taking a foster parent class, which will enable us to become “respite parents” for children who are in DSS custody who need a place to stay for weekends,” she added. Lisa hopes her update finds everyone well!

Jennie Cocchiaro has spent this year traveling, and has had a career change. Her days of teaching are sadly over. She is currently going to graduate school for her MBA with a concentration in marketing and fashion merchandising. She is working with the GAP Corp. in their marketing and visual specialists department. She loves every second of her work. She was also accepted to the California Fashion Design College. Grace Gravelle also has a new job. She is working in the Guidance Office at Hollis-Brookline High School in Hollis, NH. Grace wrote, “I’m still living at home, saving money to travel because I will have the summer off from work. I am planning trips to NYC, NC, and Disney (never been!). I spend most of my free time visiting friends from college!” Brian Ennis is living with David “Dave” Calkins and Erik Rocheford in Dover, NH, and working on his research for a master’s in exercise science at UNH. Brian will be moving back to MA in June and living with his girlfriend, Sharon, and their puppy, Fenway, looking for a job and finishing up his thesis.

Michelle Miller graduated from AZ State University with a master’s in mass communication in Dec. ’02. Since then she’s moved back to NJ, took some time to relax, and is now interviewing for jobs in and around NYC. Also graduating from graduate school is Katrina Ryan, who writes, “By the time everyone gets to read this, I will have completed the dual degree MBA/MSA program at OH University and hopefully have a job. Currently, I am in the same boat many of you were 2 years ago and searching for a job. Based on my experiences in sports administration, I have decided to pursue a career in special events and promotions with a professional team, major NCAA D-I athletic program, or sport-related company. Other things I have been involved with besides classes are volunteering with OH Athletics and interning at 2 conferences: the Travel, Event, and Management in Sports (TEAMs) conference and Baseball’s Winter Meetings hosted by Minor League Baseball.”

Kelly O’Hara Johnson is living in Pullman, WA, and gave birth to her son, Nicholas, on Nov. 7 ’02. Thomas “Woody” Smith and his wife, Jennifer Savio Smith, report that they are enjoying married life in San Jose, CA. They were married June 29, ’02, and enjoyed a fairy tale wedding, sharing their happiness and new beginning with family and friends. Woody is working as a manager of a health club, and in Jan., he was hired as the head varsity lacrosse coach at an area high school. Jennifer is a special education teacher for emotionally disturbed boys. She is also a graduate student at Santa Clara University, working towards her master’s in special education. They recently purchased their 1st home, and are ready to host their East Coast friends (hint, hint!).

Celia Lozeau Goodman was married to Nicholas Goodman on July 27, ’02, in New London. Christina “Chrisy” Shaw, Jamie Ciano, and Jaime Babine were members of their wedding party.

Kyle Batis ’99 was also in attendance. Celia is working as an RN on the labor and delivery unit at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital in Bakersfield, CA. And last but not least is Nichole Lord, who is working in the honors program at UNH and also attending grad school there. She is still dating Gregory “Greg” Hay Jr. ’03 and they are planning on moving in together when he graduates. She sends the following note to her fellow classmates, “Follow your dreams and do not settle for anything less!” Good luck to all of you who have gotten engaged recently, and to those of you who are planning your upcoming weddings. We hope to hear from more of you next time. Just e-mail Kristy or me and we will be sure to keep the class updated on what you are up to!

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Hello everyone! It’s hard to believe we’ve been Colby-Sawyer graduates for a year, isn’t it? I hope you all are doing well—by the looks of this issue’s class updates, it seems like many of you are having a great time in the “real world!” As for me, Cheryl Lecesse, I’m still working in Concord, MA, for a community newspaper company as a staff reporter for the Billerica Minuteman. I’ve gotten to meet a lot of wonderful people through my job and I’ve definitely learned a lot about town politics. But I am looking forward to finding a job in the history field. In Oct., I moved into an apartment in a 3-family home in North Andover, MA, with Kathryn Brett and Carla Tommiglio ’00. We absolutely love it here and are having a great time on our own. Kathryn

