President Galligan’s Charge to the Class of 2010

Living the Dream in “Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip”

Alex Hardenbrook ’07—Life Lessons from Uganda

The Gordon Research Conferences—On the Cutting Edges of Science

Colby-Sawyer’s Eighth President Thomas C. Galligan Jr. and his wife Susan Stokes Galligan
On the Cover: Early in his tenure as Colby-Sawyer’s eighth president, Tom Galligan and his wife, Susan Stokes Galligan, were the subjects of a photo shoot at the president’s home and gardens. Both Tom and Susan exhibited a willingness to take direction, a sense of humor, and a down-to-earth view of themselves, which made the shoot more fun than work. Because of this, photographer Katie Dow ’90 was able to snap this wonderful portrait of the presidential couple that captures their outgoing personalities, affable nature, and the sincerity of purpose they bring to their roles as the First Couple of the Colby-Sawyer campus.

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Alumni Journalist Named to Harvard Fellowship

Chris Cousins ’98, an award-winning reporter for The Times Record in Brunswick, Maine, has been named to the 69th class of Nieman Fellows by Harvard University. Chris is one of 28 U.S. and international journalists selected to study at Harvard in 2006–2007. He is the Donald W. Reynolds Nieman Fellow in Community Journalism, with funding provided by the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation.

Established in 1938, the Nieman program is the oldest mid-career fellowship for journalists in the world. The fellowships are awarded to promising and accomplished working journalists for an academic year of study at the university.

Chris will study the events, trends and forecasts that breed the perception of Maine as an overtaxed, underachieving and economically disadvantaged state struggling for a position in the emerging world economy.

While at Colby-Sawyer, Chris gained experience as reporter and editor for the Colby-Sawyer Courier and says professors, such as Pat Anderson, Don Coonley, Ann Page Stecker and Olivia Smith, “drove home the notion that success doesn’t come easily, and that it’s worth working for.”

“My professional goals aren’t about money or having bylines in The Boston Globe,” he wrote in his application for the Nieman Fellowship. “They’re about writing stories that matter to people and sometimes making a difference in their lives. They’re about improving myself as a writer as much as possible and never, ever being satisfied with the quality and depth of yesterday’s lead story.”

Now Chris is studying side by side with journalists from The Washington Post, The New York Times, and The Wall Street Journal, as well as others from leading publications in China, Gambia, Nepal, Germany, Colombia and South Korea.

By mid-October, Chris said the Nieman program was “exactly what I expected it to be: inspirational.” He is taking classes in classical music, the modern American crime narrative, narrative journalism and creative writing.

“The fellowship part of this experience is rich and exciting. I have become close friends with several of the other fellows,” he said. “We all have the same attitude about this experience: that it’s a once in a lifetime opportunity.”

In one week, Chris and the other fellows enjoyed a seminar with poets Sharon Olds and Donald Hall and a lunch meeting with journalist Bob Woodward.

“As for what I’ve learned, here it is: confidence,” Cousins said. “I was always the confident sort, but when I look at myself and my new surroundings and the people I’m here with, I realize there is no career goal too high.”

—Kimberly Swick Slover and Cathy DeShano

The Susan Colby Colgate Scholars Symposium

During the symposium, some of the senior students presented their Capstone projects in the Coffin Field House of the Dan and Kathleen Hogan Sports Center. Here, students discuss their research projects, some of which are represented by visual displays, with college community members.
Biology students discussed their research on topics such as “Beech Bark Disease” and “Canine Lyme Disease: Is it Treatable?” Nursing students reported on their Community Capstone experiences with the Adult Day Out program at Valley Regional Hospital, Quail Hollow Independent Living, New London Hospital, and the Tiger Treatment Center at Newport (New Hampshire) Middle-High School.

Exercise and Sport Sciences majors presented such group projects as “The Individual, Family Status and Sport Choice,” “Potential Nutrition Knowledge and Children’s Eating Habits,” and “Motivational Factors for Attendance in Minor League Baseball.” Community and Environmental Studies students addressed “Creating a Long-Term Experiment to Predict Perennial Growth,” and displayed a “Lake Sunapee Watershed Residents Survey Analysis.”

History, Society and Culture students researched such subjects as “A Return to Civil Society: The Changing Role of the Roman Catholic Church in Poland” and “The Journey through the Upper Kennebec Valley: A Soldier’s Experiences during Arnold’s March to Quebec.”

Students in the Wesson Honors Program examined “Modern Technologies and J.R.R. Tolkien’s Lord of the Rings,” while an undergraduate student presentation explored “Money and Environmental Externalities.”

Cheryl Coolidge, assistant professor of Natural Sciences and coordinator of the event, says the symposium celebrates students’ “academic talents and best efforts,” and provides a wider audience to showcase their work.

“It’s a chance for our seniors to share their Capstone projects with their peers and their faculty,” she explains, “and a chance for the undergraduate students to see the type of work they will engage in as seniors. For me, one of the best parts of the day is to see the tremendous academic growth of our students over the course of their time here. Students who barely uttered a syllable as freshmen are confident, capable speakers as seniors. It’s a pleasure to see what they can do when they are excited and enthusiastic about their work.”

— Joe Sampson ’06 and Kimberly Swick Sklover
Five Trustees Join Colby-Sawyer Board

Five alumni and friends joined the Colby-Sawyer College Board of Trustees this fall. The board’s new members include Karen Craffey Eldred ’86, G. William “Bill” Helm Jr., David “Dave” B. Payne, Mark A. Peterson P’08 and Jean M. Wheeler.

Karen Craffey Eldred earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Colby-Sawyer College and a master’s in business administration from Marymount University. A certified public accountant, Karen worked for Adroit Systems, Betac Corporation and LeapSource in various positions before joining Chenega Technology Services Corporation as vice president of finance and later as chief financial officer. She continues to work for the company part-time on special projects. A class agent since her graduation, Karen attends alumni events near her Vienna, Va., residence and is a member of the President’s Alumni Advisory Council.

New London resident and retired corporate executive G. William “Bill” Helm Jr. has taught as an adjunct professor in the Social Science and Education Department. Since moving to New London, Bill has become active in various organizations, including service as chairman of the board of New London Hospital, as a trustee for the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust and as moderator for the First Baptist Church. In 2005, Bill and his wife Tina received Colby-Sawyer’s Town Award. Prior to retirement, Bill served as president of Work/Family Directions, Inc., and Aldrich Eastman and Waltch. Earlier he was vice president and treasurer of Digital Equipment Corporation and director of corporate relations at the Harvard Business School. Bill also served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Princeton and a master’s degree in business administration from Harvard University.

Dartmouth College graduate David

College Offers Wireless Access

This fall Colby-Sawyer took a technological leap ahead of most other colleges in the nation by offering wireless Internet access across campus. Now students, most of whom bring laptops to campus, can tap into the network whether they are in the library, the residence hall or sprawled out on the lawn on the quad. Last summer Information Resources staff installed and tested 200 wireless access points on campus through which community members can log into the college’s network via wireless laptops. Each building has two to three wireless access points (or signals) on each floor. “This means that our people will have anytime, anywhere access to the network and Internet when they’re on campus,” said Bill Bitzer, director of Information Resources. This advance in the college’s technology infrastructure puts Colby-Sawyer on the leading edge among colleges and universities around the country. In a 2003 survey conducted by Campus Computing Project, just 28 percent of colleges offered 100 percent wireless network coverage on campus. About 90 percent of the 501 schools that participated indicated they offered at least partial wireless coverage.

—Cathy DeShano

“Dave” B. Payne is the founder and retired chairman of Trust Company of Connecticut, where he worked in trust, financial and investment areas for 30 years. Now a resident of Elkins, N.H., Dave currently serves on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of Hartford Hospital, as board chairman for Hartford Healthcare Corporation, and as a board member of First New England Capital.

Dave previously served as a director of several organizations in the Greater Hartford area, including the Hartford Graduate Center (a Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute affiliate), Institute of Living, McLean Home and the Westminster School in Simsbury, Conn. He is a past president of the Hartford Society of Financial Analysts and past chairman of the Connecticut Bankers Association.

Mark A. Peterson, father of current student Kristen Peterson ’08, recently retired as president of the Fidelity
Biosciences Group, where he oversaw venture investing in biotechnology interests. He previously served as president of Fidelity Corporate Systems and Processing; as president of Fidelity Investments Retail Group; and as senior vice president of administration. Before joining Fidelity, Mark held executive positions at Beneficial Corporation and Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. He began his career as a trial attorney for the National Labor Relations Board.

Mark earned his bachelor’s degree in philosophy at Pennsylvania State University and a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Temple University School of Law. He is a former member of the Berklee College of Music Board of Trustees and a member of the Fidelity Biosciences board. Previously he served on the boards of U.S. Genomics and Microbia, Inc. He lives in Wellesley, Mass.

Florida resident Jean M. Wheeler, who spent her career in the medical field, established the Thielien Fund at Colby-Sawyer in 2002 to support nursing scholarships. She is also a member of the college’s Legends Society and the Heritage Society. Jean earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Vanderbilt University and went on hold of science degree in nursing from Heritage Society. Jean earned a bachelor’s highest priorities. The Mayer Fund provides support for the college president’s highest priorities. The Mayer Fund enables faculty and staff members to pursue their professional interests in more depth. In addition to their interests in the college’s academic areas, Gerry and Susan became involved in and financially supported the effort to bring the Colbytown Lodge (now Lethbridge Lodge) back to campus for students’ social and recreational use.

Interim Vice President for Enrollment and College Relations Judy Muyskens described Gerry as a “wonderful friend” to Colby-Sawyer who admired and had a passionate interest in the faculty and their work. “Gerry and Susan’s philanthropy toward faculty and staff development,” she said, “has had a positive impact on the quality of our work with students in ways that are difficult to measure, but very significant and long-lasting. Their support has enabled so many faculty and staff to pursue their professional interests and deepen their level of expertise through conferences, sabbatical research, advanced course work and travel. We will miss him terribly and will continue to celebrate his and Susan’s wonderful contributions to our community.”

Gerry greatly enjoyed being part of the Colby-Sawyer community and pursued many other interests. He was involved in numerous facets of the college’s capital campaign, attended faculty members’ sabbatical presentations and other celebratory events every year, and was involved in the Adventures in Learning program. He contributed to many non-profit and local and state organizations, serving as a trustee for the Montshire Museum, Eaglebrook School, New London Hospital and the New Hampshire Council on Foreign Affairs. He also supported the arts and his alma mater schools, as well as several environmental protection organizations.

—Kimberly Swick Slover
New Faculty Welcomed

Colby-Sawyer College welcomes five new members to our faculty.

Ewa Chrusciel, assistant professor, humanities, is a published poet in English and Italian, as well as in her native Polish. She has translated Jack London and Joseph Conrad, admires American writers like Wallace Stevens and Emily Dickinson, and has enjoyed the pubs and coffee bars of the cosmopolitan university town of Krakow. She brings to Colby-Sawyer a variety of interests and scholarly pursuits, including comparative and 20th-century literature, creative writing, translation, and the neurological basis of aesthetic experience.

Ewa, who has taught English in both the United States and Poland, approaches her teaching as “an introduction to reality rather than an escape from it,” and she tries to show her students that “reading is an event. Literary texts just cannot be dissected and analyzed and remain abstract; rather, they should be experienced and enjoyed. Only then will they increase our scope of consciousness.”

Ewa holds an M.A. in English Philology from the Jagiellonian University in Krakow and a Ph.D. in English Studies from Illinois State University. Her publications include Furkot (Krakow, 2003), a book of poetry, and articles on Emily Dickinson, translation, and post-modern poetics. A second book of poetry is forthcoming in Bologna, Italy, and she is at work on yet another collection of her Polish poetry.

Brian Clancy, assistant professor of art and architectural history in the Department of Fine and Performing Arts, came to Colby-Sawyer last fall with an impressive list of credentials and awards. Having received his B.A. in art history from Yale in 1992, he completed his M.A. and Ph.D. at Rutgers University with the help of fellowships from the Luce and Mellon Foundations, among others. He was one of six Ph.D. students at Rutgers in 2005 to receive the Dean’s Award for Excellence in Research.

Brian, who this year is teaching introductory art history as well as modern art and urbanism, is an architectural historian who began his studies in the Italian Baroque, but who completed his doctoral dissertation on American opera houses of the 19th and early 20th century. “Growing up in Philadelphia, it was American architecture that I knew first,” he says. “Soon after I started grad school, I realized that American architecture was what I had liked best all along.”

Before coming to Colby-Sawyer, Brian taught at Rutgers, Marlboro College and Dartmouth, and he worked for several years at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. He lives in Lebanon, N.H., with his wife, Amy Driscoll, an educator at Dartmouth’s Hood Museum, and his daughter, Katie. He also sings with the New Hampshire Master Chorale as a tenor.

Athletic Hall of Fame Nominees Sought

The Colby-Sawyer College Athletic Department is looking for nominations for the second annual Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony. Those who were nominated in 2006, but who were not inducted during our initial Hall of Fame event, will still be considered, but new nominations are being sought and will be appreciated. If you know of someone you think should be considered for this honor, please visit www.colby-sawyer.edu/athletics/HOF_criteria.html for information about nominations and for the date when nominations are due. Go Chargers!

Colby-Sawyer Athletic Gear Online

We are pleased to announce that Colby-Sawyer sports fans can now buy clothing to support their favorite Chargers team online. Through a partnership with Turfer Athletics, a premier sportswear company, Chargers fans will now be able to browse an online catalog and choose from a variety of clothing and other articles that display team names and the Colby-Sawyer logo. Visit www.colby-sawyer.edu/athletics for more information.

Go Chargers!
Christopher Kubik began his Colby-Sawyer career this fall as an assistant professor in Business Administration. Besides teaching experience at Ivy Tech State College in Indianapolis and at the Indiana Institute of Technology, he comes to campus with an extensive background in business, the transportation industry and public service.

As director of budget and finance for the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), Chris handled a budget many times larger than that of Colby-Sawyer’s; INDOT’s annual expenses included $1.3 billion for highway construction and operations. As part of his budget director job, Chris allocated federal transportation funds between state and local projects and worked with the commissioner of transportation and the governor’s staff on financial planning, as well as on legislative communication and requests.

Chris also served as a program manager for INDOT and was a transportation lobbyist with Ice Miller in Indianapolis, where he worked on issues such as highway funding, public transit, high speed rail, renewable fuels and innovative financing mechanisms for clients’ needs at the state and national levels.

Chris holds a B.S. in international business and economics from Madonna University in Livonia, Mich., and an M.B.A. from the University of Detroit. He is a candidate for the doctorate in Business Administration from Anderson University in Anderson, Ind. For the fall semester, he is teaching courses in introductions to organizations and marketing. During the spring semester he will add marketing research and business applications of the computer to his schedule.

Melissa Mena, assistant professor of Exercise and Sport Sciences, has had more than a decade of experience teaching exercise physiology and sports and fitness training. She has earned certifications as a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist, an American Council on Exercise Group Fitness Instructor, and for CPR.

Melissa holds a B.S. in chemistry and Spanish from the University of Pittsburgh and an M.S. in Exercise Physiology from the University of Florida. She is currently completing a Ph.D. with a specialization in Exercise Physiology and Educational Research in the Department of Education at the University of Miami with the help of a pre-doctoral fellowship from the American Heart Association.

In her professional and teaching career, Melissa has developed, implemented and evaluated curricula in aerobics, weight training, tennis and volleyball at the University of Florida. She was also a fitness and health instructor at Southwest Virginia Community College, Richlands, Va., and worked as an exercise physiologist at the Lee Memorial Hospital in Fort Myers, Fla. She taught anatomy, physiology, and human performance at Edson College and Florida Gulf Coast University, both in Fort Myers.

At the University of Miami, Melissa was a graduate assistant at the Stein Gerontological Institute, where she assisted in research in how strength, flexibility and balance training can improve the ability of senior citizens to manage their daily lives.

At Colby-Sawyer, she will teach courses in anatomy and physiology, and exercise and sport sciences.

Basia M. Pietlicki, assistant professor in Social Sciences and Education, is not new to Colby-Sawyer. She has been an adjunct faculty member at the college since 2003, teaching courses in social psychology, adolescence, counseling psychology and other topics in psychology. She has also taught at N.H. Technical Institute in Concord, N.H., Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester, and Leeward and Honolulu Community Colleges in Hawaii.

Basia holds a B.A. in Psychology from the University of New Hampshire, an M.A. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and a Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology from the Forest Institute of Professional Psychology in Honolulu.

Besides her teaching experience, Basia has a number of years experience as a clinical psychologist. From 1996 to 2003, she was a psychologist in private practice with Manchester Counseling Services and became a full partner with the group during the last four years of ownership. Her duties included providing outpatient clinical services for adults and families, consulting with schools, and working in the community with facilitation training and workshops on abuse issues and ADHD.

Basia has been a clinical specialist with the Center for Mental Health, Newton, N.J. (1993 to 1996), and she was a psychological intern with the Kapiolani Counseling Center, Honolulu (1992 to 1993). She has also served as a board member for Prevent Child Abuse in N.H. (1998 to 2003), as a volunteer for the New Hampshire Task Force to Prevent Child Abuse, and with a number of other organizations in New Jersey, Nevada and Hawaii.

—Kimberly Swick Slover
Rugby Teams Rock
Rugby is one of the most popular student club sports at Colby-Sawyer College. The men’s Rugby Club was formed in 1998, and it competes in the Men’s Collegiate Division IV of the New England Rugby Football Union (NERFU). Since its inception, the club has finished second in its division in 2001 and 2002, third in 2003, and maintains a reputation as one of the tougher teams in the division.

The women’s Rugby Club was formed by students in 2002 and has progressed up the competition ladder quickly. In 2002 they finished the season undefeated. They were undefeated again in 2003 and were promoted to Division III, where they were the 2004 Western Conference runners-up. In 2005, under Coach Chris Reed, the college’s co-director of alumni relations and annual giving, the women capped their rise to glory by capturing the NERFU Division III Western Conference Championship.

—David R. Morcom

Planned Gifts
Did you know that Colby-Sawyer College alumni and friends have informed us of estate provisions that, when they come to the college, will exceed $25 million?

These are thoughtful and extraordinary gifts of all sizes that will have great impact on the college for generations to come. When individuals let the college know of plans to provide for the college through a will, a trust, a private foundation or another deferred gift option, Colby-Sawyer has the opportunity to celebrate this generosity. Those who have provided for the college in their estate plans are celebrated with membership in the Heritage Society. An annual fall luncheon on campus provides an opportunity for this group to gather with our president.

Some planned gifts, like bequests, provide for gifts to the college after the donor passes away. Other gifts provide an income to the donor or his/her beneficiaries during their lifetime. It’s also possible to arrange a gift that will provide income to beneficiaries in the future.

For this current year (2006) and next (2007), Congress has enacted the Pension Protection Act of 2006. The act allows donors of 70½ years or older to give up to $100,000 from an IRA and to exclude the amount of the gift from gross income. This timely option, along with existing options, enables donors to offer gifts that otherwise may not be possible. As with any gifts to the college, planned gifts can be unrestricted or designated to support a program or initiative important to you.

If you are considering a future gift to Colby-Sawyer and would like to discuss the options, Advancement Officer Peg Andrews ’85 can help you. She can be reached at (603) 526-3726 or at pandrews@colby-sawyer.edu

—Elizabeth A. Cahill, Vice President, Advancement
Louise H. Koory, 95, died September 2, 2006, at The Clough Center in New London, N.H. She was born in Malone, N.Y. in 1911, received a B.S. degree from New York State College for Teachers in 1932, and her master’s degree from Columbia University Teachers College in 1943.

She became a teacher of secretarial service at Colby Junior College in 1943, and, in 1956, Miss Koory became the acting dean of students. From 1957 to 1970 she was the full-time dean of students, and from 1971 to 1976, she was the dean of studies. She was an adjunct professor of business at the college in 1975 to 1976. In 1976 she retired with faculty emeritus status, and from 1983 to 1987 came back to the college as a lecturer in the Business Administration Department.

Always a favorite among the alumni who knew her, Dean Koory was often recalled at Colby-Sawyer reunions for her gracious, professional style and friendly demeanor. Many of her students recall that she had an important and positive influence on their lives by teaching them to become true professionals in their chosen careers.

Dr. Marjorie Bell Chambers, Former Colby-Sawyer Interim President

Dr. Marjorie Bell Chambers died in her home in Albuquerque, N.M., in her sleep in August 2006, after a long illness. She received her doctorate in history and political science from the University of New Mexico.

A woman of numerous accomplishments, Dr. Chambers retired at age 80 after a quarter of a century as dean and graduate school professor of the Union Institute and University, based in Cincinnati, Ohio. She also served as president of Colorado Women’s College in Denver and was both a trustee (1980–1989) and interim president (1986) of Colby-Sawyer College.

As a leader in the world of non-profit organizations, Dr. Chambers became national president of the American Association of University Women and advisor to five U.S. presidents and four New Mexico governors. She loved to teach youngsters, and was a lifelong Girl Scout who ultimately became the chair of the Sangre de Cristo Girl Scout Council. She served in numerous other organizations at high levels, and was described in glowing terms as a wife, mother, educator, politician, activist leader and practitioner of the arts. In her lifetime she received many well deserved honors and awards at the local, state and national levels.

Ann Coulter ’06

Alumna Chosen for U.S. Women’s National Handball Team

Colby-Sawyer graduate Anne Coulter ’06 has been chosen to join the U.S. Women’s National Handball team. Anne, a former basketball and volleyball standout at Colby-Sawyer, was chosen for the squad this past fall. She will be traveling with the team to Sweden from Dec. 1st through the 10th as they attempt to qualify for the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, China. If all goes well, Anne will be Colby-Sawyer’s first Olympian.

—Mitch Capelle

CSC Fun Fact

The square footage of Colby-Sawyer’s 30 buildings totals 590,800.
Welcome to Colby-Sawyer College and the opening of the 2006–2007 academic year. It is my job to deliver the president’s message to you. As a rule, I love to get up in front of people and talk; I am always a little nervous, but I do like the challenge, the adrenaline rush and the chance to communicate. But today I am more than just a little bit nervous—today I am downright jittery. You see, I have never been a college president before. This is a first for me. I am going through a period of change in my life. Change can be exciting and invigorating, and growth provoking, but it can also be a little unsettling.

It occurs to me that those of you who are starting your first years here at Colby-Sawyer College are in the same boat I am. You, too, are at a point in your lives of great excitement, possibility and promise. And, you are also undergoing change. You are moving here, away from home, to begin your college education. For a while at least you are leaving family, friends and comfort zones. And, if I may turn to your parents, families, and friends for a moment—I have two children in college so I know this is a time of change for you, too.

But, back to the class of 2010 and me. We are on the verge of the great unknown. At times like these I have found I do best when I don’t try to handle it all myself. I do better if I turn to people I trust and respect for their guidance and inspiration, as well as for assurance that I’m on the right path.

One of the greatest sources of inspiration in my life is my family. Susan, my wife of 25 years, and I have four children: Patrick, who is a 21-year-old college senior; Sarah, who is a 19-year-old college sophomore; Aisling—a Gaelic name that means dream or vision—who is a 16-year-old high school senior (tomorrow she turns 17); and Jennifer, who is a 14-year-old high school freshman. Today’s lesson in life and change I take from Jennifer.

Like us, you and me, Jennifer is undergoing change. She has moved from her former home in Knoxville, Tennessee, to New London, New Hampshire. And, she is starting high school. That is big stuff. In fact, as we speak, she is off on a pre-school camping trip. She is not a great camper, but she will persevere. I say she is not a great camper, but maybe I should say she was not a great camper when she left. By now she may be.

Now, I know what you are thinking. You are thinking I am going to talk about Jennifer’s transition to high school—a new level in her education—and compare it to your transition to college—a new level in your education. But, you say to yourselves, I have already been through high school. This is college. Believe me, I will not insult your intelligence by comparing her high school transition to your college transition. Instead, I am going to compare her transition to first grade to your transition to college and my transition to this wonderful college presidency. You see, as Jennifer started first grade, we were moving from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Louisiana State University to Knoxville, Tennessee, and the University of Tennessee. And, recently, she wrote about that transition in an essay as part of her application to her new school. She wrote, “My most precious relationship with anyone
has to be with my best friend, Elizabeth Wallace (her mother and I let that one go). She has stuck by my side since we were in the first grade, and, now, we are in the eighth grade. Her friendship has meant more to me than almost anything ever has. I met Elizabeth on the very first day of first grade. I was insecure because I had just moved to Knoxville, Tennessee, in the summer of 1998 from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. My mom steered me into Mrs. Ray’s first grade classroom and she and I scanned the room. Her eyes stopped on one little blonde-haired girl sitting alone. She told me to go see if that girl wanted anyone to sit next to her. Apprehensively, I gave my mom a hug and a kiss and made my way across the room of noisy, crazy first graders to sit next to the girl I now know is Elizabeth Wallace. After a few very long minutes sitting in silence, I leaned over and said, ‘Did you know we have the same shoes?’ She replied, ‘Uhh, yeah, I know.’ After that first meeting we have been inseparable. Even though we may have some differences, we also have some similarities. We both love to play the guitar. In fact, we both take lessons from the same person. Every day after school we go to each other’s houses and hang out. We would not be able to survive without one another. Elizabeth is my best friend and always will be. Even though we may get into fights and arguments occasionally, we still will love each other forever.”

Let me add before going on that, when I asked Jennifer if she would give me a copy of this essay to include in my speech, she e-mailed me and said, “im not very happy about u reading it in front of everybody but ill live…ok bye.” But I promised her I would show it to her first and get her approval and I have. My older children tell her that having your life shared with an audience is just one of the risks of being a Galligan.

“It occurs to me that those of you who are starting your first years here at Colby-Sawyer College are in the same boat I am. You, too, are at a point in your lives of great excitement, possibility and promise.”
What does Jennifer’s essay have to do with us? Several things, I think. In it Jennifer describes and owns how nervous she was facing change. But she also shows us just how wonderful and promising change can be. Change introduced Jennifer to one of the best friends she will ever have. Think about it, those types of relationships are ahead of you here. You will meet people who are like you, but you will also connect with many more people whose talents, perspectives and backgrounds are different from your own. There are people you will meet here who will change and enrich your lives and who will become part of you forever.

Of course, meeting great people is just part of the wonderful transition you will undergo. You will explore ideas, activities, athletics, service to others, and so much more. You may even discover what it is that you want to do with your life.

Think of the scene in our summer reading book, The Kite Runner, where Amir, the narrator, writes his first story and reads it to Hassan. The narrator knows as that happens that he has found something, writing, that will be his life’s work and one of his life’s loves. The scene is more complex than I have let on, but I am accurate in saying that the love of writing and storytelling is something Amir realizes when reading that first story to Hassan.

The same thing happens in the book when Amir’s wife to be, Soraya, describes how she taught a woman to read and then decides to become a teacher. She found her life’s work; she found a profession that mattered to her. Imagine, that may happen to you here. Allysia LaBelle, one of our Commencement speakers last May, said, “Regardless of how we found our way to campus, Colby-Sawyer had an impact on us in a way we will never forget. We have each been guided by our professors, staff members, coaches, our friends, and anybody we happened to meet along the way. At Colby-Sawyer I found space for my voice.”

So, don’t be afraid of change. It opens the door to new experiences and relationships, greater knowledge, and enormous personal growth. Just having the chance to articulate some of my own fears aloud to you and to see that neither you nor I are alone has made me feel better. The change you and I are going through now presents us with wonderful opportunities. I know we will take advantage of them.

But, I have left a part of Jennifer’s essay hanging and you know it. Recall that she said she and Elizabeth are inseparable and could not exist without one another. And, now Jenny has had to move away from her best friend. They have separated. Sadly, saying good-bye, or at least, see you later, is part of life, too. And honestly, even though Jenny and Elizabeth may be in different parts of the country, they will always be a part of one another. And besides, Elizabeth has already come to New Hampshire to visit and she loved it here, so hopefully she will be back again and again. In the meantime, there is always e-mail, cell phones and instant messaging.

So, the Convocation program says and the custom provides that I am supposed to charge you, meaning to give you orders or suggestions. Let me continue my theme and charge both you and me. Let me charge us to embrace the change that is about to come. Change is good. But, as we embrace that change, let me also remind you and me that the people we are today and the people we love today will always be part of the people we become. So, as we face the future and the change it brings, let us also recall who we are and how we got here. Have a great year and a great time at Colby-Sawyer.
In the premiere of NBC’s “Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip,” Nathan Corddry first appears as a gray-haired and earnest President George W. Bush, addressing the nation from the Oval Office. The show’s producer, Wes Mandel, played by Judd Hirsch, barges into the “live” comedy sketch to usher the actor off stage and then launches a diatribe against the network’s executives that will soon get Mandel fired.

This show within a show—the successor to the Emmy Award-winning series, “The West Wing,” by television’s celebrated writer-director team of Aaron Sorkin and Tom Schlamme—was this season’s most anticipated television comedy-drama. And Nathan, the Colby-Sawyer student who mesmerized audiences in campus theater productions, is the youngest cast member among television veterans such as Matthew Perry, Bradley Whitford, Amanda Peet and D.L. Hughley.

“What’s bizarre is that it’s not a new show with a bunch of new people who are saying, ‘Oh, my god, we’re on television, isn’t this amazing?’” says Nathan, feigning exuberance in an interview from Los Angeles. “It’s a bunch of pros who’ve been there, done that. All the little excitements that come to me because it’s my first time, they had years ago. But what’s great is that the people around me have a lot of experience and have succeeded in this business. I’m just watching them and following direction. If they can do it, I can do it.”

In what Colby-Sawyer’s theater director Jerry Bliss calls “a meteoric rise,” Nathan Corddry was plucked from a burgeoning acting career in New York City and has landed in Hollywood in one of the hottest shows on television. While a bit stunned by culture shock and his grueling 10- to 15-hour days on the set, Nathan has no doubt about his ability to perform his new role, which, fortuitously, is a character much like himself.

He plays Tom Jeter, a young, up-and-coming comedian whom he describes as “a really smart guy who’s attuned comically to the world. He’s a comedy savant in a way; his brain is always working. There’s nowhere he’d rather be than in a writers’ room pitching jokes.”

In each weekly episode, Nathan’s character, Tom Jeter, emerges a bit more. One week he’s joking with fellow comedians behind stage, the next he’s leading rehearsals for the live show, “Studio 60,” modeled after
Another Cast of “Friends”

When “Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip” broadcasts each week, Nathan Corddry’s Colby-Sawyer friends from around the country tune in to see him in his new role as comedian Tom Jeter. Many describe the experience of seeing Nathan on the small screen among huge television stars as “surreal.”

“I get so excited when Nathan’s on,” says Kate Lovell ’99, a Communication Studies graduate, actor and friend of Nathan’s. “I start jumping up and down!”

During an early October episode when Nathan (as Tom Jeter) shared girlfriend advice with Matthew Perry (Matt Albie), Mike Mooney ’02, who acted with and was directed by Nathan at Colby-Sawyer, admits, “My jaw dropped. I got goose bumps. I was all tingly.”

Those who have seen Nathan act or have acted alongside him on the stage say they knew he was destined for stardom. “Nate has this amazing, god-given talent,” says Beth Freeman ’99, an arts management graduate who acted in several shows and in the improv comedy group, RUDY, with Nathan. “Acting is what he ate, slept and breathed at college. Now he’s living the dream.”

“He’s got it, whatever it is,” adds Jay Lambert, a New London area community member who often plays roles in Colby-Sawyer productions. He got to know Nathan as a fellow cast member in “Little Shop of Horrors.” “Nathan’s got the ability to make it organic. He doesn’t just say his lines, he makes it real. He’s funny and clever, and his timing is good.”

Jay’s wife and fellow actor, Linda Lambert, tries to pinpoint what “it” is that sets Nathan apart as an actor. “He makes good choices as to how to bring his characters across,” she says. “He’s also a very good director. [In “Buried Child”] what was really amazing was that Nathan directed all these adults, including Jerry Bliss, whom he idolizes, and he didn’t cower. I thought then, ‘he’s got it. He’s gonna do it.’”

“Saturday Night Live.” In a recent episode, he’s doling out advice to Matt Albie (played by Perry, formerly of “Friends”), the faux show’s executive co-producer, about how to avenge an ex-girlfriend. As Tom Jeter, Nathan looks in control and at ease with his fellow actors, performing the role with intelligence and precision, just as he always did on stage in Sawyer Center.

Getting There from Here

It’s been a wild ride for the 29-year-old Weymouth, Mass., native, who discovered his passion for acting in his first year at Colby-Sawyer College. Following four years of college theater and five summers of acting at the Williamstown Theatre Festival, Nathan headed to NYC to pursue a full-time acting career. In the beginning he slept on his brother’s (comedian Rob Corddry) couch before renting his own “crappy” apartment and supporting himself through temp jobs like washing other people’s dogs while auditioning for roles in theater and television.

Nathan quickly landed television commercials and small roles in “Law and Order” and “The Guiding Light” and followed in his brother’s footsteps by taking a few classes in comedy. He eventually returned to his true love, live theater, joining the Broadway touring production of “The Graduate.” He began as an understudy and eventually took over the lead role of Benjamin Braddock, alongside actresses Lorraine Bracco and then Morgan Fairchild as the boozy and seductive Mrs. Robinson.

Next, in 2005, Nathan auditioned for the role of correspondent on “The Daily Show with Jon Stewart,” a comedy news show where his brother, Rob, played a senior correspondent. “It was so intimidating,” says Nathan. “These guys are hilarious, they’re geniuses.” His brother helped him get the audition, but Nathan knows the job offer was delivered by his own talent. The “Daily Show” writers loved playing up a sibling rivalry between Nathan and Rob, and in one segment of “Brother vs. Brother,” a Corddry debate spirals into a raucous brawl, which Stewart finally breaks up.

When “Studio 60” began looking for actors in the summer of 2006, Nathan’s agent at Abrahms Artists Agency submitted his name, and he soon auditioned for the role of Tom Jeter with the show’s casting director in New York. “I knew the casting director. She had never cast me in anything, but she knew I’d be right for the part,” he says. He then auditioned for Sorkin and Schlamme in New York and was soon called back for a third time, for which the executive producers brought along a host of production staff.

“I didn’t hear anything for a week or so, and then they invited me to Los Angeles to audition with the cameras rolling and the creatives and all the suits at NBC and Warner Brothers. It was very intimidating, a horrible experience,” Nathan recalls.

“I just tried to focus on the words, on the script. I’ve always liked Aaron’s language and loved his shows. It was just a matter of getting the tone and the pace and
behind the show, but it could happen. “I’m not one of those actors who thinks I can play any role. But if you’re confident going into it, and you know you can play this part, and you’re the best guy for the role, you’re cool, it’s fine.”

While awaiting the verdict from “Studio 60,” Nathan was offered a role he’d auditioned for in another Broadway play, “The Caine Mutiny.” He waited and waited for the call from “Studio 60” and finally had to turn down the Broadway role. “There was no question that I had to wait for ‘Studio 60.’ I couldn’t pass up a chance to play in an Aaron Sorkin series that could last years for a few months in a Broadway play.”

When Nathan got the job, he had to quickly leave behind a city and friends he loved for a new life on the West Coast. “It was hard. I love walking in my neighborhood and all the coffee shops, hanging out with friends, and the life of the city,” he says. “I’m definitely going to miss New York. But there are no guarantees in this business. The show could be cancelled at any time, and I’d be out of a job. That’s not likely because of who’s behind the show, but it could happen.”

The Power of Acting

Back in the mid-1990s, when Nathan began his college search, he was looking for a small liberal arts college that was close to home. Colby-Sawyer kept coming up in his search, and the opportunities to perform in theater productions and the new radio station at Colby-Sawyer cinched the deal for him.

In his first semester, Nathan got the role of Reverend Paris in “The Crucible,” under the direction of Jerry Bliss, professor of Fine and Performing Arts. In rehearsals, Jerry saw Nathan’s talent at once. “Nathan had a presence, he had a drive that I hadn’t seen before,” says Jerry. “He had a talent and a very honest and genuine approach to his acting that you rarely see in a young college student.

“It was a very small role, and he just lit up the stage. I can still see him up there,” Jerry recalls. “Reverend Paris is the one who finds the young girls in the woods. It was a very passionate portrayal of someone who discovers witchcraft in his own family. The wide-eyed disbelief that his daughter is involved—Nathan captured all that in the few seconds he was on the stage.”

For his part, Nathan connected to Jerry immediately and felt alive and comfortable on the stage in a way he’d never known. “It was my first time for everything: my first time on stage at Colby-Sawyer and in what I felt was a professional production,” Nathan says. “The two months with Jerry were a great learning experience. It was when I realized what I wanted to do and felt like it was something I could excel at.

“As an actor, Jerry taught me everything,” Nathan says. “I learned from Jerry that one of the hardest things to do as an actor is to truly give way and listen and respond to the other actors. He taught me to find out what my character wants, and that I needed to take risks. Those are the basics that he went over and over again. I still use that today.”

Nathan’s next role, as the geeky florist, Seymour, in the musical “Little Shop of Horrors,” was a greater challenge and revealed, if not singing and dancing talent, then certainly his range as an actor and flair for comedy. “To play a musical lead was a treat, and something I’ll never do again because my talents lie elsewhere,” says Nathan with a laugh. “But it was wonderful to have the pressure of the entire show on your shoulders and learn how to juggle all your classes with rehearsals, which I didn’t do very well, actually.”

“You know Seymour,” Jerry says. “He was Seymour. I picked that especially for him in his freshman year because of what he did in ‘The Crucible.’ I was looking for a musical and I thought, this young man can play this role. I didn’t know if he could sing at all, but it just didn’t matter.”

“Acting is a strange thing; it’s all a pretense and yet there has to be a believability in something inherently false,” says Jerry. “Nathan has this ability to be honest and genuine on stage. It’s something that’s very difficult to learn, but he had it from the beginning. It’s rare, and it’s one of the reasons for his success.”

Jerry brought several productions to the college to showcase Nathan’s talent and some, such as “Noises Off,” were Nathan’s suggestion. Nathan also played memorable roles in “The Boys Next Door,” in which he sensitively portrayed a developmentally disabled boy, and in “Grease” in which he turned a small part into a major role through the sheer force of his performance, according to Jerry.

Nathan’s first foray into serious drama occurred with the two-person show, “Guarding the Bridge,” a student-written play that Jerry staged especially for Nathan and another talented student actor, Paul Lyne ’99. The play revolves around a father and son’s intense and intimate conversations, in which they discuss explosive issues such as family relationships, race, drugs and education.

“I remember feeling overwhelmed a lot. It was like, ‘I’m 20 years old, I don’t know if I can handle this,’” Nathan remembers. “The show got an amazing, intense response at Colby-Sawyer. There were moments the audience would just gasp because it was so intense. We didn’t get the typical reactions to a college play like, ‘Oh, great job you did in the play,’ or ‘What’s it like to memorize all those lines?’ People were coming up to us saying, ‘Oh, my god, I’ve never seen anything like that before.’

“It was so well directed and such a great play. I realized then the power of theater, and I think that’s why I’m in it now. The medium is so strong you can affect people’s emotions and change their opinions,” Nathan says. “It’s like a drug, and I got my first taste of it.”
“Nathan was perfect—some of the best college acting I’ve seen,” says Jerry. “He sat at the front of the stage just looking out and talking to the audience. There was no movement. He just sat there and told this story with no activity, no business? He just held the audience.” The simplicity of it...how do you act a role like that with no activity, no business? He just held the audience.”

“He took my breath away,” admits Janet Bliss, Jerry’s wife, of Nathan’s performance. “It was so quiet; you didn’t hear people talking or clearing throats. People were just absolutely mesmerized and listening to every word.”

The success of “Guarding the Bridge” at Colby-Sawyer encouraged Jerry to take Nathan and Paul to perform the play at the American College Theatre Festival at Brandeis University. The show received a sustained standing ovation and left the audience and college theater directors stunned and asking, “Who are those guys?”

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Growing Pains

Yet Nathan’s success on stage came at a high cost early on in college. He performed poorly in all but his theater classes and ran into trouble in his efforts to break into college radio. As a first-year student, Nathan had a class with former Humanities Professor Ernie Freeberg, who oversaw the WSCS-FM radio station.

“Nathan was clearly bright, but like many students in their first year or two, he was not exactly living up to his potential,” says Ernie, who taught at Colby-Sawyer for eight years and is now at the University of Tennessee. “Unlike many others, it was clear that his academic studies were suffering because he had another passion. He rarely passed his work in on time, or at all, but he clearly loved to be on Jerry’s stage.”

Nathan was one of the WSCS hosts whom Ernie had to reprimand for inappropriate behavior on air. “Nathan was by no means the only person I had to drag off the air or talk to about what he wanted to share with the public,” Ernie recalls. But while other students experimented with late-night profanity or invited raucous friends into the broadcast studio, Nathan’s “problem” was different, according to Ernie.

“He had a prime daytime slot…and he used this to launch into endless, blathering monologues. It was all harmless, but probably the most self-absorbed and self-indulgent performance I heard in my years at WSCS,” he says. “In retrospect, we can speculate that this was a part of Nathan’s education as an actor, another chance to work out his voice. I’m just glad that he now has to share the stage with other actors.”