Alumni Volleyball Game. These alumni volleyball players gathered on campus on April 5, 2003, to scrimmage the current Colby-Sawyer women’s volleyball team in the Second Annual Alumni Volleyball Game. Participants included (l to r) Kristin Anderson ’00, Amy Callahan ’02, Sara Hammond ’01, Jill Gragnano ’00, Karen Kotopoulos ’02, Tara Ward ’01, Heather McMahon ’02, Kristen Wolslegel ’03, Megan Richardson ’03, and Tiffany Williams.
IN MEMORIAM

Amanda Paro ’03
1980-2003

We are deeply saddened to report that in February, Amanda Paro was killed in a one-car accident. Amanda, a senior nursing student, was on her way to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center to do clinical work as part of her nursing program. She was well known and loved by many of our students, faculty, and staff, and the news of her sudden death will long reverberate within our Colby-Sawyer community. On March 27th the college held A Celebration of the Life of Amanda Paro in Wheeler Hall in the Ware Campus Center.

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is still working for THOM Mystic Valley Early Intervention in Winchester, MA. She’s been able to get together with Christine Bisset, Maura Brady and Marieke Jensen. Christine has been working at Signature Title Corporation since July as an executive assistant, and she likes her job. She’s still living at home in Portsmouth, NH, but is saving up money to get her own place. Maura is working at Boston University as an administrative assistant. She’s traveled a lot with her boyfriend—he even took her to New Orleans for her birthday! She’s still living at home in Hyde Park, MA, but is looking for an apartment in the Boston area.

Marieke is working for LEAP School in Sudbury, MA, as a teacher in a preschool classroom, and she absolutely loves it! She just got a fish named Hank, and she’s currently living/house-sitting at her grandparents’ house in Lexington, MA, while they’re in FL. Kathryn, Christine, Maura, Marieke, and Samantha “Sam” Thomas plan to have a “Fab Five” reunion soon. I also see Christopher “Chris” Roofe ’01, Christine Symes, Pilar Bescos, Darcy LaFrance, ’00 regularly and have been keeping in touch with many others, especially my class update “partner in crime,” Nicole “Nikki” Fowler.

Christine has been working as an exercise physiologist for FitCorp in their Burlington, MA, office. She and her long-time boyfriend, Rich Lucius, announced their engagement in the fall. They are planning a late summer ‘04 wedding. Pilar is living in Lowell, MA, with her girlfriend, Jenny, although she really misses the country. She is working for Bright Horizons Family Solutions in Andover, MA, at the Phillips Academy site. She’s a toddler teacher for a 2-3 year-old class, and is having a fabulous time. “I love what I do!” she says, and she’s psyched she gets to use the skills she learned at CSC. Pilar was also able to spend Christmas in HI, where she helped her mom pack up to move to SC. For the past few months Nikki has been working as a treatment coordinator at the New York State Association of Retarded Children with severely and profoundly mentally retarded individuals over the age of 21. Her classroom has 8 consumers and 3 staff members. “It’s a very challenging job, but enjoyable,” she said. Nikki’s grad school classes at St. Lawrence University in New York are still going well and she hopes to be done in May ‘05. “I like St. Lawrence, but it’s no Colby-Sawyer,” Nikki said. Vicki Burgess has been working in Hanover, NH, as an assistant director and program manager of CRREL’s Child Development Center since June. She’s even been able to travel to West Point, Washington, DC, and New York City for training. “The best part is (of course) the children,” she says. Vicki is also putting together the finishing touches for her Fourth of July wedding. Her bridesmaids are Kelsey Barberi, Amy Birmer, and Kelly Raiano ’03, and all 3 have weddings of their own to plan, too! Kelsey became engaged on her birthday in Sept. and is getting married July 26. Afterwards she’ll be moving to E. Montpelier, VT. She started working in July ’02 as a birth-3 classroom teacher for Head Start. “I work only a few miles from home and am thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to spend my entire day with children,” she said. Kelsey also said she misses everyone from CSC and would like to hear from anyone: her e-mail is Kelsey926@uno.com. Amy is putting together last minute plans for her May wedding. Vicki Burgess and Kelly Raiano are two of her bridesmaids. She is still working at Steffian Bradley Architects in Boston. The company moved into a new office over Christmas and is now located in the heart of the financial district.