Nathan laughs as he remembers the telephone ringing during his show and knowing it was Ernie. “I just broke all the rules, basically, at that radio station. Ernie was trying as hard as he could to be patient with me and diplomatic, but I just kept pushing the envelope,” he says. “Sure enough, it was Ernie on the phone. He said, ‘What the heck are you doing?’ I said, well, I was just…I thought it’d be funny to…’ and he cut me off and said, ‘That’s just bad radio. It’s bad radio. And I said, ‘oh, oh,…o.k.’ Some of it was just immaturity, I guess, but my creativity felt stifled a little bit.” He laughs again.

Nathan acknowledges he was a poor student in high school and continued to flounder in his first two years at Colby-Sawyer. “I wasn’t ready for college. It wasn’t that I wasn’t smart enough, I just had no motivation and no discipline,” he says. “My grades were terrible. It was Jerry who realized this and tried his best to help me. He saw I was a smart kid who just needed some extra help and guidance, and he was there immediately.”

“Nathan’s acting talent was so extraordinary that Jerry became convinced he should go to a theater school to pursue an acting degree. With Jerry’s encouragement, Nathan enrolled in Northeastern University’s theater program in his junior year, where he took acting classes and performed in a variety of plays. He even starred in “The Imaginary Invalid,” before deciding, after a year, to return to Colby-Sawyer.

“At Northeastern, I was really a small fish in a big pond,” Nathan recalls. “When I was gone I began to realize all the opportunities I had taken for granted or missed at Colby-Sawyer.”

“I was very happy to have him back,” Jerry says. “He felt Colby-Sawyer had better opportunities for him on stage.”

By all accounts, Nathan returned to Colby-Sawyer a much more serious student. While in his first two years he devoted most of his energy to theater classes and productions, he now took a strong interest in academics and thrived in classes with humanities professors such as Pat Anderson, Don Coonley and Donna Berghorn.

“When I got back to Colby-Sawyer, a light just turned on in my brain,” says Nathan. “I had these really great professors and exciting classes in radio and video production and film history. If you have teachers who excite and motivate you, that makes all the difference.

“You want to hustle for these teachers and prove to them that you’re worth taking the time to teach and chat with,” he continues. “I was so motivated for academics and for directing theater, and I couldn’t have been in a better environment. I think I just grew up and matured and realized there was so much to learn…and I was blowing it.”

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This past summer, Alex decided to strike out on her own. Her mother encouraged her to try an Outward Bound-style program, but Alex had other ideas. “I wanted to help people more than do something for myself,” she recalls. When a family friend mentioned Soft Power Education, a British non-profit organization dedicated to improving children’s facilities in rural Uganda, Alex knew how she would spend her summer vacation.

Her first challenge was simply getting to Uganda. After a 17-hour flight from New York to Johannesburg, Alex spent an uneasy night in the South African capital. “It’s not the safest city. I arrived at night and was waiting outside to be picked up in a dimly lit area. It was scary!” A seven-hour flight the next day brought her to Uganda’s capital city, Kampala. Alex was immediately struck by the poverty she saw, but it was nothing compared to what she was about to see, much of which she jotted in a journal she kept.

“As we drove down the dirt road, getting more and more remote, I was becoming rather nervous. Seeing kids with pot bellies caused by malnutrition was so incredibly sad.”

The village of Bujagali lies some 60 miles northeast of Kampala in the shadow of Bujagali Falls, a local waterfall at the source of the River Nile. Arriving here at the end of the rainy season, Alex discovered a world of lush vegetation and harsh living conditions. While Uganda has some of the best paved roads in all of Africa, here the roads were red dirt. The landscape was sprinkled with modest houses made of cement, brick or simply sticks, topped with roofs of tin and straw. There were no stores to speak of, no evidence of profit anywhere in the village. Here there was no electricity or running water, and a hole in the ground was the only toilet to be found. “It’s sort of how I pictured it, but I certainly wasn’t prepared for it,” Alex admits. The realization that she had brought more in her backpack than most people had in their entire homes was particularly shocking.

Alex’s introduction to her new living quarters proved less than ideal. “My first couple of days I was pretty much alone, as it was the weekend and there was no volunteering going on. I was dropped off in the evening at my dorm, a small room with a few bunk beds, and I didn’t really know what to do. I didn’t know where to eat, so I didn’t.” Alone in her room, candles her
only source of light, Alex understandably began to feel unset-
tled. When a rat crawled out from under her pillow, sending her
terrified from her room, she wondered if coming here had been
a mistake. As she wryly notes, “I’ve been to third-world coun-
tries before…but never alone.”

Her fear and loneliness were allayed as she began to meet
her fellow volunteers, young people from around the world
who, like Alex, sought adventure and the chance to do good
deeds. She moved out of her first lodging and in with a family,
room and board that cost all of $2.50 per day. Once her volun-
teer work started in earnest, she knew she had made the right
decision.

“The kids here are so cute. They come right up to
me and hold my hand and walk with me, big grins on
their faces. It is so adorable! Sometimes I’ll have
three hanging on each hand and I’ll swing them
around one by one, or chase them and try to
tickle them. Usually the teacher has to pull them
off us so we can leave.”

During her time in Bujagali, Alex mainly worked at one
school that Soft Power Education had built, helping to paint
exterior and interior walls. With about 1,000 children in the
school, from ages six to 14, the classrooms were packed, often
with as many as 70 kids in one class. While Alex labored in
empty classrooms, she was serenaded by the giddy screams and
yelling of young students. “I didn’t see a lot of teaching going
on in the younger classes,” she says with a smile. “Those kids
were having a blast!”

International travelers arrived each day on the overland
trucks that roam the country. Alex and her companions would
take them on walking tours every morning to show them some
of Soft Power’s accomplishments, including a completed
preschool. Invariably, the preschoolers would sing and dance
for the visitors, and then children and visitors would play
together. Alex happily says that this was always her favorite part
of the day. Although the children spoke no English, eventually
they began to know her name, or at least a variant, running up
to her excitedly with cries of “Alekis, Alekis!”

“Africa is not doing this body good. I’ve been sick
with flu and haven’t been eating much. I looked
in the mirror yesterday for the first time in a
couple of days and hardly recognized myself. I’ve
lost at least five pounds, maybe ten.”

During her time in Uganda, Alex experienced the highs and
lows of the local cuisine. “Cabbage!” she laughingly exclaims,
as she remembers the dinners that her host family provided.
“Cabbage and rice…cabbage and pasta…cabbage and potatoes
…we always had cabbage. It became kind of a joke—cabbage
again!—and it was always a struggle to eat the cabbage.” Rice
and beans was also a prominent meal, often served with posho,
a corn-meal based staple resembling “tasteless, starchy” mashed
potato. Meat was scarce and, when it was available, it was goat,
which didn’t appeal to this girl from Maine. Sometimes fruit
was brought in from Jinja, the nearest town, but it was almost
always old. Pressed to name a local dish that she did enjoy, Alex
pauses thoughtfully then remembers. “Chipatis. You could buy
one on the street, a flat, very doughy bread they fry on a little
black skillet. They roll it up with an egg or with vegetables and
it was the most delicious thing ever. I got one or two every day.
They cost about 20 cents.”

Alex didn’t spend all her time working. A highlight of her
trip was a two-day drive to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, located
in southwest Uganda on the border with Rwanda. Accompanied
by two Australian travelers, a guide and armed
guards, Alex trudged through the aptly named forest as her
guide hacked out a path through overgrown ferns and vines. It
took an hour to reach an open spot, where the party then wait-
ed with cameras ready. And waited. Finally, they saw what they
had come to see, in one of the only places in the world in which
they can be seen: gorillas in the wild. “You’re not supposed to
make eye contact, so we crouched down and didn’t look direct-
ly at them,” Alex explains. “There was one male, three females
and four babies and they played in front of us for about 30 min-
utes, tackling each other, bumping each other on the head.”
Was it worth such a long trip into dangerous territory? She
doesn’t hesitate to respond. “Yes, it was amazing!” She was par-
particularly struck by “how human they seemed, especially in their facial expressions.”

Once out of the forest, Alex came across another interesting sight. Observing a group of children while on a village walk, she was startled when one turned around, his face clearly that of an adult man. It was a tribe of pygmies from nearby Rwanda. “They were very tiny but not quite as small as people think,” she says, due to interbreeding with Ugandan tribes. On that same walk she encountered a traditional healer, who attempted, despite the language barrier, to demonstrate the magical properties of his herbal medicines.

“I can’t believe I actually have to leave! Today this little girl that I’ve fallen in love with came running up to me and jumped into my arms. Then a little boy grabbed onto my arm and wrapped his legs around one of mine as another girl held my other hand. It was heartbreaking to leave them.”

Leaving Uganda after a month proved bittersweet for Alex. “I really didn’t want to leave, just wanted to keep working and playing with the kids. I felt good doing something for them even though it wasn’t much.” She is justifiably proud, though, that the school was completely painted before she left.

Returning to Kampala to fly home, Alex was struck by how different it seemed now. Where she had first seen it as impoverished, after her time in Bujagali it now appeared luxurious. She bristles noticeably as she describes people in jewelry and nice clothes, a far cry from the people she had just left who had nothing.

The culture shock upon returning to the United States was even greater. After collecting Alex at the airport, her mother drove straight to a supermarket to replenish an empty kitchen. Big mistake. Among the endless aisles of food, Alex found herself immobilized, unable to make a decision when confronted with so much choice. “We live in such a needy, material world, and we live in excess,” she says pointedly. “We have so much. You see those ads on TV to sponsor a child in Africa, but you don’t really see them. Yes, they have clothes on their back, but those are the only clothes they have.”

Asked about her plans after graduation in the spring of 2007, Alex happily announces she will be getting married. Her career plans are still coming into focus, but she expresses an interest in becoming a tennis coach. And as for Bujagali—would she go back? Alex emphatically says yes. In fact, she plans to take her mother there this Christmas to show her around. But only for a few days, she explains matter-of-factly. “Then we'll go on to do a safari elsewhere.” As adventurous as ever, on the tennis court and off, Alex Hardenbrook shows no sign of slowing down.
kept busy,” says Jon Keenan, professor of Fine and Performing Arts, of his sabbatical year in 2005–2006. To some, that may seem like an understatement.

Jon, who has taught ceramics and Asian art history at Colby-Sawyer since 1990, spent his traditional academic leave from teaching duties to conduct a year-long scientific research project at the Chemistry Department and Exotic Materials Institute of the University of California, Los Angeles. He also traveled to Asia, where he installed an exhibition of his work at the Zen temple of Kosei-in in Kyoto, Japan. In addition, he lectured at the Stanford Center for Japanese Studies in Kyoto, the International School of Bangkok, Thailand, and the American Embassy School in New Delhi, India.

Along the way, Jon interviewed prominent Asian ceramic artists Vineet Kacker and Eiko Kishi, and attended teachings of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama at his headquarters, Thekchen Choling Temple, in the Himalayan foothills in Dharamsala, India. In his spare moments, Keenan visited museums and cultural monuments in New York, Thailand, California, Japan and India, and he taught a course on “Ceramics and Social Justice” at the famous Penland School of Crafts in North Carolina. Between trips out of town, he worked on new ceramic pieces at his studio using his specially-built kiln in Elkins, New Hampshire, near the Colby-Sawyer campus.

Back to Asian Roots
For Jon, part of the year was a return to deep roots set down in childhood. His diplomat father and the Keenan family had a strong connection to Dover near the New Hampshire coast, but Jon was born in France and lived in India, Pakistan, Thailand, and Washington, D.C., before returning to New England for college at the University of New Hampshire.

“It was in India where I became interested in ceramics through village potters demonstrating at the American International School I attended. It captured my imagination instantly,” he says. In college, Keenan’s early interests in Asian culture and pottery developed into serious study and a career choice.

Fluent in Japanese, Keenan took a junior year abroad at Doshisha University in Kyoto. Later, he studied art history and ceramics at Kyoto University of Fine Arts Graduate School, where he completed his graduate studies in 1986. During his sabbatical, Keenan followed those world-spanning moves in reverse.

“After Japan, most of my Asian travels retraced childhood steps,” Keenan says. “In Bangkok, I visited museums and temples, studied ceramics and gave a talk at my old school. Then I went on to India, stopping in New Delhi and visiting my old school there, seeing more museums and potters, before going on up to Dharamsala.

“Returning to these cultures where I grew up was a definite eye-opener. It was really exciting to go back as an adult, to places that influenced what I did in later life. It had been 30 years since I had been in Thailand, close to 35 years since I had been in India.

“In many ways it was much the same in both places. There has been a lot of growth, tremendous growth in India. New Delhi was cleaner, the air quality was better. It was a very chaotic place, people everywhere, everyone on the move, so much activity. It is still a hand to mouth existence for most people. The differences between the have and have nots are still very clearly defined. Bangkok is busier and more crowded than ever, but the new monorail system was a real pleasure.”
Learning from the Dalai Lama

“My real desire, after New Delhi, was to go up north to the mountains and do some hiking, and visit the Dalai Lama at his temple. That was an amazing experience. There the town was so full of life, with pilgrims from Tibet and from all over the world. I had timed my trip so I would be in Dharamsala when His Holiness was doing his teaching, which I was able to attend.

“He was dealing with the topic that has informed his philosophy from an ancient text on ‘Eight Verses for Training the Mind and the Precious Garland Sutra’—along with discussions on love, compassion, jealousy and envy. He also touched on world affairs, about how religion divides people when it really should bring people together, about the need to find common ground. He said people should respect their differences and go about their lives. They should have respect for all sentient beings.”

Working from Home

Between trips away, Jon worked on exhibitions and new ceramic pieces at his Elkins studio. There, he experimented with ancient wood firing techniques on the Anagama kiln he has constructed.

Keenan’s kiln, the only one of its kind in New Hampshire, is based on Japanese kilns developed in the 8th century A.D. Two colleagues, Jenny Swanson, who teaches ceramics at Dartmouth College, and Jerry Ernster, a visiting professor at Colby-Sawyer during the year, helped with the sabbatical-year firing.

“I need a little bit of help with the firings because it’s a long process,” Jon explains. “The temperature can get up to 2400 degrees. We stoke and warm up the kiln for five days. Then it takes about a week to load the work, a week to fire it, and a week to cool. We fired about 300 pieces—sculptures, vessels and wall works—by the three of us.” Some of the results were exhibited this fall in Jon’s exhibition at the Jill Coldren Wilson Gallery at the Kimball-Jenkins School of Art in Concord, N.H.

A Full Year

Is Jon ready for a rest after so much “time off?” Not at all. “I’m feeling really fortunate, revived and reinvigorated with all this newly acquired knowledge,” he says. “I got a lot of work done. I gained a new and deeper understanding of Asian history, religion and art. Now I’m translating all that into teaching, sharing the experience with students. It was a really special year.”

Research at UCLA

Jon made several trips to the West Coast during the year to work on a research project at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Richard B. Kaner, a UCLA professor of chemistry, who works with high-temperature materials and holds several patents for new ceramic processes, had attended some of the Gordon Research Conferences held for international scientists for many summers on the Colby-Sawyer campus. He saw some of Jon’s high-temperature ceramic work in campus exhibitions, grew interested in the firing techniques, and invited him to be a visiting professor at UCLA during his sabbatical year.

In Los Angeles, Jon worked with another UCLA researcher, David A. Scott, professor in art history and archaeology and chair for the UCLA/ Getty Program in Archaeological and Ethnographic Conservation. Jon’s project (see photo at right) involved testing coating materials designed to protect outdoor bronze sculpture from acid rain and other environmental hazards.

“My project involved working in the lab, measuring out materials, applying materials to metal substrates, examining different bronzes, including classical bronzes, Buddhist sculpture, and material in UCLA’s Fowler Museum,” Jon explains. “It involved visits to the school in the summer and fall of 2005, in the winter and spring of 2006, and again in the summer of 2006. Also last summer, I presented on my work to the Gordon Research Conferences Material Science group.”
It’s 7 p.m. on an early October evening. In Danforth Hall lounge, Resident Director (RD) Brittany Pye lays out candy and homemade brownies with orange decorations in honor of Halloween. Three senior college officials—Vice President for Student Development and Dean of Students David Sauerwein, Academic Vice President and Dean of Faculty Deborah Taylor, and President Tom Galligan—arrive, all dressed in blue jeans. Soon they are sitting down with about a dozen students. Dean Sauerwein handles the introductions. “We’re here to listen to what you have to say,” he says, and the Danforth Hall fall session of the “Deans in Jeans” is underway.

A 20-Year History

In her office a week later, Deborah Taylor explains that the idea behind “Deans in Jeans” started about 20 years ago. “When I was dean of students and Peggy Stock first became president, she and I would go around to talk with students in the residence halls to see what was on their minds. That did not become an ongoing program. However, three years ago, when we began our work on intentionally blending academic and student development experiences for students, Dave Sauerwein and I started visiting each of the residence halls every semester. We called the program ‘Deans on Parade’ back then. One night we noticed we were all wearing jeans. ‘Deans in Jeans’ struck us as a better name and we kept it.
“Senior officers meet with students over many issues, but these more formal meetings are a little less of an exchange. More students will come to their own living room. The Deans in Jeans program is a way to reach out to them, to say, ‘Tell us what is on your mind, what is going well or not well, tell us what questions you have, what suggestions you have.’ “It is also a way to let them know where to go with their concerns, to invite students to e-mail, call or simply stop by. We want students to know they have a number of places for their voices to be heard. But we also want them to know they have the opportunity to talk to any of us, to affect the decision-making process.

“That first year, students didn’t quite know what we were there for. But, by the second year, the program had become part of campus culture.”

Office Hours and Card Readers

Back in Danforth on that October evening, students are raising a variety of issues.

One asks about the function of faculty office hours. Others wonder about the status of the Sawyer Fine Arts Center renovations and Colby Farm, how the college hires coaches, or about organizing weekend activities on campus. Still another wants to know the status of the new “proximity” ID card system that checks student IDs wirelessly at doors and in the dining hall without the card needing to be swiped through a card reader.

“I’ll tell you what happened with that,” Dean Sauerwein offers. “There are several kinds of software that are failing to communicate. The system did not work consistently when we tested it, so we stopped the implementation process until the vendors got it working right. I’m expecting that we’ll have it working by the end of the semester.”

“I’m hoping it will be even sooner than that,” President Galligan adds, “but it’s got to be working everywhere.”

Another student asks: “Why didn’t we have to do major acceptance during the application process?”

“Most students come to college not fully knowing what they want to do,” Dean Taylor explains. “We want to allow you to explore very freely. If you are accepted into a school and major at the same time, you can often lose credits if you change majors. Most of our students change majors two or three times. We find that it can be very valuable not having to pigeonhole yourself too fast.”

From the New Meal Plan to Adjunct Professors

President Galligan asks for feedback on the new meal plan, which allows students to stop by the dining hall as many as 99 times a day for coffee or a snack, as well as for full meals. The students say the new plan is a big improvement over the old three-times-a-day system, but they don’t like the restrictions on the number of off-campus guests they can bring to dining hall meals.

“How many guest passes would be optimal?” Dean Taylor asks.

“We get four a semester. My parents are coming up this weekend, so that will be all my passes,” one student explains.

“Instead of 99 swipes,” another student suggests, “we could have five a day, so your family could come up.”

A later discussion centers on the use of adjunct professors.

“Do you know the percentage of adjuncts?” one student asks.

“About 79 percent of classes are taught by full-time faculty,” Dean Taylor answers. “We’re moving to reduce the number of adjuncts.”

“Are adjuncts more likely to teach Psych 100 or 300?” the student asks.

“They teach entry level up to senior year,” Dean Taylor answers. “We can bring in an adjunct for that special expertise for which we don’t need a full-time faculty member.”

“Some classes are specialized,” Dean Sauerwein adds. “For some business or nursing classes, we might just want someone to come in once.”

“All kinds of teaching are evaluated and monitored,” Dean Taylor continues. “The department chairs monitor the use of adjuncts. We want to use them in the right way, not just to cover a class.”

“So, if a faculty member comes in for the first class of a two-semester offering, is there a contract signed definitely for the next year of the sequence?”

For our students, Deans in Jeans has opened an avenue of communication that encourages them to ask anything they want and to have access to credible and accurate information from the college’s top administrators.
“Contracts are always one semester at a time,” Dean Taylor answers. “Of course, we like, whenever possible, to have returning faculty. If you’re not satisfied with how things are going, give feedback to that person. If that doesn’t work, talk to the department chair. Department chairs are heavily invested in working with part-time faculty.”

“The teaching evaluation forms that are filled out at the end of semester, does what we say receive a lot of consideration?” asks a young woman.

“Yes, they do,” advises Dean Taylor. “Those summaries are looked at very carefully by the department chair, and at times by the whole department. I review them annually and in cases of application for promotion or tenure. We pay very close attention to the results of those surveys.”

Priorities for the Year

Later the same evening, in Rooke Hall, another 15 students gather. Study space, campus parking, and, once again, the new meal plan are among the topics under discussion.

“What are you guys doing new this year?” one student asks.

“You know enrollment is our number one issue this year,” President Galligan says. “We’ve probably got about 60 students less than we had on campus last year.”

“Is there a reason?” the student continues.

“We know there are fewer high school graduates in New England,” President Galligan answers. “But we got away last year from personalizing. We focused on numbers, but got away from the personal relationship part. One of the things I’ve learned is that personalization is really important at Colby-Sawyer. We have to be who we are to prospective students.

“When I’ve asked students why they came here, they say ‘I just knew this was the place for me.’ If prospective students don’t feel a personal connection to the college, they won’t feel that way.”

Dean Sauwerwein adds, “Students who come to Colby-Sawyer often have a good family connection. We want to restore parent and family relations, so they feel a part of the college.”

“Another part of the story is paying attention to reasons why students stay, and why students leave,” Dean Taylor says. “One of the things that is very valuable to us is coming to you and listening to what you have to say.”

Looking Back at this Year’s Sessions

Over a two-week period, the Deans in Jeans visited every one of the larger residence halls and each cluster of the smaller halls. How did the program go overall?

“I believe we had a very successful Deans in Jeans program in Rooke Hall this time around,” says Rooke Hall Residential Director Jerry Volpe. “We had a larger than expected number of students in attendance, many of whom brought some great issues to discuss.

“It seemed to me that the residents had many great things to say about issues they have been pleased with, but they also find this program a useful way to express their concerns and to feel like they are being heard. The residents did seem to be quite impressed by Tom Galligan’s presence, and felt that Dave and Deb, as well as Tom, are truly interested in hearing what they have to say.”

“I feel that the Deans in Jeans program is an excellent way for students to voice their concerns and issues regarding campus life,” adds Rooke resident Samantha Godfrey ’07, president of the Student Government Association. “Both Dean Sauwerwein and Dean Taylor are excellent about answering all our questions, and if they don’t have answers for us right then, they get back to us.

“Having President Galligan there made me feel that he really wanted to understand student life more at Colby-Sawyer, and, instead of just walking around campus during the day, he took time to visit us in our dorms at night. I know that students feel more connected with him and feel really appreciative of him taking time to meet with us,” Samantha says.

“Going to the Deans and Jeans gathering was a really good experience for me,” President Galligan enthused, “because it gave me the chance to get to know students in the residence halls and to learn about residential education and residential life. The overarching theme: people are very positive about their experience here, and the year has started off really well. We heard more questions raised about the meal plan than any other issue,” President Galligan continued. “In particular, students were concerned about the number of guest passes. The
long and short of it is that we were encouraged to continue to try and focus and discuss the meal plan. We want to work with students to try to find something that works for them and is still economically feasible for us.

“Another theme was that the quality of the dialogue was really high. I was impressed with how often one student would ask a question and another student would suggest a solution. The whole program opens up channels of communication and gives us current knowledge of many of the issues students are thinking about. That gives us ideas, gives the deans and the Student Government Association notice of items that we need to work on to make Colby-Sawyer a better place.

“We also do a lot more blending here of the educational programs and the residential life programs. I’ve seen that with Deans in Jeans. When students come to talk to us, they are communicating, hopefully communicating effectively, doing so in a different context. The balance between personal life and community life, and understanding that balance is an educational experience for us and for them. We try to show that we are approachable and will listen and give them straight answers.

“I told the Courier reporter [from the student newspaper] I was not sure that, as an undergraduate, I would have attended a Deans and Jeans session. I might have questioned what it would accomplish. I probably would have put my own momentary needs for studying or watching television ahead of attending. My goal is to try to encourage everybody to come to Deans and Jeans—including people like me,” President Galligan said with a smile.
It was a wet, but wonderful weekend in New London, June 2–4, as more than 200 alumni and friends came back to campus for Colby-Sawyer College’s Reunion 2006 festivities. The rain didn’t dampen their spirits, as alumni of all ages commemorated old times, renewed friendships, and enjoyed the Colby-Sawyer of today. It was an especially glorious weekend for members of the class of 1956, who presented the college with a gift of $271,000.00, thereby raising the bar for 50th reunion giving. That total included their contributions to the Annual Fund, as well as their class project, the Class of 1956 Endowed Fund for the Fine and Performing Arts. The class of 2001 also celebrated the success of their 5th year reunion giving campaign, increasing their class donor participation level by 86 percent.

During Saturday evening’s Gala Reunion Banquet, Nancy Hoyt Langbein ’56 and Chris “Koz” Kozlowski ’95 were honored for their exceptional achievements, contributions to society and extraordinary service to Colby-Sawyer College. Nancy, who received the 2006 Alumni Service Award, spearheaded the 50th Reunion Gift Campaign, having served as the class agent for the class of 1956 since 1988. She is also the class correspondent and has served on numerous reunion planning committees over the years. Nancy lives in Brunswick, Maine, with her husband, Ed.

Koz was awarded the 2006 Young Alumni Achievement Award, which was presented to him by his former business professor and mentor, Tony Quinn. Koz is a member of the President’s Alumni Advisory Council and is a frequent host of alumni events at his restaurant, Orchard Street Chop Shop, in Dover, N.H., as well as his former restaurant, Crescent City Bistro. Koz lives in Farmington, N.H., with his wife, Christen Wallingford Kozlowski ’96, and their son, Dominic.

Additional highlights of the weekend are chronicled in the photos on these pages.

The dates for Reunion 2007 have been set, and we hope you’ll make plans to remember and relive Colby-Sawyer on Friday, June 1 through Sunday, June 3.
Director of Colby-Sawyer’s Institute for Community and Environment John Callewaert offers instruction to Peg Cawley ’41 and Marguerite Cline Beckman ’51 during the “Tools of the Trade: Geographic Information Systems” workshop. In this session several alumni and their guests enjoyed the opportunity to participate in a hands-on demonstration of geographic information systems and global positioning systems equipment.

Chairman of the Board Anne Winton Black ’73, ’75 chats with alumna Ruth Gray Pratt ’51 at Friday evening’s luau dinner.

A small group of brave souls showed up early Saturday morning to run the 5K Reunion Road Race named Jason’s Road Home in honor of Jason Schreck ’02, who was injured in a skiing accident in March.

Pat Davis Hoffman ’50 and Betty Alden Parker ’50 enjoy the art exhibit, Summer Selections, an exhibit of faculty and student art, in the Mugar Art Gallery.

Members of the class of 1986 and their friends enjoyed a rum swizzle party, courtesy of Susan “Bermie” Gibbons Gray ’86, before the luau dinner. Pictured are (front row, l to r) Christine “Cricket” Palmer ’87, Karen Craffey Eldred ’86, (middle row, l to r) Jen Ellis ’85, Nancy Teach ’70, Dave Eldred, (back row, l to r) Amy Carrier Lyon ’85, Rachel Hobbie ’86, Betsy Civetta Pontius ’86, Sally McDermott Morse ’86, Catherine Marquardt ’86, Susan “Bermie” Gibbons Gray ’86 and Molly O’Shea Piercy ’86.

Alumni of all ages gathered in the Cleveland, Colby, Colgate Archives for Professor Hilary Cleveland’s workshop, “American Women Who Have Made a Difference.” Following her presentation, the group honored Hilary for her 50 years of teaching at the college.
The class of 1956 and their guests gathered for a cocktail reception in the Thornton Living Room in Colgate Hall on Friday evening to celebrate the announcement of their class gift to the college. Following the reception, they were transported by college vans to Lake Sunapee for dinner aboard the MV Kearsarge.

Lynn Millar Cash ’56 and her husband, Bill, and Barbara Chandler Kimm’56 and her husband, Dick.

The World of Wine offered participants the opportunity to learn about proper wine-tasting techniques as they sampled wines from various countries. Pictured in mid-sip are Nancy Calder Segee ’56 and Virginia Messmer Krebbs ’56.

The Ray Indoor Climbing Wall proved to be a popular attraction for people of all ages! Pictured are (at right) Joshua LaFlower, son of Wendy Howe LaFlower ’96, and (below) Nate Winer, spouse of Marsha Smoller Winer ’56.

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Former Alumni Director Gaye LaCasce presents Chris “Koz” Kozlowski ’95 and Nancy Hoyt Langbein ’56 with their awards during the Gala Reunion Banquet.

Jeff Silvia ’01 displays his skill at drinking from the porron, a traditional glass wine pitcher famous throughout Spain. Observing Jeff’s technique is Fernando Duran, who led the wine tasting with fellow member of the Lake Sunapee Wine Society Bill Tighe.

Gale Gilchrest ’56, Paula Anderson Bothfeld ’56 and Jeanette Warner Laughlin ’56.

Pat Thornton ’56 and Sarah Rudy Terhune ’56.
Shirley Rimbach Rohan ’46 and Beverly “Bebe” Walker Wood ’46 take a peak at the pieces being made by Wendy Johnson deLeon ’76 and her daughter, Lexi, at the Baubles and Beads Workshop.

Maura Brady ’02 and Sandra Mitchell ’02 led the Baubles and Beads Workshop, where participants learned about jewelry-making and produced their own necklaces and bracelets.

Marisa Tescione ’01, Rob Fagan ’01, Mike Spinney ’00, Kristin Giannino Spinney ’01 and son Connor, and Erik Rocheford ’01 pose for a photo during the cocktail reception prior to the Gala Reunion Banquet.

Gretchen Garceau-Kragh ’91 and Mary Anstett Carver ’91 were dressed appropriately for their 5K trek through the pouring rain!

Nancy Hoyt Langbein ’56 (center) proudly presents the 50th class reunion gift to Chairman of the Board of Trustees Anne Winton Black ’73, ’75, (right) while Advancement Officer Allisone Facone applauds the tremendous generosity of the class.

Members of the class of 1946 gathered for cocktails in the Thornton Living Room in Colgate Hall prior to the Gala Reunion Banquet. Seated on the couch at left are Robert Kempton and his wife, Elizabeth “Betsy” Joel Kempton. The group to the right includes (back row, l to r) Jane Hatch Benson, Shirley Rimbach Rohan, Althea Bennett Hatch, Dorothy Huggins Mannix, (front row, l to r) Beverly “Bebe” Walker Wood, Ramona “Hoppy” Hopkins O’Brien and Mollie Miller Tanner.

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Remember Colby-Sawyer, Relive Colby-Sawyer
Class of 2001

(Row 1, left to right): Taber Lightfoot and Kristy Meisner. (Row 2, left to right): Sean Peschel, Dave Calkins, Erik Rocheford, Marisa Tescone and Kristin Giannino Spinney. (Row 3, left to right): Rosetta Cannizzaro, David Shoreman, Brian Ennis, Shawn Heffity, Steve Robinson and Melanie McCabe Robinson. (Row 4, left to right): Jen Pesare, Tracey Guarda Perkins, Sara Hammond, Mike Bargamian, Jeff Silvia and Rob Fagan.

Class of 1991

(Left to right): Kim “Schroeder” Steward, Theresa Sombric-Westgard, Kristen Weber Lyon ’92 and Gatia Abbott McChesney.

Class of 1986

(Row 1, left to right): Sallianne Ficara Lake, Karen Craffey Eldred, Susan “Bermie” Gibbons Gray, Sally McDermott Morse, Betsy Civetta Pontius. (Row 2, left to right): Rachel Hobbie, Christine “Cricket” Palmer ’87, Catherine Marquardt and Patty Foose Bechok ’88. (Row 3, left to right): Marcie Eckert Stockwell, Molly O’Shea Piercy and Lisa Tripp Sharpe.

Class of 1961

(Row 1, left to right): Martha Clark, Susan Olney Datthyn, Susan Heath Bint, Joan Appleton Jevne and Jacqueline Taft Lowe. (Row 2, left to right): Sally Morris Hayen, Sally Reynolds Carlin, Anne Mansell Moodey, Barbara Green Gramenos and Mary-Anna Fox.
Class of 1956

Class of 1946
(Row 1, left to right): Mollie Miller Tanner, Beverly "Bebe" Walker Wood, Elizabeth "Betsy" Joel Kempton, and Ramona "Hoppy" Hopkins O'Brien. (Row 2, left to right): Shirley Rimbach Rohan, Dorothy Huggins Mannix, Jane Hatch Benson, and Althea Bennett Hatch.

Class of 1941
(left to right): Margaret "Peg" Cawley and Ruth Hall Dowden.
There is a subtle rule among Gordon Research Conferences (GRC) participants: what happens at the conferences stays at the conferences. Well, sort of.

In their 75th year, the Gordon Research Conferences drew together scientists from a variety of fields throughout the summer to consider existing issues and develop new ideas. Innovation is always an important goal, so some of the research discussed was ongoing and unpublished. Only invited participants may attend lectures, and no one can report on what has been shared without official authorization.

“Scientists feel freer to talk about their research this way,” explains Francis DiSalvo, a former chair of the GRC Board of Trustees and professor in the Chemistry and Chemical Biology Department at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. “It allows you to show the bumps and warts. It encourages collaboration among peers who can share ideas and help further research.”

For nearly 60 years, such research banter has been going on in the beautiful Georgian-style buildings on top of the windy hill at Colby-Sawyer College. Fortunately, for the general public, some of these discussions will find their way outside the conference walls and into the community to help us identify diseases and treatments, or to advance other fields of science.
Early Days
The GRC took root in the summer of 1931 at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md. Neil E. Gordon, a chemistry faculty member at the university, sought to bring together “small groups of scientists to work at the frontier of research in a particular area” in a relaxed location, according to the early GRC literature.

In 1947, the conferences were moved to then-Colby Junior College, and, a year later, they were named the Gordon Research Conferences to honor their founder. During that first summer at the college, ten Gordon Research Conferences were offered.

In 2006, about 170 conferences were offered in locations throughout the world, with up to 175 people attending each. Topics range from Solid State Chemistry I, to Cancer Models and Mechanisms, to Magnetic Nanostructures.

Participants can attend conferences at eight school sites in New Hampshire and Rhode Island during June, July and August; meetings in California during January, February and March; and gatherings in Italy and England. Conferences have also been held in Japan. Participant makeup has also evolved—there are more academics and fewer industry scientists, more women and more minorities—a reflection of changes in the scientific world, DiSalvo explains.

Although the numbers of conferences and makeup of attendees has changed, the mission remains steady: to offer scientists an environment that is free from distractions so they can discuss recent advances in science and cultivate new ideas. “Close-knit communities allow participants to get to know each other well and develop long-term friendships,” says Nancy Gray, director of the GRC and a former industrial research chemist with Exxon Production Research Company.

What’s the Big Deal?
If you’ve ever visited our campus during the summer months, you may not think twice about the men and women strolling by in their jeans or shorts, their hands wildly animated while engaged in conversation. In fact, if you happen to visit on the right day, you may think the college is hosting an adult sports camp—it’s common to see people running up and down Mercer Field kicking a soccer ball or a group of bikers clustered around each other as they review a map. But it wouldn’t be at all unusual

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to discover that one or several of these adults made a significant contribution to science that culminated with such awards as the Nobel Prize in Chemistry or Physics or a Pulitzer Prize.

“I was serving stir fry during one of my first few years here, and I looked up and saw a man standing in front of me with ‘Carl Sagan’ on his nametag,” recalls Mike Heffernan, manager of Sodexo Dining Services. Rather than freezing, Mike chatted for a few moments with the scientist and Pulitzer-Prize winning author who significantly aided expeditions to the planets. (For this, Sagan was awarded his NASA Medals for Exceptional Scientific Achievement, among other honors.)

When Mike first arrived on campus about 20 years ago, there was little rapport between staff and scientists. “I think the staff was intimidated. Here were these brilliant scientists, and they didn’t know what to say to them,” Mike recalls. That has changed.

Mike encourages his staff to get to know the scientists and make them feel comfortable during their week on campus. “These folks love coming up here because it gets them away from their stressful lives researching and teaching,” he says. Staff members routinely prepare packed luncheons that attendees can take with them on golf outings or hiking excursions.

Some scientists attend conferences on our campus so routinely that they and staff members exchange stories about their families, trips and other personal chronicles. Teresa Gallagher, who works in the dining hall, and Mike have enjoyed getting to know a Spaniard named Carlos who attends a conference every year or two, sometimes with his growing family. “One year, my nephew studied in Barcelona, and Carlos took my nephew into his house for dinner and told him about the city,” Mike recalls.

Nancy Gray says the college is an ideal setting “for nurturing the close-knit communities that characterize our conferences. The college and its staff have also been extremely welcoming and attentive to our attendees and always provide terrific customer service—our attendees feel a strong connection to the college and consider it their summer home.”

A Successful Formula
In addition to creating lasting friendships, this intimate setting has spurred daytime presentations and late-night conversations that have helped bring the world significant research. Some have lead to articles published in Science, a peer-reviewed and well-respected journal. Some have led to Nobel Prizes.

Peter Agre delved into channels that regulate and facilitate the transport of water molecules through cell membranes during the conferences and in his Johns Hopkins laboratory in the early 1990s. Thanks to his research, scientists are conducting additional studies that will help us understand some diseases associated with kidneys, skeletal muscles and other organs. He was awarded one-half the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2003 for this work.

Six physicists who have attended GRC were named Nobel laureates. Steven Chu, Claude-Cohen-Tannoudji and William D. Phillips were awarded the prize for their development to cool and trap atoms. For their research into the Bose-Einstein condensate, a new form of matter that occurs just above absolute zero, Eric A. Cornell, Wolfgang Ketterle and Carl E. Wieman were also awarded the distinction of being named Nobel laureates.

Because the conferences are so intimate (the national conference of the American Chemical Society may draw 10,000 people in comparison), they can also adapt to changes in the disciplines. As more scientists explored biological research, GRC offered more conferences in that field.

Clare Grey, a professor of chemistry and associate director of the Center for Environmental Molecular Sciences at Stony Brook University in Stony Brook, N.Y., anticipates there will be more conferences that address environmental issues. “The conferences follow where the scientists are. The money for research isn’t in the environmental sciences yet,” she says.

Sergey Istomin, a professor at Moscow State University who studies crystallography, says the Gordon Research Conferences are a well-respected name. “They bring the scientists from around the world, and you get to hear about the latest happenings.”

For Yael Amitai, a professor and neurobiologist with Ben-Gurion University in Israel, who attended the Solid State Chemistry conference at Colby-Sawyer in July, having the opportunity to connect in such a small setting with prominent scientists is invaluable. “I’ve learned many new ideas and met many new colleagues. You get real experience here with such small groups,” she says.

“Each year we get to vote for the next year’s conference chair and where we’d like to hold it. Our group voted to stay at Colby-Sawyer,” Amitai continues. “We really like it. The people around campus are all very cheerful and really seem like they want to get to know you.”

After 60 years, when the Gordon Research Conferences arrive each summer, in some ways it’s almost like a family reunion, and the GRC administrators and attendees always have been, and always will be, considered a branch of the Colby-Sawyer family tree.
Learning about shamanism

Sue was introduced to shamanism about seven years ago, when she tore all the ligaments in her knee. Opting for an alternative to surgery, she attended a shamanic workshop of the Tibetan nature and her knee became better through the shaman’s healing methods. In her capacity as an herbalist, Sue has studied plant medicine for more than 11 years, and she found that the shamanic workshop resonated with her. “It really gave me ritual and ceremony, and I believed I could become a Tibetan shaman,” she said.

Sue’s husband, Art, supported her belief and gave her a trip to Nepal as a 60th birthday present. She traveled with a group of nine people, led by Larry Peters, an anthropologist and initiated shaman in the Tibetan tradition, who has been traveling to the South Asian country for 30 years. The plan was to visit several cities and sacred sites and to study with shamans of varying backgrounds. Sue's goal regarding this study was to be initiated as a shaman.

In her book *Nepal: Three Weeks of Cultural Shamanic Immersion*, Sue describes shamanism as “a technique in which the practitioner is adept at entering non-ordinary reality to retrieve information. It spans individual religions, so it does not conflict with any individual belief system. The rituals and ceremonies associated with shamanic practice are customized from culture to culture.” Shamans are considered healers who also commune with gods or spirits. There are various types of shamanism throughout the world, such as Tibetan, Native American and South American practices. Because shamans treat the whole person, they tend to such ailments as aches and pains, as well as a person's financial or relationship dilemmas.

In Nepal, shamanism is in the mainstream, and people often visit their shaman before going to a doctor. “There is a population of people in my area of Maine that is very open to alternative medicine,” Sue explained. “It's not that I want to hang out a shingle and make my living this way, but it will be an option that I offer for anyone who wants this type of healing.”