Kevin Maccioli became engaged to Kelly Raiano in Nov. “While we have not set an official date, we are thinking about Sept. ’05, so we can have some time to plan and save some money and hopefully get secure in our jobs,” he said. Kevin is still living in Malden, MA, and is working as a reporter at the Malden Evening News and Medford Daily Mercury. He’s had the chance to cover a lot of different stories, including a Patriots-Bills game and a lecture former President Bush gave on the Middle East at Tufts University. Robert “Bob” Behn is working as a billing analyst in the accounting division at Helicopter Support, Inc., a Sikorsky Aircraft Company, and he loves it. He also plans to start grad school in the spring or summer.

Rob Buckley and Matthew “Matt” Sweeney are working for the North Suffolk Mental Health Association in East Boston as outreach workers providing support and advocacy for chronically mentally ill adults. Rob is still living in Malden, MA, and has been gigging twice a week throughout the Boston area with his high school band, Thickly Settled. “The band can be classified as jam-rock, kind of like Guster, for example,” he said. Matt moved to Medford, MA, Jan. 1 with a friend from New Jersey. He has been spending time enjoying the local music scene on the weekends, and has also been able to get in some snowboarding.

Casey Mitchell is still working at Bombardier Capital as an account specialist working with Sea-dos and skidoos. She is watching her grandparents’ house for two months while they vacation in FL. She has also been thinking about starting classes this summer to work towards a master’s degree, but has been enjoying her time off from school. On a personal note, Casey has been planning a trip with her friends she met studying abroad. “There are 10 of us that have not seen each other in almost 2 years, and now we are going to see each other again. I cannot wait,” she said. The group is going to rent a camp in ME for a week and go whitewater rafting and hiking. Have a great time,

Vicki/Lozeau/Goodman Wedding. Happy bride, Celia Lozeau Goodman ’01, poses on her wedding day with her Colby-Sawyer friends (l to r) Chrissy Shaw ’01, Celia, Jamie Ciano ’01, and Jaime Babine ’01.
The first time I met Jim McGilvery was before my sophomore year. For the entire summer I worked basketball camps, and two weeks of that time I was at Chargers Head Coach Bill Foti's Granite State Basketball School in the Coffin Field House on campus. Jim was on staff there, too.

“I remember Jim for his thunderous dunk during the dunk competition held by the camp staff. Jim had just finished his second year playing professional basketball in England for the Plymouth Raiders and was transitioning to an assistant coaching position at Plymouth State College. My first impression was that Jim was a kind and generous human. (He still is.) Our paths didn’t cross again for quite some time, until after I graduated in May ’02, completed Colby-Sawyer’s national Succeeding Together Tour for the capital campaign, and moved to Philadelphia to seek my fortune.”

### Jim’s Story
Pro ball in England, coaching, a master’s degree in Sports Management from Indiana State, internships with NIKE and the Philadelphia Eagles, and then he landed full time as an events coordinator for AND 1, a hot and growing company headquartered in Paoli, Pennsylvania, that designs and markets on-court performance basketball footwear and apparel. “I became events manager just before the 2002 AND 1 Mix Tape Tour—our marquee event—began,” Jim says. The AND 1 Mix Tape Tour is an annual, 33-city domestic and five-city European, grass roots, urban basketball event, coupled with hip hop half-time performances. The best streetballers in each city come out to play, with the chance to be discovered and signed to a streetball endorsement contract and to be taped for an ESPN TV series. The ESPN series will focus on the playground basketball culture—its stars, fans, style, and unique brand of play.