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One wall of Sue's home is floor-to-ceiling shelves built specifically to store her comprehensive collection of herbal remedies, some common, some arcane.
In April of 2006, Sue left for Nepal to learn all she could about the shamanic practices of extraction (removing the intrusions that penetrate a person, thereby challenging the balance of their physical and spiritual body), depossession (an exorcism type of healing), and soul retrieval (the shaman goes into non-ordinary reality in search of a piece of the patient’s soul that has been sent away or lost). It was a trip Sue was excited to make, but one that did not go as planned. In an unfortunate turn of events during her time there, Nepal’s citizens initiated an anti-royalist strike against King Gyanendra to protest his abolishment of the country’s democratic government 10 months earlier. “Curfew accompanied the strike and it became unsafe to move around,” Sue explained.

After three days of flying and negotiating airports, Sue and her group arrived in Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal. “From the window of the plane we were able to see Mt. Everest as we approached Kathmandu,” Sue wrote in her journal. Traveling at all times with two shamans and five bodyguards, group members visited numerous spiritual sites, such as the Bouddhanath Stupa, a dome-shaped shrine sacred to Buddhists. “It’s worshipped by circumambulation—walking in a meditative state clockwise around the stupa,” Sue explained.

They toured the Pashupatinath temples, named after Pashupati, the Hindu god of cattle. Each year, pilgrims from around the world pay homage to the temple, which is considered the most sacred shrine for all Nepalese Hindus, as well as for many in India and throughout the world. “Families bring their dead and ritually prepare the bodies for cremation, which is done right there on stone platforms that jut out over the river,” Sue said.

The group met with the Chinea Lama, whom Sue describes as a religious and political figure in the Buddhist community. The group also worked and studied with Aama Bombo, a shaman and member of the International Council of Indigenous Grandmothers. Each day, around 100 people travel to Aama’s home in Bouddhanath, near Kathmandu, so the shaman can treat their ailments. Even members of the royal family come to her for healing and advice.

“She is amazing, and I was honored to be able to study with her,” Sue said. The group watched Aama Bombo minister to individuals, such as a woman who brought her feverish baby. “Aama worked with the baby and made up a medicine. The next person who came in wanted to sell some land and asked Aama how much money to ask for it and when it would sell,” Sue recalled.

“Unfortunately, King Gyanendra saw fit to leave at the same time, and he also headed for Pokhara,” Sue recalls. “The gates of his vacation palace were across the street from our hotel. We had hoped to visit the Tibetan refugee camp outside Pokhara, but there was no way to get there. Our plans to hike to the Peace Pagoda, ride horses and enjoy the spa at the Fulbari Resort were all impossible.”

With curfews that restricted people to just five hours of freedom on most days, farmers woke early to milk cows and shoppers scurried around in the dark trying to find food. “Some shop owners were brave enough to open during curfew,” Sue said. Since most shops used garage-type doors to secure their shops, owners could keep the doors partially closed in case riots broke
out or the military came near.

“One time we could hear a riot moving toward us and the owners closed the door. We were stuck in the shop,” Sue said. Everywhere she and her companions roamed, they saw military dressed in brown fatigues or royal guards clad in white hats. “I was watching TV in my room one night and took a picture of the screen. I have this amazing photo of soldiers and fire in the street,” Sue says.

Daily life was precarious, even for non-demonstrators. Sue tells of a man killed while going to his outhouse. Several days into the demonstrations and curfew the king shut off cellular phone service, so Sue had to send e-mail updates to her anxious husband. Gasoline could not be transported into the country, so travel was limited. Because it was impossible to move food from the countryside or from India, the country began to run out of food. Meat and milk were no longer available at the group’s hotel, which imposed a 25 percent surcharge on all food. “Larry (Peters) said that when the people in cities get hungry, it gets crazy,” Sue remembers.

With the situation worsening rapidly, Peters decided to fly the group back to Kathmandu so they could return to the United States on short notice, if need be. Before leaving Pokhara, Sue and several others ate lunch in an open-air café that overlooked a deep-green lake with flocks of white birds skimming the water.

“The momentary tranquility did not change the fact that the political situation was deteriorating and it was expedient that we return to Kathmandu. As Larry told us, we were one step closer to getting out of the country if we had to,” Sue said.

Back in Kathmandu, Sue and the others realized it had become impossible to move around. The U.S. government announced that non-essential personnel at the U.S. embassy had the option to leave Nepal, and, 11 days later, ordered the evacuation of all non-essential employees and their families. “That’s when I began to get really tense,” Sue says, with a bit of concern in her voice even now, “because we were basically out there on our own.”

Sue said that clashes between demonstrators, the police and the army became more violent and killings increased. Maoists seized on the unrest and launched attacks on security installations in Butwal, southwest of Kathmandu. Sue’s group left the country on April 18, their original departure date. Sue explained that leaving earlier would have meant each person would need to fly standby, and Peters thought it safer to travel as a group. “We had been on the ground in Nepal for 18 days and confined to the hotel for 11 of those days,” Sue remembers.

**Goal accomplished**
The group left in the nick of time. Huge demonstrations erupted for the two days immediately following the group’s departure. Peace eventually was restored after the king reconvened parliament. The government has since stripped King Gyanendra of his powers over the military, and parliament announced last June that it would dissolve to create an interim government that will include Maoists.

“It was a vacation never to be forgotten,” Sue said. Despite the dangers she faced, our Renaissance woman accomplished what she had set out to do. Sue and others in her group were initiated as shamans in a day-long ceremony awash in vibrant colors of every rainbow hue, punctuated by ceremonial drumming, and replete with elaborate costumes topped by dramatic feathered headdresses. As Sue later wrote in her remembrance book, “The Full Moon Initiation made us all Aama’s grandchildren shamans, ready to go into the world prepared to heal, teach, divine and bless.”

“*Our (initiation) procession was led by two powerful shamens, Aama Bombo and Sano Ram, as we progressed from one shrine to another,” Sue wrote.*
At top of page: Faculty and staff greet the graduates at the beginning of the Commencement ceremony.

Above left: Psychology major Chad Nussinow accepts his diploma from Interim President Phil Jordan as Registrar Carole Parsons looks on.

Above right: Gretchen Ritchie receives her diploma from Academic Dean Joe Carroll.

Right: Psychology majors (l to r) Johanna Beck, “Dorrie” McGuire and Allison Fisette are all smiles as they prepare to join the processional.
Top of page left: Alyssa LaBelle, chosen as one of the senior speakers, addresses her classmates on the subject “Your Pathway to Colby-Sawyer.”

Top of page right: Business Administration majors (l to r) Eric Capodiece, Helen Peparo, Rebecca Payson, Kevin Fleurie, Collin Bray and Gene Kelly look ready and well able to step into the world of commerce.

Above left: Jennifer Holl, who ranked highest in scholarship in the graduating class, accepts the David H. Winton Baccalaureate Award from Academic Vice President and Dean of Faculty Deb Taylor.

Above right: Exercise and Sport Sciences major Andrea Lee added a dash of color and fun to the ceremony in her hand decorated graduation outfit.

Left: Child Development majors (l to r) Kathy Couture, Kristin Gamache and James Giddings watch with interest as their classmates cross the stage to receive their diplomas.

Below left: A group of graduates embodies the joy and excitement of the day as they wait to form the procession in the Thornton Living Room in Colgate Hall.

Below right: Senior Speaker Joe Collins pauses in his address to his assembled classmates before they will disperse, diplomas in hand, to face the future.
Commencement 2006
Award Recipients

Distinguished Alumni Award
Leslie Wright Dow ’57

Susan Colgate Cleveland Medal for Distinguished Service
Anne Ponder

Town Award
Joseph Cardillo

Gown Award
Professor John H. Callewaert

Nancy Beyer Opler Award for Excellence in Advising
Professor Peter J. Thurber

Jack Jensen Award for Excellence in Teaching
Professor Leon C. Malan

Graduate Award
Michael Mandolese ’05

Senior Achievement Awards
Timothy Bradley
Elizabeth Marie Norris

Alpha Chi Award
Gretchen Pickering Ritchie

Wynne Jesser McGrew Scholar-Athlete Award
Gretchen Pickering Ritchie

Scholar-Athlete Award
Andrew John St. Clair

Colby-Sawyer Award
Aimée R. Parkhurst

David H. Winton Baccalaureate Award
Jennifer Renee Holl

Senior Speakers
Joseph Edward Collins
Alyssa Ruth LaBelle

Baccalaureate Awards
Art
Kristin Marie Koslowski

Biology
Ann Lee Henry

Business Administration (The Dr. Margaret “Marnie” Kurtz Award)
Rebecca Elizabeth Payson

Child Development
Rachel Marie Allen

Communication Studies
Abigail Elizabeth Roach

Community and Environmental Studies
Kerrie M. Garvey

English (The Carl M. Cochran Award)
Aimée R. Parkhurst

Exercise and Sport Sciences
Gretchen Pickering Ritchie

Graphic Design
Nadia Katrina Markiw

History, Society and Culture
Brian Michael Skoczenski

Nursing (The Adella Sheldon Graves Award)
Jessica Lynn Winkler

Psychology
Chad Matthew Nussinow

Above: Award recipients (l to r) Joe Cardillo (Town Award); John Callewaert (Gown Award); Leslie Wright Dow ’57 (Distinguished Alumni Award); Interim President Phil Jordan; Chairman of the Board of Trustees Anne Winton Black ’73, ’75; and Professor Leon C. Malan (Jack Jensen Award for Excellence in Teaching).

Left: Child Development major Rachel Allen (left) and English major Rebecca Mello share a congratulatory hug.

Below: The graduates applaud as one of their classmates receives an award. The class of 2006 consisted of 184 degree recipients.
Women’s Lacrosse (11-5, 8-1 CCC)

The 2006 women’s lacrosse team accomplished something no other Colby-Sawyer lacrosse team has done in the program’s 26 year history, which is to finish the season 11–4 and receive the No. 1 seed in the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) tournament.

The Chargers were ranked No. 6 in New England during the final weeks of the season, and they dominated their competition in the CCC, felling opponents Curry, Regis, New England College and Endicott.

In the first round of the CCC tournament, the Chargers fell behind early to the University of New England, and, despite a valiant comeback attempt, they fell short in a 13–9 loss.

For their efforts during the successful season, six Chargers were honored by the CCC as Tara Stewart ’08, Becky Schaffer ’06, Anita Watterson ’07, Julia Steese ’09, Sarah McRoberts ’08, and Noelle Surette ’08 were named to the CCC All-Conference Team.

Baseball (15-20, 10-10 CCC)

The Colby-Sawyer baseball team got off to a slow start during their spring trip to Clearwater, Fla., where they went 3–7. After starting conference play 2–4, the Chargers rattled off seven wins in a row to rise above .500 at the midpoint of the season while posting a 12–11 record.

The Chargers teetered around the .500 mark for the next few games before hitting a bump in the road, dropping their last three regular season games, yet still making it into the CCC playoffs.
with a record of 15–18. Unfortunately, their playoff run was cut short as they lost their first two games in the double-elimination tournament.

A bright light for the future was first-year student Tom White who received the Commonwealth Coast Conference Rookie of the Year award for his efforts at third base, on the mound, and at the plate. Tom led the team in batting average (.398), hits (47) and earned run average (2.45) in his seven appearances as a pitcher. Junior pitcher Sean Gildea and senior outfielder Kevin Fleurie were also honored as they received Second Team All-Conference honors.

**Men’s Tennis** (13-4, 7-1 CCC)

The Colby-Sawyer men’s tennis team continued its prominence in the New England region, as well as in the CCC as they fought their way to a 13–4 record.

The Chargers spring trip to Hilton Head, S.C., provided valuable experience as they went up against some talented and difficult opponents. The team returned home with a 2–3 record and hungry for wins in conference play.

The Chargers tore through the competition, both conference and non-conference, amassing a 7–1 record by season's end against CCC opponents. In the first round of the conference tournament, Colby-Sawyer faced Roger Williams, a foe they had dispatched earlier in the season 5–4. In the tournament, the result was the same, as the Chargers ended the Hawks season by defeating them 5–4.

Up next for the Chargers was respected rival Salve Regina. Salve Regina had handed the Chargers their only loss of the conference season earlier in the year, winning 5–0 in a rain shortened match in Newport, R.I. This time the weather was not a factor, but the Chargers still could not overcome the Seahawks, falling 7–2 in a season-ending loss.

Four Chargers received All-Conference awards for their roles during the season. Brendan O’Neil ’08 and Ben Taylor ’09 received Second Team All-Conference honors while teammates Danny Munsey ’07 and Justin Tardif ’08 received Honorable Mention awards. Brendan O’Neil and Justin Tardif also received an Honorable Mention doubles award for their outstanding efforts.

**Track and Field**

For the third season in a row, Brittany Stewart ’07 qualified for the NCAA Championships in the javelin throw. Stewart also became the first-ever, three-time All-American in Colby-Sawyer history. At the NCAA Championships, Brittany set a new school record and personal best with a throw of 44.68 meters (146 ft., 7 in) en route to a third place finish.

Two newcomers also showed their skills for the Chargers during the regular season. Kate Beamon ’09 and Jen Pine ’09 both set new school records. Kate set records in the 100m hurdles (16.19), long jump (5.02m; 16.47 ft.) and triple jump (10.47m; 34.35 ft.). Jen set the pole vault record with a vault of 2.29m (7 ft. 6 in.).

In men’s track and field, another outstanding first-year student-athlete, Ryan Laperle, helped lead the Chargers while setting four new records. Ryan set new Chargers standards in the 100m (11.29), 200m (23.44) and was a member of the 4x100m relay and 4x400m relay teams, which also set new Colby-Sawyer marks.

Brittany Stewart ’07 became the first-ever, three-time All-American in school history as she finished third in the NCAA Championships.
Good actors take their talent from the live stage to television and back, but it’s not always an easy transition, as actor Nathan Corddry knows well.

“Now that I’m immersed in the television medium 24-7, I can say I would much rather be on a stage with a script, but there are great things creatively about television as well,” Nathan says. “I’ve never felt as comfortable as when I’m on the stage, but maybe that’s because I have more experience there.”

As a cast member in “Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip,” Nathan is adjusting to the exhausting demands of an hour-long television series. “We’re doing 22 episodes in nine months. It’s like creating 11 feature films in a row, back to back to back to back.”

Nathan gained his early acting experience in live theater, in which actors learn the entire history of their character and the story before performing the role. Conversely, in television drama, “You learn a little more about your character with every script,” he says. “Your character is constantly evolving. If Aaron (Sorkin) didn’t put it in the script, it’s not there.”

“Creatively, television is a completely different thing than theater. In theater you can ramp up to a certain level of emotion; you have time and pace. But in television, you’re sitting around for five hours and then all of a sudden you need to be at this emotional point out of nowhere,” he says. “It’s truly difficult.”

Surrounded by veteran actors in “Studio 60,” Nathan says no one has time to take a younger, less experienced television actor under their wing. “It’s all business. People are busting their butts,” he says, explaining that the cast often spends 10- to 15-hour days on the set. “There’s a lot of time between scenes to get to know them, but these are all big stars. It’s a very bizarre world to be in.”

Nathan held rehearsals and taught the other student actors, Kate Lovell ’99, Beth Freeman ’99, Mike Mooney ’02 and Tom Neff ’01, what he knew about improv comedy, in which actors react spontaneously to cues from the audience or other actors. Their first show, held in Sawyer Center, packed the house. “The whole school was there. I think it was after a basketball game. We did this hilarious improv show, and people were really excited about it. It was a blast,” says Nathan.

The comedy shows continued until the team got busy and lost momentum. “It was really floppy and unprofessional, but there were some great moments,” Nathan adds.

For his Communication Studies Capstone course, his last Colby-Sawyer production, Nathan chose to direct a somber drama by Sam Shepard called “Buried Child,” about a midwestern family destroyed by a dark secret. The cast included two students and mostly adult actors, including his longtime director, Jerry Bliss.

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“It was a delight,” says Jerry. “I hadn’t acted in a long time, and Nathan somehow convinced me I could do it. He was surprisingly no nonsense and didn’t put up with any shenanigans. Again, it’s just this drive of his to succeed, to get what he wants. All of us felt in very good hands, that we were being directed by someone who knew what he was doing.”

Rising Star
After graduating from Colby-Sawyer, Nathan returned for one more season to the Williamstown Theatre Festival, where many young talented actors converge and receive rigorous, classical training. He also applied to the M.F.A. program at the University of Wisconsin at Madison and received a scholarship to attend the next fall. But when he saw his fellow festival actors headed to New York City to pursue their careers, Nathan abruptly changed his mind about graduate school. “I realized it was foolish of me to lose these prime years. I’m a peer of theirs, if they can make it, I can make it,” he says.

In New York, Nathan competed successfully against actors with degrees from prestigious theater programs at major universities. While Colby-Sawyer didn’t offer a major in theater, it gave him something equally or perhaps more valuable: opportunities to perform challenging roles, to direct theater productions and to lead his own improv comedy team. In short, he had the freedom to take his talent wherever and as far as he wanted to.

By the end of November 2006, Nathan’s character, Tom Jeter, had evolved into a larger, more demanding role, and he was settling into life in Los Angeles. Nathan is smart and realistic enough to know that rising stars can turn into shooting stars that flare and burn out, but for now he’s finding his place in the Hollywood firmament, grateful and happy to be living the dream.
Alumni Relations and Annual Giving Restructuring

Colby-Sawyer College Vice President for Advancement Beth Cahill recently announced the restructuring of two departments within the Office of Advancement. Effective in October, alumni relations and annual giving merged into a single department—the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving. The department is led by Tracey Austin, former associate director of alumni relations, and Chris Reed, former associate director of annual giving. The merge establishes a united group, better positioned to establish and promote a culture of alumni engagement and participation, as well as increased efficiency and consistency in alumni outreach.

Now you can call the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving toll-free at (800) 266-8253.

Remember, Reconnect, Rediscover... Reunion 2007

Reunion 2007 will take place on campus Friday, June 1–Sunday, June 3. While classes ending in 2 and 7 will enjoy special celebrations throughout the weekend, all Colby-Sawyer alumni and their guests are invited to attend. Plans are underway and will include workshops led by both faculty and alumni, campus tours, and plenty of time to reconnect with your friends and classmates. A full schedule of events and registration forms will be mailed early in the spring to all members of classes celebrating a special reunion. Anyone needing additional information should contact the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving.

Register Today on the Colby-Sawyer Online Alumni Directory

By registering your e-mail address on the Colby-Sawyer Online Alumni Directory (www.netdirectories.com/~csc) you can:

- keep your address and e-mail information up to date
- stay in touch with friends and classmates
- find other Colby-Sawyer alumni in your city/town
- receive the Colby-Sawyer e-newsletter, Currents
- make gifts to the Colby-Sawyer Annual Fund.
Alumni Award Nominees Sought

The Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving is currently seeking nominations for the Alumni Service Award and the Young Alumni Achievement Award, which are presented annually during Reunion Weekend. Nomination criteria and instructions can be found on the alumni Web site or by calling the office. The deadline for submitting nominations for the 2007 awards will be March 1, 2007.

Refer a Student for Admission

The Office of Admissions at Colby-Sawyer College welcomes alumni referrals for prospective students. If your child, grandchild, niece, nephew or sibling is considering college, we encourage you to tell them about your experiences at Colby-Sawyer.

Prospective legacy students can learn more about the college, its academic majors, extra-curricular activities, and admissions criteria by visiting our Web site at www.colby-sawyer.edu/admissions.

We invite you to revisit campus with your prospective student; attend an Open House, a Discovery Day, or simply take a tour. It is a great opportunity to help a family member explore one of their college options as you relive your days at the “College on the Hill.”

To learn more about methods of examining college options and the criteria for a special Legacy Scholarship, please contact Tracey Perkins ’01, senior associate director of admissions at tperkins@colby-sawyer.edu or by phone at (603) 526-3702.

Alumni Ski Day

Colby-Sawyer’s annual Alumni Ski Day will take place Friday, Jan. 26, 2007, at Mt. Sunapee in Newbury, N.H. Gather your family members, classmates and friends and join us on the slopes. Discounted lift tickets will be available through the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving.

New Colby-Sawyer College Apparel

Show your school pride and visit www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends/gear.html to view the new line of Colby-Sawyer apparel—t-shirts, sweatshirts, fleece, hats and more!—available for purchase.

Colby-Sawyer College Alumni Inaugural Delegates

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

Elizabeth Gunter VisVis ’55 at Massachusetts Bay Community College on May 12, 2006.

Chris Quint ’98 at the University of New England on Sept. 30, 2006.

Rebecca Young Robinson ’64 at Southern Vermont College on Nov. 18, 2006.
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1929
Leland E. Welch
July 16, 2006

1931
Prudence Potter Jenkins
April 18, 2006
Barbara Dodge Knowles
June 5, 2006

1933
Lilyan Terry Lisker
June 19, 2006

1934
Jean Withington Larcom
June 2, 2005
Mollie Jean Empsall Carr
July 31, 2006

1935
Martha Davis Welch
July 21, 2006

1936
Beverly Allen McClung
August 30, 2006

1937
Virginia Moulton Emery
September 28, 1993
Loriel Buck Smith
September 10, 1989
Doris Miller Forman
September 3, 1999
Eleanor Probert Johnson
September 23, 2002
Barbara Cooper Cogswell
June 26, 2006
Corra Farr Hoppock
August 28, 2006

1938
Ruth Andresen Vigeland
August 3, 2006

1939
Marylen Hill Small
May 22, 2006
Mary Yule Gaines
August 23, 2006
Marion Sage Boyd
September 23, 2006

1940
Margery Shannon Adams
April 29, 2006

1941
Marion Smith Desautels
November 20, 2005
Virginia Pickup Durell
May 26, 2006

1942
Margaret Wales Kurz
September 28, 1991
Marion Rogers Callahan
September 3, 1996
Hope Whitaker
December 13, 1996
Charlotte Kidger Farr
November 20, 1997
Betsey Johnson Coe
February 20, 2001
Eleanor Lathrop Waldron
October 3, 2003
Evelyn Frenier Lucchesi
April 25, 2006

1943
Hanna Tardivel Teschner
March 29, 2006
Meredith Munsey Craig
July 22, 2006
Virginia Felton Johnson
June 15, 2006
Eleanor "Toni" Hutchins
Snider
August 16, 2006

1944
Marcheta Sullivan McDowell
February 23, 2006
Ann Rowe Esherick
March 24, 2006
Louise Jensen Todd
July 30, 2006

1946
Carole Cyr Belford
April 2, 2006
Sally Hale Lecour
April 22, 2006
Marianne Savage Edgerton
April 22, 2006
Pauline Marshall Price
May 7, 2006

1947
Ruth David Miller
September 30, 2000
Phyllis Davol Boney
December 22, 2005
Phyllis Conkey Grover
February 23, 2006
Leona Curley Daly
February 24, 2006
Shirley Herd Wieber
April 12, 2006
Elinor Thistle Breslin
May 21, 2006
Beryl Condon
November 5, 2006

1948
Roberta Ware London
April 19, 2006
Beverly Williams O’Keeffe
June 7, 2006
Barbara Merrill
June 23, 2006

1949
Jean Leland Gauld
January 23, 2006
Jane Davis Holmes
April 23, 2006
Sarah Church Popko
June 4, 2006
Edith Stedfast Gardner
July 6, 2006

1950
Joan Wolff Cummings
May 29, 2006
Adrienne Ayres Brinker
October 8, 2006
Marilyn Clark Walker
October 10, 2006

1952
Mary Treene Evans
May 19, 2005
Alice Melcher Struever
January 2, 2006

1953
Carol Shirber Sokolov
July 6, 2006

1955
Jules H. Pellerin
May 29, 2006

1956
Judith Garland Olivet
October 12, 1997

1957
Helen McCoy Jones
August 15, 1996
Conchita Clow Jackson
December 28, 1996
Elizabeth May Sturges
April 27, 2006
Linda Roemer Rideout
May 9, 2006

1960
Nancy French O’Neill
May 31, 2006

1963
Bonnie Whitney Burton
October 25, 2006

1966
Katharine Amberg Smith
April 23, 2006

1967
Joan Kittson Talbot
August 29, 2006

1971
Ann Simard Flanagan
December 9, 2005

1972
Laurel Marvin
December 18, 2003

1984
Tracy Emerson Kania
July 10, 2006

Faculty and Staff
Harriette Slack Richardson
August 8, 2006
(see In Memoriam on page 48)
Marjorie Bell Chambers
August 2006
(see In Memoriam on page 9)
Louise H. Koory
September 2, 2006
(see In Memoriam on page 9)
reunion and there will be 14 grown ups and 3 great-grandchildren. Her grandchild, Tiffany Scott Pryor, has retired from figure skating but she did go to CA to dub in the movie “Blades of Glory” in the skating scenes. Dot and Dick live here in New London and I see them occasionally.

Helen “Dody” Reece French isn’t planning on visiting New London this summer, and I will miss her, as I always enjoy her visits. Her family had come earlier on a sad visit for the memorial service of the oldest daughter of Nancy French O’Neill ’60, who succumbed to breast cancer on May 31 (we must find a cure).

Dorothy Goings Hubbard’s best news was that a beautiful first-born granddaughter arrived last Oct. A baby boy was due in Aug. She is struggling with macular degeneration and has had several treatments and is hoping to improve.

Florence Spitz Leventhal’s feet decided she needed a wheelchair so she decided to enter Winchester Nursing Home. Her best news is that she has 12 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. As for me, Barbara Johnson Stearns, I’m still living at Woodcrest, the assisted living home in New London, and I love it. The staff is great, food good and they keep us busy with exercise, movies, bingo and trips to town for errands. There are no Adventures in Learning classes (AIL) at Colby-Sawyer in the summer, but I did enjoy 2 in the fall. I see my daughter often and keep very busy.

Our class list does get shorter, which is the natural turn of events, but ’32 is still the wonderful class it always was. My 1st reply came from Evelyn Kelley, who is keeping fit in spirit by daily Bible reading and in body with her step exercise, which makes her feel great. She enjoys many activities at her home in Mission Towers. She is taken by bus to the mall in Rockingham, to Hampton Beach and to various restaurants. That sounds great!

Nancy Gaunt Bradford called me and sounded very upbeat, although she is in a nursing home and on oxygen. Dorothy Melendy Scott writes that they are having a Scott reunion and spent a few weeks in ME over the summer. She writes, “My activities seem to be bridge, bird watching, reading and doctor’s appointments.” Lois Wheatley Hopkins writes that she is slowing down a bit more each year, but is still in her own house. Lois enjoys reading class news. Trude Brauner Rose writes, “I’m still here in my home and well, but not too active anymore socially. My best to all of you.” Nancy Fuller Sargent writes “My family came in May to celebrate my 90th birthday. In Oct. I became a great-grandmother (a boy). My daughter Ann and her family live near, so I’m very fortunate. Having some retina (eye) problems, plus memory loss, ‘doesn’t everyone’? My best to all of you. Thanks Barb for keeping in touch.”

Beulah Carrigan Crosby regrets that she has very little news. She spent a few weeks in ME over the summer. She writes, “My activities seem to be bridge, bird watching, reading and doctor’s appointments.” Lois Wheatley Hopkins writes that she is slowing down a bit more each year, but is still in her own house. Lois enjoys reading class news. Trude Brauner Rose writes, “I’m still here in my home and well, but not too active anymore socially. My best to all of you.” Nancy Fuller Sargent writes “My family came in May to celebrate my 90th birthday. In Oct. I became a great-grandmother (a boy). My daughter Ann and her family live near, so I’m very fortunate. Having some retina (eye) problems, plus memory loss, ‘doesn’t everyone’? My best to all of you. Thanks Barb for keeping in touch.”

Lelia “Lee” Strickland Letherland was hoping to hear from classmates who attended Reunion, but guess she is out of luck. She sends her best. Trudie Myers Sunderland writes, “No particular news during this long, hot summer. There is to be a birthday luncheon in my honor.

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on Oct. 14, (I will be 90 on Oct. 11) and I am looking forward to that with mixed emotions. I find that growing old alone is not much fun, but at least I am still in my own home and have many good friends. Thanks for sending news, and also thanks for the few who filled out the class memory book. Wonderful readings, only wish more had written. Summer seems to be flying by, even though my afternoons were spent knitting on the porch. No outdoor gardening for me this year.” My very best to you all.

Please See In Fond Memory

1937

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Martha Ware wrote that her wise father taught her Wordsworth: “That best portion of a good man’s life,—His little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love.” As a result Martha’s life has been filled with love and happiness. She has an extended family headed by a daughter and all her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren that she loves as her own. Also, the Ware Campus Center, through the efforts of former President Anne Ponder, has become the most popular building on campus and will continue to be with the efforts of our new President Thomas C. Galligan Jr. “Incidentally, I still enjoy a damn good game of bridge!” Lois Macy Wood says “It’s still good to be in my home. I knit a lot for church, charity and family. That’s my speed now!” Music is a continuing legacy of the Macy-Wood clan. All of her daughters and grandson are music lovers and participate in one form or another. She is visiting a daughter in ME this summer, and says “I am greatly blessed.” Faith Butterfield Wyer’s daughter Judy Wyer ’64 wrote, “Faith and her husband, Hal, are still living in their own home in Port Charlotte, FL, and are very independent. Faith has macular degeneration, but listens to talking books and enjoys dips in their pool. She wishes everyone ‘continued good health.’”

Constance Arnold Martin wrote from San Francisco that she and her husband are still up and about and able to drive, mainly to doctors’ appointments and their prescribed tests. “Such are the Golden Years!” They attended a Colby-Sawyer sponsored reception and gallery tour at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. Connie enjoyed the Colby-Sawyer contacts and latest Colby-Sawyer news. Jane Fairclough Counselman has had a long bout with her vision. After 2 plus years she finally got glasses that help her read and drive, although she hasn’t driven alone yet. She hopes to play golf soon, or at least hit balls and put. She is looking forward to hearing about our 2007 Reunion. We wish her continued good health. My message to all is: Keep sending me your news. Everyone is interested in hearing what you are doing so keep me informed. I enjoy passing your news along to our classmates. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the families of the classmate we’ve lost since the last issue of the Alumni Magazine.

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1938

Class Correspondent Needed

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1939

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A big thank you to all of you who sent in your news. Here are the items you all love to read about your classmates. Virginia “Ginny” Mahard Laming says she is still going strong. Over the summer, Ginny and one daughter drove 2 days to visit her other daughter who lives in Tobaccoville, NC. While working at Wake Forest U. as a pathologist, her daughter will get her Ph.D. in veterinarian medicine. Margaret “Margie” Carter Colony is really enjoying life at Carlton Willard Village. She takes courses given by professors, goes on all the trips and attends all the plays that are offered, and brushes up on bridge lessons. Margie has 3 children, 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. One granddaughter, who just graduated from college, will be teaching next year in Japan. Sally Stevens Ayres is in a retirement home, Ashton Gardens in Naples, FL, where she has a 4-room apartment and everything is taken care of. Sally says “hello” to all her friends. Also in Naples is Norma Nordlund Overbeck, who is doing great at 87. She resides at Bentley Village, where she has been for 6 years. Norma still plays golf, sings in the church choir, walks 2 miles a day, and has a ministry at the care center. The class author of note is Phyllis Schwalbe Levin. Phyl wrote about Abigail Adams and is now writing a biography of John Quincy Adams. Phyl told me once that her heart belongs to Abby. If you’ve read that book you too will love Abby. Louise Harrington Childs-Butcher has been in a nursing home for over a year and gets around with a power wheelchair, as she can no longer walk. She has sold her home in FL and her home is in Bow, NH. She has 19 great-grandchildren with 2 more due in Sept. From Lebanon, NH, Virginia “Ginny” Wells Chandler writes that she had a complete hip replacement a year ago and made a good and speedy recovery. Her husband is in extended care at the hospital right there on the campus of Harvest Hill, so she is able to have lunch with him everyday. He is in a wheelchair all the time, as he has Parkinson’s. They have 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandsons. Among them are 2 doctors and 2 lawyers. They are all scattered from OR to Amsterdam. Ginny enjoys keeping in touch with all of them. “I am happy at Brookhaven at Lexington,” writes Ai-Li Sung Chin. She takes piano lessons. Her 3 grandchildren live some distance away, but she keeps in touch with writing and good old-fashioned telephoning. Two of her granddaughters are in college and 2 in grade school. The oldest is seriously pursuing the study of Chinese language, which pleases Ai-Li very much. She now has 3 sisters and a brother in the States, and more back in China. Ai-Li visits China every 2 or 3 years to visit family and for semi-professional reasons. A note from Lucienne “Cinny” Jones Albro tells us she is keeping busy with bridge and rug class. She and a daughter went to Camp Lejeune, NC, to see her marine grandson, who has returned from Iraq for the 2nd time. In Aug. Cinny went to the beach in Stonington, CT, with her 8 great-grandchildren. She is also on the landscape committee at her condo. A note from the daughter of Marion Smith Christensen indicates that her mother has been in a nursing home since 1998. She would appreciate hearing from anyone who would like to drop her line at 900 E. King Street, Lancaster, PA 17603. Kay Scott Condit is still playing golf. She also does hospice and other volunteering. She has fond memories of Colby Jr. and NH. From Sun City, AZ, Ada Shapiro Creighton writes that they are not traveling at all now, as it is too difficult. They are very
comfortable in their apartment and enjoy life at The Heritage Palmeras. Ada is still transcribing books in Braille, which keeps her very busy. Last Oct., Beverly Gray Bachelder was hit by a car. She has been recuperating ever since and now gets around with a cane. Her husband of 67 years has been a great nurse for her. She had to have her knee repaired. Mac and Marilyn Cross Cross celebrated their 65th anniversary with a large cocktail party, followed by a family dinner. The events took place at The Cyprus Club, a retirement community where they have been living for the last 6 years. The entire family was there except one grandson, and included a large West Coast contingent. While moving from Old Saybrook, CT, to Ellington, CT, last Oct. Pete, the husband of Miriam “Mim” Runels DeMallie, died very suddenly. They had been married for 62 years. Twin great-grandbabies arrived in Austin, TX, in early Feb. Another great-grandchild was due in Aug. Also a baby girl will be welcomed in Chicago in Oct. Edith Trollope Benjamin says she and her husband, David, are still in the same house in which she grew up. They are still doing as much as they need to, but probably slower. David is not too well, but they do get to the senior center 3 or 4 times a week for fitness exercises and activities. Edith is still active with women’s club and church groups. Their grandson, Peter, and his wife presented them with their first great-grandson. Her marine grandson is serving in Iraq, and included a large West Coast contingent.

Henry had a spell in the hospital because of a blood clot in his leg, which delayed their departure for FL for 3 weeks. It gave us a chance to catch up. Alzheimer’s caught up with Marion Sage Boyd and I regret to inform you that she passed away in Aug. My news is sad as I lost my husband of 64 years in Aug. I am glad to be living at The Seasons, where I have many friends and good support. Keep those cards coming, my friends, and remember Joy. Luv ya.

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1940

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Greetings, classmates. I was pleased to hear from Eileen Mattis O’Brien. She says she and her husband are enjoying good health. They spend their winters in FL and their summers and Christmas in Smithfield, NJ. She says, “We’ve put skiing in our very thick ‘memory bank,’ and it won’t be long before tennis will be added.” She has been very active with the Sarasota friends (Quakers). They draw members from Venice and Bradenton. She is also an active volunteer with Tidewell Hospice and Palliative Care, working 2 days a week. She works at the Sarasota House, which has room for 12 patients.

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1941

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Do I have news for you! Thanks to the return postcards received too late for the spring issue and material from the 2006 Reunion ‘41 Memory Book, here are the gleanings! Zada Lynch Travaglini says that her years of traveling by ship to exotic places around the world are over. Now, she flies from CT to her family’s ranch in Sonoma County, CA. “It’s a pretty spectacular spot and it’s possible I’ll move out there.” Keep us posted! June Skinner Peacock enjoys caring for their certified tree farm in NC, as well as basket making and crossword puzzles. Summers are spent in NC and winters in Raleigh, VA, where their home is next door to their daughter, Ann’s. During her working years, June was a Merrill Lynch stockbroker and a certified financial planner. Her husband is a retired Episcopal priest. Janice Wilkins is a retired lawyer and lives in Westwood, MA. Mary Lou Williams Haskell lives in Casco Bay, ME, and is active in a number of areas. She sees Jean Merrill Thornquist a couple of times a year and hoped they could arrange to attend Reunion, but no luck. The only 2 classmates who did attend were Ruth Hall Dowden and Margaret “Peg” Cawley. I talked with Peg and she said that due to the bad weather, she was able to attend some Friday events and during the day Saturday, but left before dinner to make the long ride home to Concord, after sitting in the class photo. I had called Virginia “Ginny” Pickup Durrell in May to see if she was planning to attend Reunion, but a care-giver said she would be unable to do so. I was saddened to learn that she died on May 26. Before retiring she was a grade-school teacher. Our sympathy is extended to her family. Elizabeth “Bette” Dempsey Smith returned her memory book questionnaire, but didn’t include a photo. Do you still have red hair? She lives in Palm Desert, CA. Shirley “Sherry” Hemming Garwood did send a photo and she looks great! Maybe that’s because she attends exercise classes and does volunteer work in CT. She’s still playing bridge. In years past, because of her husband’s job, they did quite a lot of world travel. It was a pleasant surprise to hear from Pearl Leigh Fuller MT ’42. She lives in Duluth, MN. Barbara Ellis Cdr NC USN (Retired) spent 26 years in the Navy Nurse Corps after graduating from Elmira College and Yale University upon graduating from Colby Junior College. She saw duty on both East and West coasts, as well as in Japan and on the hospital ship USS Repose. She taught at Bethesda Naval Hospital and retired from duty at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital and has been living there since. Quite a career! From the photo Joan Russell Desmond put in the memory book, you’d know her anywhere! She’s still active with golf, tennis, bowling and bridge, but is thinking of retiring and getting a cat. Over the years she was a Welcome Wagon lady for 20 years and taught a diet class, as well as taking several trips to Europe with long time Colby Junior College friends Marge and Katrina Sibley Fogarty ‘40. Last Jan. she had lunch at Jacqueline Sipley Cotter’s home. She saw Juliette “Judy” Conover Reinicker ‘40 at a class at the Academy of Lifelong Learning in Wilmington, DE. Jacqueline’s postal said that she had “finally hit the bullet” and with her cat, Jake, moved to a “wrinkle farm” in Philadelphia. She will have a studio there, and hopes to get some work done during her mid-80s. Virginia Brunncokw Best returned a questionnaire and said she and her husband are living in East Greenwich, RI. Barbara “Bobbie” Moulton Chase says she spends 8 months at her cottage in Scarborough Beach, ME, and moves into a retirement facility in town for the winter. Two of her children live in ME, and she has 2 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. She’s active with the American Cancer Society. She wrote, “Still drinking Coke, but no cigarettes for 40 years.” After graduating from Colby Junior College, Dorothy Krisher Phillips graduated from Cornell University and then Radcliffe College. She and her husband live in Jenkintown, PA. For many years, she was an officer of the Delaware Valley Protective Association, which keeps an eye on the river’s condition. She and Gordon traveled quite a lot in past years. He was involved with the theater and wrote a book on acting. She wrote, “As I reflect on my life, I have—as Edith Piaf said—‘no regrets.’” Susan “Sue” Spier Parker moved to a small community in FL after her first husband died and acquired a kitty. She became active in a number of areas. She became good friends with one of the winter people there and they
eventually married, that was 13 years ago. Marcia Brown Macintosh now lives in Hampton, NH. Arlene Dawson Knapp lives in Chester Village West, CT. Jeanne Hall Johnson is now living in Manchester, CT. Anne Weston Miller had eye surgery this spring to correct a vision-robining condition. We chat often on the phone. As far as the Bordens are concerned, things are looking up. After a year of biopsies, radiation and chemo, I am now in remission. Halleluiah! Overlapping that situation has been an 18-month quest for a missing deed to a vision-robbing condition. We enjoy reading and jigsaw puzzles. They count their blessings. Janie feels her stroke recovery is over, leaving her with a weak left hand and some walking problems, but she is thankful that it wasn’t worse. Elizabeth “Betsy” Short Cissel moved from Topsham, ME, to Belfast, ME, to be closer to her daughter. She loves being in New England! Patricia Reid Brailey has “nothing to report,” but sadly she just lost the last of her high school classmates. We are at that age, aren’t we? She’s fighting with osteoporosis but her kids are being wonderfully supportive for which she is very grateful. Caroline Bolker McKee has been happily married for 61 years. They have 3 children, who all have children and grandchildren. She enjoys bridge and golf, the latter “not so good!” They sold their big house with widows walk and balconies and now live in a 1st floor small apartment with a view of open land in Woodhill in New York. Mary Williams Herrick’s 18-year-old, 7 ft. grand-son is at the Univ. of NH, having won a full scholarship for his academics as well as for his basketball! Mary is well and would love to have any of the blue sky, puffy clouds and Mt. Keasarge standing guard. Once again I thank the good gods, who led me to that sight 66 years ago!” Amen, Marcia! I think we all agree! Jane Rayner Groo writes that their life is “nothing exciting.” She and Dick are both “hanging in,” enjoying their grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. They no longer travel, but do enjoy reading and jigsaw puzzles. They count their blessings. Class ‘42 look her up if they are on the Cape. She lives at Heathwood in Yarmouth Port and invites you to have lunch. Now, that’s an offer you can’t refuse! Marcia “Marcy” Crowley e-mailed me her news. She serves on 20 boards and commissions at the state and national level. Her focus continues to be the environment, and the distribution of federal dollars for highways, transit and bridge upgrades. Most recently she began serving on the steering committee of the metropolitan area planning group, which is mandated to develop a 25-year plan representing the 101 cities and towns in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and all the issues affecting them. On the home front, her daughter Joan Crowley ’69 has moved back to MA from VA. She has 10 grandchildren, all now in New England. Shirley Parsons very thoughtfully sent me news from Lois Wetsel Schweizer for the last bulletin and somehow it got filed in the wrong place, so I’m belatedly sending it along for this issue a year late. And it’s such sad news. Lois’s son, Tom, age 54, married 30 years with 2 children away in college, lost his 7 year battle to melanoma. Such a tragedy for all who knew him and loved him. And that sadness was magnified later the same month when Lois’s beloved husband, Les, slipped away. Lois says he was burdened with many health problems and was ready to go. He was 82 and had a very fine and happy life. But it’s a lot to bear and I’m sure all of ‘42 joins me in sending condolences to Lois and her family. More sad news was received in a Christmas note from Marge Griffin Lesher. She lost her son, Schuy, to cancer last year as well. Unfortunately, in my move, last years Xmas cards didn’t make it, but I remember his obituary was incredible and his death was a big loss, not only to his family but to the nation as well. Sadly, as that news was from last Christmas, I must let you know that we’ve since learned that Marge passed away on Sept. 4, 2005. As for the Bradleys, life is different, but wonderful. We love North Hill—the people, the food, the activities and our little “home!” We feel very lucky! I, like Jane Rayner Groo, have recovered from my stroke as much as I probably will and count my blessings that the lack of a useful left hand and some walking problems are all that were affected. I rely on a cane, but at North Hill, walkers are preferred, so a cane means nothing. We plan to be in Marco Island Jan. to April, where I’ll have to learn to cook and grocery shop again and will probably be anxious to return to the pampering I’ve come to enjoy! If you’re in the area, please call (239) 394-2881. I, too, would love to have you stop by for lunch! Please See In Fond Memory

**1942 Reunion**

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Hello to all from Needham, MA, where we have moved into North Hill, a life care retirement facility, and are being pampered to death! I wish I had lots of news for you, but the response from my return cards and e-mails was slim. To those of you who did reply, I am very grateful and hopefully my next request will have better results. A wonderful note came from Marcia Barnes Shaw-Straube, which I quote in its entirety since her eloquence is much better than mine.