After the ’02 tour, Jim rose in the ranks to become an account executive who now sells corporate sponsorships to support both the AND 1 Mix Tape Tour and the AND 1 High School Basketball Championship, a boy’s basketball tournament in eight regions across the country, with regional winners competing for a national high school championship in Philadelphia.
school in her hometown and as a grad student. Katie Lynch is still working for Concord Orthopedics. Karen Kotopoulis can still be found working at the Hogan Center as a trainer. Erin Hardy is still working at a Meredith, NH, elementary school as a one-on-one aid. She is also working part time at a local gym, where she continues to teach kickboxing. Jennifer “Jenny” Buck and Brendan Carney are still living in Philadelphia, PA. Jenny is working in the city and enjoying herself, while Brendan is working for the basketball clothing company AND 1. Julie Sheehan is still in grad school at Northeastern. “It’s pretty good living in Boston but I miss my friends,” she said. Julie also said Kelly Wigmore recently got engaged. Congratulations, Kelly! Kirsty McCue is living and working in Daytona Beach, FL, as an athletic trainer for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. “I’m having a blast and I’m finally getting a much needed tan!” she said. Katie Moynahan is living at home with her mother in Springfield, MA. She is teaching pre-K at Stony Brook Child Care Center and is the assistant coach for the women’s basketball team at Elm’s College. “Other than being busy, the real world isn’t nearly as great as being in college (in my opinion),” she said. “I miss hanging out with everyone.” Matthew “Matt” Hagerty is working in the House of Representatives in Concord as a legislative assistant in Majority Leader Rep. David Hess’s office. He has also kept in touch with Brett Gaede and Ramsey Hoehn. Brett is spending the winter in Park City, UT, skiing and bar backing at a famous club. Matt said Brett has seen the likes of Ben Affleck, Matt Damon, Jennifer Lopez, and Jennifer Aniston there! Ramsey is living on Jupiter Island in Hobe Sound, FL, working as an assistant tennis professional from Nov. to April. “The weather here is great but I definitely miss the snow and my friends up north,” he said, adding that he’s especially looking forward to going to this year’s CSC graduation. Ramsey and Brett will both be back up north to spend the summer teaching tennis in Nantucket. Thomas “Tom” Remmers has been working since Oct. on the military base on Cape Cod as an environmental scientist. He collects
groundwater samples for off-site testing, and he really enjoys his job. "The site has over 300 wells that are sampled for pollution caused by experimentation with explosives by the military over the past 50 years," Tom said. "The remnants of these explosions have caused contamination with the Cape's groundwater." Crystal Colby purchased a home with her boyfriend in March. Congrats, Crystal! She is working full time as an operations assistant at York County Federal Credit Union in Sanford, ME. Hilary Cogen is still working as executive producer for the Arnie Arnesen radio program on WNTK talk radio. In March she interviewed for a job at New Hampshire Public Radio. Good luck, Hil! She has also been doing some sports reporting. "I have covered the Giants with full access to the team in their locker room and the same for the Bruins," she said. She still lives near CSC, and she finally took her chance to ski at Mount Sunapee! Courtney Wright is still working at Lawrence General Hospital. Stephanie Vickers is working as an accountant for an insurance agency and is looking to get a new job in HR. Laura Sallee is doing well in grad school. And last but not least, Bradley "Brad" Bennett said he has realized insurance is not his life and he's consistently looking for his self-actualization. I want to thank all of you who responded to Nikki’s and my e-mails for your updates! We both would like to hear from as many of you as possible, so please drop either Nikki or me a line and let us know how you’re doing. We both would love to hear from all of you! On a sad note, I’m sure many of you have heard that Amanda “Mandy” Paro ’03 died Feb. 7 from injuries she suffered in a car accident on Route 89. Mandy was getting ready to graduate in May as a nursing major, although she entered CSC as a member of our class. Many of us have our own personal memories of Mandy. I know I’ll always remember her smile and her sense of humor. She will be dearly missed, but she would have wanted all of us to keep smiling. Thank you everyone! I wish you all the best of luck, and Nikki and I can’t wait to hear about how all of you are doing in the future!