“Heading for VT for a visit with old friends, Hal and I decided to detour a-ways and view the Colby-Sawyer campus. It was a particularly beautiful day, made more so by the sight of the campus alive with wee summer campers gathered in a circle on the grass listening to their counselor weave her tales of magic, of prospective students absorbed in the litany of their guides, of the

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**1943**

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Loved Edith “Edie” Maltz Miller’s poetic reply to our poem requesting news for this issue.

“Since I was in the class of ‘43, I thought I’d send some news from me. My family’s great as they can be. One son’s a dentist in RI and one’s a lawyer in DC. I live in Newton, MA, at Imperial Towers and being a condo’s president keeps me busy for hours. I’ve written many a condo show,
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and in the winter off to FL I go. My grandchildren are away at college, having fun and gaining knowledge.” Glad the poem worked for Arlene Porter Levenson, too. A year ago she joined the “march” to a retirement facility and says this easy lifestyle certainly does spoil you. There is lots of time to do interesting things, one of which is becoming a fan of Elderhostel. She shared a room at one session becoming a fan of Elderhostel. Destining things, one of which isThere is lots of time to do inter-

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Enid Belden Logan thoroughly enjoys reading the class news. She says “hi” to all and sends hugs and kisses. At Christmas in ‘05 she had a nifty surprise; her

unbelievable damage to her

we were sorry to hear about the

low hurricane last winter, and

enjoyed a beautiful sunny Easter sunrise service on the top deck. Barbara Preston MacPhie sold their FL home after one too many hurricanes last winter, and has relocated to Derry, NH. But we were sorry to hear about the unbelievable damage to her antiques and computer in the move. By moving they gained 2 “children” here in NH. They’ll be able to visit the one left behind in FL, since they plan to be “snowbirds” for 4 or 5 months in the winter. A grandson’s graduation from Colorado College in May gave Barbara “Bobbie” Huntington Megroz a chance to spend an extra 5 days enjoying the beauty surrounding Colorado Springs, Pikes Peak, Garden of the Gods, Air Force Academy, etc. Having given up skiing in 2004, they now only use their chalet at Stratton Mountain when they come north to visit 3 of their 4 children, who are “Vermonters.” They’re hoping the rest of the summer weather will be more conducive for yachting in their 46’ Grand Banks. What a wonderful surprise when Joan “Mandy” Manda Mueller called from FL. She sounded great and like many of us, she’s slowed down a little. Had an e-mail from Marcia “Marcy” P. Crowley ‘42 who always reads our ‘43 notes because she had so many friends in our class, too. Last spring we mentioned a need for Pauline “Polly” McCusker Watt’s address. Marcy verified that Polly is still at the same address in Falmouth, MA. She winters in FL, but snowbirds back to the gated community for summertime. Barbara “Barby” Lutz Moore enjoys her 3-room apartment in assisted living in Swampscott, MA, and says, “It feels like home with my own furniture.” She still sees old friends close by and reports all 3 great-grandsons are well and happy. She’s in touch with Elizabeth “Diddy” Godfrey Brown regularly. Natalie Cordery Naylor’s son, Jeff, lives in CA with Susie and 2 grandchildren; son Greg lives in CT with Jessie and 2 grandchildren; daughter Leigh Naylor Dubay ‘73 and Bent live in MA; and Leslie, Don and 2 grandchildren live in CT. Granddaughter Kaela is going to Colby-Sawyer this fall. Jean Thurman Ramsey writes that thankfully it’s the same old news. They are healthy, happy and busy. Living in their retirement village has many perks, such as golf, tennis, swimming, shuffle board, 2 restaurants, bus transportation to wonderful places, plus all medical facilities and an activities director extraordinaire. They play golf 3 or 4 times a week. They were in NH in Sept. Julie Ann Keeney Walton and her husband also enjoy playing golf and spend 3 months “snowbirding” in FL. Their oldest granddaughter has completed college and lives in NY. Two others are in college, 2 in high school and one in fifth grade. Barbara Buck Lipes life is still very busy as she volunteers a lot in both the Avery House, CT and at the nursing home. She did take off a week and took a trip, by barge, on the Columbia and Mississippi Rivers in mid July. If you ever want to crochet, Virginia “Ginnie” Davis McGlynn has written, and shared with us, a most understandable booklet called Crochet Illustrated for Beginners and Others. It’s full of great illustrations to go with the explanations. If you are a handcraft person, perhaps you’ve seen her other 3 books. Our church craft group is going to have fun. Mary Scheu “Shy” Teach had a grand time at her 65th high school reunion in Buffalo, NY. Later Shy and Sally King Cramer had a wonderful trip to the Rangely Lakes in ME staying at Shy’s daughter’s new log cabin home. As she said, it was handsome enough to be in House Beautiful. Afterwards, they returned to Williamson to tour the Clark Museum. Late July she was off to Charlottesville, VA, for a family wedding, after which she returned home to enjoy the rest of the summer in NH. Shy also passed along the sad news that Dorothea “Dot” Gay Blevley lost her son, Jon, to melanoma. He was a wonderful, beloved young man. Shy also reminds classmates that if you come back to visit New London, give her a jingle. All’s well on the hill and she’s also looking forward to meeting the new Colby-Sawyer president. As for the Tirrell tribe, after an easy trip with our 5th-wheel to San Antonio, TX we, with our daughter, Barbara, and her 2 teenagers, spent a memorable 8 days in San Antonio, TX, immersed in square and round dancing, which we so enjoy, and meeting many long time friends we hadn’t seen in ages. What a surprise when we were honored for our 45 years of teaching round dancing at the International Association of Round Dance Teachers Convention! A couple of weeks later we were all in Montreal at the biennial Square Dance Convention, where once again we shared our talents, teaching and cueing, as well as attending clinics and seminars. How fortunate we are that all 3 generations can share this together. If you suddenly find our postal requesting some news, please take time out, find a pen and bring us up to date. We’d love your update for the next class news deadline. Unfortunately, our e-mail isn’t working right now. We welcome your news any time. Or if you’re like our family, who writes a Christmas letter update (friends say ours is a novel) instead of a card, send it along. Remember; if you get to The Hill, be sure and give Shy a call. A phone call from SI Snider came in just in time to make this issue with the sad news that his wife, Eleanor “Toni” Hutchins Snider had passed away on Aug. 16. Just after Toni had written her card, major complications set in when her esophagus ruptured and breathing, eating and heart problems developed, all of which were insurmountable. She was buried in her home town of Manchester, NH, 2 days shy of their 56th anniversary. Please See In Fond Memory

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Would you all believe that when you receive this magazine, we’ll be half way to our 65th Reunion! Of course, as I write, the summer heat is at its height, and when this is received by you, maybe snow will be in the air. And so it goes, doesn’t it? It’s always a challenge to me, when I send out the postcards for you to return with your doings, to see if we have topped the last time and sadly, at this writing, I’ve not had the returns hoped for. So, let me begin, at least, with news from those who answered. You know who always is the first to reply? Mary Jane Niederer Fletcher Mason always, and it’s within days of my sending out the postcards. So she really deserves 1st place! M.J. visits with Jean Bush Gabriel in Reading, MA, and with Jane MacCabe Kelly and Tom in NH. She also has seen her Colby roommate, Ann Tilton Carpenter, and also Elizabeth “Betsy” VanGorder
and her husband are now “Toledo”? Well enjoy each day, Cush. Remember “Willie,” a lovely home, and a cute white terrier named was ideal, although dry. She has writing of her note, the weather resides near Dallas and at the (i.e. gallbladder and arthritis in Virginia). From TX came a card from Martha has established a “no-kill shelter” for animals of the elderly and the disabled who no longer can care for their pets. It’s a non-profit, registered in the state of PA and with the IRS, and is housed on a 16-acre farm. This is an amazing task, for sure, Martha; hats off to you for doing this. Martha also still plays tennis twice weekly and sends her love to dear classmates. From TX came a card from Mary Cushman “Cush” North, who began her note by saying, “I’m feeling great!” A few operations (i.e. gallbladder and arthritis in the back) are past history. She resides near Dallas and at the writing of her note, the weather was ideal, although dry. She has a cute white terrier named “Willie,” a lovely home, and said that at 82 years of age, “I don’t plan on moving!” Just enjoy each day, Cush. Remember “Toledo”? Well Alice Crowther Brooks and her husband are now living permanently in a life care community in Naples, FL. She said they still play a “questionable game of golf.” Her note was short and sweet. Ann Norton Merrill always responds and seems to enjoy reading about former classmates. Her bridge games on Mondays are with Colby-Sawyer friends. Their granddaughter and husband and great-granddaughter (whose middle name is Merrill!) visited from Marietta, GA. They have a total of 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. One grandson is going to Penn. State this fall. They have another son and family in Atlanta, a daughter, Antoinette Curtis Ledzian ’66 in CT. and another daughter in Greece. Ann stated that she and Dudley have not been traveling of late but would love to visit their daughter in Greece again. Sad news I must share is that Barbara Janson Green lost her dear husband, Al, this past May. They had been married for 60 years and were best friends! Yes, we all remember Al coming to CJC to visit you Barb, and I still have a picture of him with you in his sailor uniform! What memories! Barb wrote that Al thought Colby Junior was a super school with a terrific group of young women. That was lovely to read, Barb. Let me just write a little thought that I have culled from various sources, “God puts rainbows in the clouds so that each of us, in the dullest and most dreary moments, can see a possibility of hope.” Tuck that away for use whenever. Another note came from Jean Bush Gabriel who has spent a good deal of time in her New London home vs. her condo in Reading, MA. She informed me that Louise Jensen “Wee” Todd passed away in Aug. It’s hard to write of these deaths, but then, we all are at 3 score years plus and pass away for use whenever. 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State University in NH and the other 2 grandchildren are in high school. As I wrote before, we have alums living all over the U.S., and from CO word came from Barbara Tolley Martz, who keeps in touch with Jessie “Jay” Fyfe Armstrong. Barbara reflected that Colby always will be part of her “growing up” years, and weren’t we all fortunate to have had them. Her area of CO is perfectly beautiful, a Mecca for sports-minded people, and this has been her home for many, many years. Shirley Tunison Eustis has resided in one place for 20 years, the longest she has lived in any place in her entire life! Annapolis is the place, MD is the state. She still gets surprised when folks think that MD is “southern.” The D.C. area is filled with wonderful, free museums, gorgeous views and lively happenings. We also have folks who spend half of the year in the southlands and the other half up north.

Ann Richmond Knipe is in this group. Gloucester, MA, is her summer retreat and Bellear Bluffs, FL, for the wintertime, where she is involved with the “Red Hat” fun group, the garden club and lots of charitable activities. I hope that perhaps she and I can touch base this winter, as Dick and I don’t live very far away. Our lives here in Shelburne, MA, are filled with many volunteer hours: Hospice, Salvation Army, church, One Day Surgery. We keep some free time to have friends from afar stop by and stay over for visits long remembered. A milestone was reached on Labor Day when Jean “Fergie” Ferguson Wilcox and her husband, Dick, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They hope to go to Ireland in the spring of 2007 to recapture campus Center, vowing we depart after the service for remembrance, held in the Ware leaving. Day by day. Diminished (most) because I think this is worth repeating, I’m going to print a poem sent by Joan “Smitty” Smith McIver.

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As always, the selections were plentiful, including 2 sisters and a daughter. After 32 years, she retired from running Camp Idlepines for Girls. Her children and grandchildren continue to come to the lake as often as possible. Nancy Dean Maynard has 2 great-grandchildren now and is proud, as well she should be. Nancy was on campus this summer and met the new president; she was impressed. As I am writing this, my husband, Gus, and I are planning a New England trip in Oct. We already have reservations for a mini-reunion in October in New London.

Jean Bush Gabriel ’44, Jeanne “Penny” Losey Bole ’44, Jane MacCabe Kelly ’44 and Mary Jane Niedner Fletcher Mason ’44 were all smiles as they gathered for a mini-reunion in October in New London.

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Although our 60th class reunion was small in number, 8 to be exact, we had a great time. Talking about our days at Colby Junior and what we’ve done in our lifetime is always pleasant. More ’46ers planned to attend, but family commitments, health issues and transportation constraints caused some to cancel. We began the Reunion Weekend Friday night with a Hawaiian Luau. We were dressed in flashy, flowing blouses and skirts. Leis were presented to us, completing the “ensemble.” The food was delicious, as it always is. During the day on Saturday we went our separate ways, but at dinner we were together again. The banquet was fabulous and a DJ played music of our era, completing the “mood.” Back at the dorms, Gaye LaCasce and her Barbershop Quartet offered more entertainment. Sunday breakfast was made for us by Mike, the food manager. As always, the selections were numerous and delicious. I am particularly fond of his sticky buns, but that’s because it’s the first baked good I ever made in 8th grade cooking class! We departed after the service for remembrance, held in the Ware Campus Center, vowing we
would all get together before our 65th reunion! Now for some news about our classmates, taken from the 60th notebook. Jean Arnold Taylor resides in Whitman, MA. She loves gardening and is especially fond of traveling. Jane Hatch Benson loves living on the Cape in West Yarmouth. Her family is hosting a big 80th birthday party for her in Nov. Happy Birthday, Jane, and to all of the other 6ers who turn 80 this year! Jane is taking a quilting and a memoir writing class. She swims twice a week, does low relief wood carving, painting and drawing. She is involved with the Cape Cod Genealogical Society. This summer she will be a docent in the Old Captain’s Home in Yarmouthport and plans to fit in some volunteer work at her church’s thrift shop, as well. She and her late husband, Ben, had traveled extensively around the globe. Five children keep her busy still. Virginia “Ginny” Parsons Breuer enjoys movies, letter writing and sending cards to her friends and family. It’s a great way to stay in touch. Ginny did volunteer work for 18 years. For 5 years she cared for her husband during his illness, keeping him at home, and was able to find time to continue volunteering. She enjoys good health, allowing her to be a wife, mother and caregiver. She states, “Contentment and the simple things in life have knocked at my door.” One of her favorite memories of her Colby days is singing in the college glee club. Elizabeth Billings was her favorite professor. Dorothy “Pam” Rice Brown still enjoys a good bridge game. She had been active in the hospital auxiliary and the Y.M.C.A., but health problems have restricted much of her activity. Pam received an Outstanding Achievement Award from the “Y.” Pam resides with her husband and fondly remembers Page Dorm. Jean Manchester Brown resides in Alexandria, VA. After Colby Jr., Jean went on to Syracuse University, where she earned a BA in physical education. She produced chamber concerts in Alexandria and is also a choral singer. Nancy Fitzgerald Kerver calls Ft. Myers, FL, home now. Nancy enjoys cooking and traveling. She had been involved in scientific research at Graubook Institute of Science. For years she taught physical education, and is a Presbyterian Elder and Trustee. Her favorite teachers were Mr. Woodman (art) and Miss Eberly (music). Of course, she loved graduation! Mary Phinneys Crabb is another classmate who loves the sunny climate of FL. She is still working and loves it! Mary graduated from Coe College with a BA in sociology and continued to get her master’s from Hofstra University in 1970. Collecting miniatures is one of her hobbies. She also has a large collection of doll houses, which she and her husband work on together. Mary volunteers at a local hospital on Fridays and works 4 days a week at a local service agency. Mountain Day was her favorite event at Colby. Janet Reynolds Crandlemire moved around for a few years before settling in York, ME. She’s been there 20 years now and loves it. To keep herself occupied, Janet volunteers at a local hospital. She has been president of the Garden Club and the Hospital Auxiliary. In addition she is a trustee of the York Historical Society. Janet has had a mini reunion every year for the last 15 years with Marcia Jacobs Adam ’47, Priscilla Meehan Lowery and Marilyn Budgell Shuler. Janet enjoys traveling around ME, Europe and the USA. Jean Schabacker Donati lives in the beautiful MA city of Williamstown. After Colby Junior, she attended Wheaton College and graduated with a BA in 1949. “Except for 1 year in Paris, 1 year in Tuscany, and 1 year in Florence, I’ve lived in the beautiful Berkshires; first Stockbridge and then Williamstown. I’m blessed with 6 fine children, have 11 grandchildren and the memory of 45 years with my husband, Ric.” Jean is truly grateful for her good health and for her good friends. Barbara Morse Elick worked for an attorney in Portland, ME, while her husband attended the University of Southern Maine. She has resided in quite a number of cities in ME and NH. Her husband, Andrew, was a paper mill engineer for most of his life. Barbara went back to college in 1949 and earned a degree in learning disabilities. She taught for 6 years in Melton, NH, and 7 years in Sebago, ME, and loved working with the children. Her son had a driving accident in 1984 and is now a quadriplegic. Her daughter is in private practice in occupational therapy in Bangor, ME. Barbara’s favorite memories of CJC are Mountain Day and singing in the glee club. Priscilla “Billie” Beardsley Glenn still does alpine skiing, works out with weights, swims and attends the theatre and symphony. She also finds time to volunteer at the High Museum of Art, the Dunmunday Fine Art Association, Atlanta Artist’s Center and the Georgia Artist’s Registry. Something most of us don’t know about Billie is that her favorite places to visit in the world (and she has traveled extensively) are places where English is not spoken! At Colby her favorite teachers were Miss Parker and Mrs. Roth, as they encouraged her to go to Pratt Institute to continue with her art. She enjoyed cross-country skiing and Winter Carnival while at CJC. Constance “Connie” Foster Henry is another classmate who lives in ME—Harpwell, to be exact. She loves hiking, walking, reading, knitting, gardening and canoeing. In the past she has volunteered for the Republican Town Committee Chair of AFS. She is a church deacon for a woman’s group, secretary of Friends of Peary’s Eagle Island, and runs the community Blood Drive. Connie walks at least 5 miles a day. As she writes, “Lucky I can’t see the top of my head, it’s white hair, so I can feel and act like 20!” There was gas rationing while we were in college, so it was a major accomplishment managing to get off campus and go to Dartmouth! Shirley Holmes and I talk on the phone every so often and try to get together. After graduation Shirley went to Boston University, receiving her BA in 1950. Her field of study was business administration, specializing in advertising. In 1991 she received an associate’s degree in paralegal law from Northern Essex Community College. Her favorite hobby is traveling, of which she has done a great deal. She also enjoys theatre and reading. She and former classmate Charlotte “Bobbie” Knight Carrasco have taken a number of cross Atlantic trips, one of her favorites being Norway. Elizabeth “Betsy” Joel Kempton has certainly been involved with Colby-Sawyer’s development as several of her relatives attended her alma mater. These days she enjoys painting, playing bridge, bible study and gardening. Her favorite memory of CJC is Mountain Day and climbing Mt. Kearsarge. Marjorie “Midge” Noyes McBride is yet another classmate living in sunny Ft. Meyers, FL! Her niece graduated from Colby-Sawyer in 2003! She notes that one of her most memorable travels was while motoring through the National Parks and AK. For many summers she and her family used the campgrounds in ME, and also stayed at their cottage in Lake Pemaquid, ME. Marge and her husband, Bart, plan to make FL their permanent home with a sign posted stating, “No hurricanes allowed!” Ruth “Ruthie” Northridge Messer lives in Claremont, NH, so she knows all the news at Colby-Sawyer! Ruth enjoys swimming, golfing and quilting. A retired Sunday school teacher, she states she is now a “doting grandmother.” Ramona “Hoppie” Hopkins O’Brien, that’s me! I worked in my single days for the New England Telephone and Telegraph as one of the first
Jean Goubert Sisley area of Springfield, MA. All I ask at my church in the Forest Park I continue to do volunteer work to give up the teaching I loved. Unfortunately, illness forced me my children were grown. Community College so I'd be stay home to raise my daughter and son. In between I took edu-

Colby-Sawyer Flashback: A few of you contacted us and were able to identify one or two of these gals, but thanks to Peggy Fish Langa ’47, we now know the identity of all four of these alumnae. They are (l to r) Lois Lippincott Lang ’46, the late Jane Ferguson Molt ’46, Jean Thomas Gray ’47 and Mary Leigh Woodrow ’47. We hope you enjoyed this “flashback” from your days at Colby-Sawyer.