Please see In Fond Memory

1948
Jean Wharry Doster
November 28, 2002

1949
Barbara Aronson Antupit
October 1995

Barbara White Comolli
April 11, 2002
Pauline Nelson Mangsen
December 18, 2002
Elizabeth “Betty” Wood Werley
March 9, 2002

1950
Marilyn Colburn Dow
February 25, 2003

1951
Sally Maynard Cullington
October 24, 2000
Marsignia “Marcie” Meyer Hale
January 24, 2003
Joan Gillette Schmidt
March 19, 2000

1952
Constance “Connie” Hutchins Cahill
January 23, 2003

1953
Ednamae “Teddie” Nicols Clarke
November 1, 2002

1954
Virgina Kelley Doyle
September 24, 2002
Martha Kenney Lewis
March 23, 2003

1955
Ann Siegfried Carlson
March 22, 2003

1958
Priscilla Hall Hooper
October 16, 2002

1959
Suzanne W. Kendall
December 8, 1999

1960
Joan Perry MacDermott
October 27, 2002

1961
Patricia Farren Cudmore
January 9, 2003

1962
Susanne “Sue” Bonine Mueller
September 2, 2002

1963
Catharine “Cathy” Howard Guild
October 14, 2002

1965
Sharon Wightman Frey
December 12, 2002

1966
Judith Roscoe MacFarlane
March 3, 2003

1967
Patricia Feltham Rawson
December 18, 2002

1970
Linda Fowler Kerner
July 25, 2002

1975
Deborah Larson Lorenzen
March 10, 2003

1980
Margaret Williams Elliott
January 18, 2003
Gael Vallaro Murray
November 24, 1999

2003
Amanda “Mandy” Paro
February 7, 2003

Past Staff
Mary Waldon Lovely
December 12, 2002
Few things pleased President H. Leslie Sawyer more than improving or adding to the facilities of Colby Junior College (see story beginning on page 14). In June of 1949, he and Barbara Vail Mueller '49, seen here with Abbey in the background, studied the blueprints for what was to be the library-commons, which is now known as the Ware Campus Center. In the words of Boston designer Arland A. Dirlan, “the building was planned to follow the present-day trend of combining college units.” The library was built on the central campus level with the dining hall on the floor below where, although completely remodeled and modernized, it remains to this day.
“Why do I contribute to Colby-Sawyer College? Because I received so much from Colby-Sawyer! Contributing my time and resources are my ways of giving something back to ensure that current and future students will be able to experience the countless benefits of a Colby-Sawyer College experience just as I did.”

—Christopher Quint ’98, Denver, Colorado

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There are several ways to provide financial support to the college, but the highest priority each year is the Annual Fund. Alumni, parents, and friends are invited to make a commitment to the Annual Fund, before all other gifts, because these gifts provide vital budget-relieving resources that support the entire educational enterprise. Annual gifts help to moderate tuition increases and to support our commitment to financial aid. Did you know that last year the college allocated 24 percent of its operating budget to provide grants to young men and women who could not otherwise afford to attend Colby-Sawyer?

Through the years, Colby-Sawyer alumni have readily accepted this stewardship responsibility. Over 32 percent of all alumni contributed to the college last year, providing over a half-million dollars to the Annual Fund. If all alumni who have given to the college at least once in the last five years each made a gift this year, our participation would soar to over 50 percent.

Imagine how our students would benefit from such a tremendous boost!

Please join the thousands of alumni and friends who are making a difference at Colby-Sawyer. Remember, it is not the amount of the gift that matters, but the spirit with which it is given that makes all the difference.

“It’s been unable to spend time participating in alumni programs and activities, but I want to stay connected to Colby-Sawyer and hope to make a contribution toward its future in some way. I know the college relies on Annual Fund gifts to support institutional priorities and goals, so giving to the Annual Fund each year has been a meaningful way for me to show my continued support for Colby-Sawyer and the students who benefit from its programs.”

—Sarah K. LaBombard ’93, Hanover, New Hampshire