Jean now resides in Utica, NY. Betty Bauersfeld Söderberg is another Colby-Sawyer gal who went on to further her education. In 1948 Betty graduated from George Washington University with a degree in psychology. Among her hobbies are bridge, reading, knitting, golf and crossword puzzles. She is a member of the Delta Zeta Sorority, works for Meals on Wheels, and is a member of the women’s group in her Lutheran Church. Betty said she loved living on the mountain and was especially fond of the Winter Carnival. The ice skating on the quad was grand! She and her husband, Richard, are doing well “for a couple of seniors,” as she put it! Mollie Miller Tanner is engaged in many senior citizen activities. One of her favorites is “Knitting for Kids,” making sweaters for children with disabilities in 3rd world countries and disaster areas. She continues to play bridge twice a week and has organized a reading club. Last winter she spent several months with her daughter in Long Island, NY. They have far less snow in Long Island than they do in her home in the Adirondacks! Mollie fondly remembers Parent’s Week. Her parents hadn’t seen Colby and her brother was on leave from the Air Corp. so this was a partic-

ably to embark on their careers,” she writes. Meanwhile, Pat’s youngest granddaughter graduated from high school and is following her sister’s footsteps at Manhattan College. For sure, many of us recently have been attending graduations of our granddaughters and grandsons. Among the many is Jean “Je-Je” Harding Pierce, whose grand-
dughter recently graduated from high school and headed off to college this fall. Je-Je’s note was upbeat, as usual, and filled with news of her busy life with family, volunteering, entertaining and loving it all. Mid June, Marilyn Perry Sagar flew to Olympia, WA, to attend the high school graduation of her oldest grand-
child, Emily. She was accepted to Hampshire College in Amherst, MA, which is a good 3,000 miles from home, a pretty fair distance for someone who has never been far from home and a good reason not to get homesick. With sadness we have lost 2 more mem-
ers of our class. Leona “Lee” Curley Daly died in Feb. ’06 after a long bout with Alzheimer’s disease that began in ’98. Leona is survived by 5 daughters. It was regretful to read in the last issue that Joan Van Houten Ward left us in March ’06. On a lighter note, we’re wondering if Annette

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Barbara “Russ” Russell Sayward ’49 MT sent the sad news of Roberta “Bobbie” Ware London’s death 5 months after her husband, Olin, died. Olin was a nephew of Dr. Roy London, one of CJC’s instructors in secretarial science. Barb saw Ruth Dresser Paulson in July at Roger Thrurrell’s cottage. They visited their “Colby Group” meets. Ruth and Barbara are the only Colby-Sawyer people in the group. They are always spouses and friends. They also saw Anne Getchell Ford at a wedding prior to the
lake get together. In early June, Mase and I, Phyllis H. “Les” Harty Wells, stopped in Silver Spring, MD, on the way to Annapolis for Mase’s 60th reunion from the Naval Academy. We visited one of my cousins, as well as Susan “Sue” Hight Denny, who had both moved to the Riderwood retirement complex just outside DC. Sue treated us to lunch at the Pub, one of their community restaurants. It was such fun to chat with Sue. We hadn’t seen her since the ‘70s when we also lived in MD. Sue’s taking a writing class that’s available at Riderwood and I’m hoping to get lots of tales from her in the near future. Mase claims that we both talked at the same time during the 3½ hours we spent together. After the USNA reunion, we drove north to New England and stopped in NJ to see Nancy Hobkirk Pierson and Jim. The Piersons took us to lunch and we had another great visit with a dear CJC friend. Hob is still a busy gal, splitting her time between NJ and VT. We lose touch during the summer months, as there is no cell phone service in Pawlett, VT, and to use her computer means exotic new “talking” to me. It was such fun to have her stories are fascinating. She enjoys helping them work out their problems and finds it a most rewarding pastime. Her stories are fascinating. After Mase and I left NJ, we drove to NYC, spending one night so we could see a Broadway musical. “Dirty Rotten Scoundrels” was quite funny and the cast was excellent. From NYC, we drove to Marblehead, MA, for my 60th high school reunion. I’m sure many of you did the same last summer. It doesn’t take much to get me back to my old home town when lobsters are waiting on the menu. Each time MHS has a get-together, they always have one indoor clambake with lobsters. The reunion was well attended and it appears to be the last of our 3 day celebrations. A dinner will be held each year from now on. We saw lots of friends in MA and NH as well. We were on our way to Lebanon for a visit with relatives and I just couldn’t get that close to CSC without stopping. Mase and I decided to spend one night in New London. Tracey Austin, Alumni Affairs, took us around campus and had lunch with us at the Millstone Restaurant on Newport Road. We walked on campus to see Pierce Park, recently donated by Jean “Je-Je” Harding Pierce ‘47. It has concrete benches, a number of trees, and is in the middle of the grassy area behind Coigiate. There are lots of brick walks donated by a number of alumni. It was good to get back. If you’re thinking about our not too far in the future 60th Reunion, go to Google on the Internet and type in New London Inn. You’ll see several articles about the recently revamped New London Inn. You can also go to their website: www.newlondoninn.us. Some of us has a disappointing stay at the inn during our 55th, but great things have since happened. A NY couple, Bridget Leroy and Eric Johnson, bought it for $1,000,000 and spent $750,000 more and lovingly remodeled it as a “B & B.” Bridget’s father, Warner LeRoy, was the entrepreneur who opened NY’s Tavern on the Green in 1977. Her husband, Eric Johnson, is fluent in French, spent 12 years as an art curator/installer for NYC’s finest galleries, and once worked for the US Embassy in Paris. The Inn displays a lot of art and has a gourmet chef and an outstanding restaurant frequented by New London locals. I sent Jane Maynard Gibson the web site and she thought it looked wonderful. She keeps in touch by “talking” to me on her computer. The Gibsons haven’t spent any time West of Jacksonville, so have never been near I-75 or the city of Gainesville. Funny those of us who live in FL have a difficult time seeing our FL friends, but she’s promised to come for lunch one day. It’s a long state and we all tend to get busy in our own community. In the early summer, the Gibsons spent 3 weeks on the Radisson Navigator, cruising around European seas. They loved their cruise and it made Jane envision a hypothetical class of ‘48 cruise down the Mississippi. We’d go 1st class and have private balconies, large baths, 24-hour room service, some handy elevators with room for all our walkers and electric chairs. All concerts and lectures would be equipped with hearing devices and menus would be printed in bold type for those of us with macular degeneration. The weather would be perfect and we’d always have an open bar with free drinks and a bartender who gives sound medical advice. Sounds like a fun and a super voyage. Anyone interested to put one together? Jane talked to Barbara “Bobbie” Strauss Lowenbaum on Bobbie’s July 4th birthday. She keeps in touch with another classmate, Beverly “Bev” Williams O’Keefe, by phone. I’m sorry to have to report that I’ve recently learned that Bev died in June after a lengthy illness. Janet “Westie” West Williams says she and Harry are doing the same old stuff but spending more time at their camp at Blue Mountain Lake, in NY’s Adirondacks. Their 7 grandchildren are growing, with 2 in college this fall and the youngest being aged 7. Both she and Harry are still working, but Westie is only part time. She’s very involved in the renovation of their Crosswicks, NJ, library that was originally built as a firehouse in 1922. Westie is looking forward to a trip to Italy this fall. Most of the time will be spent in the Tuscany region, with Harry’s Lehigh group. Cornelia “Nini” Hawthorne Maytag spent the month of Aug. in CA, as she’s been doing for years. Before going to her Del Mar digs, she visited Yosemite National Park, her first visit to this spectacular park and its incredible scenery. As she was leaving for CA, another classmate, Carol “Shoe” Shoemaker Marck, was leaving the Poconos, PA, area for a few weeks in Snowmass, CO. Shoe and Chuck had their 52nd anniversary in Aug. while their youngest daughter, Christina “Christy” Marck MacCormack ’82, and her husband, Michael, were visiting in CO. They celebrated at one of the Marck’s favorite restaurants in Aspen. Christy and Michael had good friends in the area whose parents are friends of the Marcks. They were staying at a nearby Horse Ranch in Snowmass. Their son, Charlie, and his wife, Sue, have the oldest children. Lindsey had a winning year on the swim team and will start her 3rd year at UNCA. One grandson, CJ, is interested in fly fishing and got his driver’s license last Dec. Stephen and Andrew are waiting patiently to drive and 5 grandsons are interested in football. One granddaughter, Catherine, is crazy about horses, as was Grandma Shoe, and another, Christy, is becoming an accomplished gymnast. In the summer all the grandchildren take advantage of some great tennis in the Marck’s Pocono Preserve region. After their CO stay, the Marcks returned to PA via MN, WI, and MI, visiting with friends along the way. Sybil Adams Moffat and husband Paul enjoy their lifestyle while at their “elderly resort” on 135 scenic acres in Shelbourne, VT. They have great views of Lake Champain and love walking to dinner on the many scenic paths of the complex. Sybil says the meals are excellent and served in a beautiful Adirondack lodge-type dining room. The Moffats spend June to Oct. at Lake Willoughby in the Northeast Kingdom of VT. Lake Willoughby, a long, thin, fjord-like lake, was baptized such in 1949 by U.S. Senator George Aiken, who was praising its beauty. The area is boarded by mountains and has a hauntingly beautiful scenic drive with some of Vermont’s most spectacular natural wonders. Sybil saw Barbara “Bobbie” Schulz Watts and Peter in Aug., when the Watts came to the Old Stone House Museum Annual Fair. Paul was demonstrating black-smithing and Sybil was spinning wool. They had lunch together and enjoyed catching up with each other. A note from Barbara “Bobbie” Schulz Watts said she...
piano, singing “On the Sunny Side of the Street,” sometimes harmonizing with Rachel “Rae” Cole Phinney. Last winter, Nancy Dexter Aldrich and Roger had a computer disaster when their Windows XP crashed and couldn’t be fixed. All you computer using classmates know how devastating that can be. Last I heard, Roger was in the process of trying to put back all their lost programs. I hope he was successful as the Aldriches are so faithful about sending me their newsletter at the holidays. Katherine “Kay” Heinrich Clark sent a note that her husband, Jim, was moved to a nursing home last Jan. and has adjusted well. It has taken Kay some time to adjust to her new found freedom, as well as adding new responsibilities. Jim has been ill for many years with a disease similar to Alzheimer’s. It’s been a lengthy challenge for Kay to find things to share with Jim, but she reads to him frequently. In May she spent a week with their daughter in SC. In July, Kay and her brother went to Algonquin Park’s Cache Lake, near Toronto, to open the family’s long time summer place. She’s had time to read some good books and hopes to do a little more traveling in the future. Her children and grandchildren are wonderful and try to come by frequently for visits. Mary “Oggie” Ogden Sutcliffe sent word that her 2 sons came to CO for a family reunion, as well as a 3-day boat excursion down UT’s San Juan River. Each son has 2 children while daughter Penny has 3 kids. All 7 grandchildren, 8 months to 17, were present on the rafting trip. After seeing the young crowd off, Oggie stayed put at motel with a great swimming pool. On Animas River Days, which happened to be her 78th birthday, the kids took Herb and Oggie white water rafting down the gorgeous, but wild and inaccessible, Animas River near Canon City and Durango, CO. Oggie was dressed in a wild flowered dress and wore a huge purple hat that was drooping with flowers. After going over the Class 3 Smelter Falls, she was drenching wet and frozen to death. The Animas features a family friendly stretch, as well as some of the most challenging whitewater in CO. In Aug, they traveled east to NH to see family and friends and to go to Herb’s 60th reunion at the Voice of America in Washington, DC. She was disappointed, as her ’46 high school class didn’t have a 60th reunion. When Mase and I were about to leave Marblehead, MA, after my reunion, I phoned Pauline “Polly” Carver Watson. Unfortunately I missed her, but she sent a post card with news that one of her granddaughters graduated from Simmons College in May. Next spring, she will have 2 more grandkids graduating from college and another from high school. Polly says she doesn’t feel old enough to have grandchildren that old. She also sent the sad news that her CJc roommate, Barbara Merrill, had died in June. Muffie started school in Marblehead, MA, but moved to CT before their high school years. Polly grew up in Swampscoot, Marblehead’s biggest high school football rival. That old cliché, “it’s a small world,” is true, as Polly’s deceased husband, Nick Caldwell, and my husband, Mase, both attended Camp O-at-ka in Sebago, ME, as boys. Polly lives in MA during the summer and spends 4 of the winter months in Naples, FL. She plays a lot of golf, travels as much as possible, and is a big bridge player. She also has a home in Wilmot Flat, NH, so she sees a lot of CSC and reminisces about our great class. Another Swampscoot classmate, Dorothy “Dot” Sanborn Breed, lost her husband, Dick, this year. After months of declining health, he died this past May. Dot said Dick had a great life, but she does miss him. She spent 8 weeks in New London, NH, before returning to Naples, FL, and Bear’s Paw CC in Sept. She spends most of her time in her FL digs, where she votes, plays golf, bridge, and tries to get involved in a good cause. Like Polly, she finds life very pleasant there. She loves the warm climate, her friends, and the whole FL lifestyle. She wanted to say “hi” to all her old classmates and hopes all is going well with everyone. We have quite a number of classmates who spend the winter in FL. Imagine there is quite a CJc contingent in residence there! Hope all you classmates pay attention to this column so you know how many of you are there. During July and Aug, Virginia “Ginny” Orr Welsh ’48 MF, and Bob spent 2 weeks in Vancouver, BC, with their kids, who bought a house on Bowen Island. Their kids also have a FL beach house, which is nice for Ginny and Bob as they can escape the ME winters and go south. The last of the Welsh’ kids went off to college this fall. All their children now have empty nests. Ginny keeps in touch with Barbara “Punkie” Hunt Peirson ’47 and Shirley “Shirt” Peer Burns ’47, 2 of her best CJc friends. Another Med Tech ’48, Jane O’Neil Auby, plays bridge, does volunteer work, and keeps busy gardening, inside and out. Like the rest of us, she dotes on her grandchildren. She has 4 who are 19, 16, 9, and 5-years-old. Quite a varied age group, so she’ll have someone around to enjoy for a long time. She travels occasionally and has honestly tried to make some reunions. She claims something always comes up to spoil her plans. She added a note on her 24¢ postcard, “Remember when these were only penny postcards?” One last thing, please don’t forget to write or add to your holiday newsletter; send it along, and I’ll pick out some news for our next column. Just remember that if no news is sent to me, there is no news for you to read!

1949

Class Correspondent Needed

The “Magnificent Seven” of the class of ’49 gathered for their annual mini-reunion in Sept. at the summer home of Barbara Laurie Prescott in Rockport, MA. Those in attendance included Barbara Learmonth Hall, Evelyn Hesse Coughlan, Connie Dickinson Johnson and Rita “Skeety” Ferris Briggs. The group missed Martha “Mooney” McAlpin Ayars, who is deceased, and Barbara “Waggie” Wagner Spillane, who was unable to attend. The ladies enjoyed their usual lobster dinners and fun chatter.

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1950

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Betty “Bet” Alden Parker and I, Patricia “Pat” Davis Hoffman, represented our class at Colby-Sawyer College in New London, NH, in June 2006. This, our 56th Reunion Weekend, was filled with 3 days of fun, renewal, memories, relaxation and rest. Bet and I were graciously entertained by the college and by the class of 1951 at the homes of Paul Pratt and Ruth Gray Pratt, ’51 and Joan White Snively, ’51. We also visited with Hank Kidder and Polly Heath Kidder ’52 at their home at Twin Lake Villa. Many of us remember Hank with affection. He was in his final years of high school in New London when we were students at the college. Colby-Sawyer has a new alma mater, which we sang together at our parting “Gathering of Memories” service on Sunday morning. Bet and I had hoped to see Susan “Sue” Morrison Mayer and Eleanor “Ellie” Morrison Goldthwait ’51. Neither was able to be there at that time. Welcome aboard to President Thomas C. Galligan Jr. We wish our new president and his family the very best. A treasured weekend was experienced recently when Jean Finley Doughty and Jim entertained at their home in Wilton, ME. Gerry and Virginia “Ginny” Murphy Sarno along with Betty “Bet” Alden Parker were the delighted guests. Jean lives next door to her daughter. Ginny and hubby are bursting with pride as new grandparents. While visiting the cemetery with my cousin on Memorial Day, who should join us for a few minutes but my sister, Gretchen Davis Hammer ’55. Hope to see you again soon, Gretchen. I chat often at church coffee hour with Jane Pearl Dickinson ’53 and her hubby, Thom, as well as with Carol Nelson Reid ’54 and her hubby, Jack. A good time is had by all. From Hugh and Nancy Mudge Sycamore ’55, I enjoy the good news of their children, grands, and themselves. My pleasure was lunching at Top of The Scales restaurant in North Andover, MA, in the summer. Nancy Breen ’80 is co-owner, although she was not on premise at the time. Our table overlooking the town green and crossroads allowed for good conversation and viewing. Thank you, Nancy. To those of you who do not see your news in print, please do contact me as soon as possible in any way available to you so that we all can share in your joys and experiences. Your classmates miss you.

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1951

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Hope it wasn’t as warm where you were this summer as it was here in PA; we reached 100 degrees for a few days. I’m on the board of Swarthmore Senior Citizens Association. Marguerite Cline Beckman is involved in politics and book clubs. When she was working she was in the Junior League and did 10 hours or more a week volunteering in hospitals and thrift shops. Marge Bugbee Atherton is traveling, playing golf and tennis, and watching the birds. She volunteers for the American Heart Association. Dorothy Redfield Brooks writes that her husband Bill’s 105-year-old mom is still living in Madison, CT, and is still playing bridge. Dorothy keeps busy with volunteer work and would love to see anyone if they are in or near Madison. Pat Odell Caprio plays bridge, golf and is in the church choir. Her oldest grandson is a sophomore at Texas A&M University. Anne Rantoul Conner enjoys reading, writing poetry (and she’s done some nice work), theatre, concerts, and taking photographs. She self-published a book of her poems and a copy is in the Colby-Sawyer Library. Fran Black Rosborough knits and crochets a lot and also needle points and plays bridge. She is a member of the local women’s club. She is still doing watercolors and exhibiting. She swims 100 laps at the Swarthmore Swim Club and walks 2 miles a day. Anmarie Roessler Smith has 3 children. She is re-married after being widowed and they have 16 grandchildren between them. She, her husband and son drive from Surprise, AZ, to Salem, NH, and back each year. She and Sally Conner Parry, CJC roommates, have remained friends for more than 50 years. Mary Loudon Eckert has a nice group of people to play bridge with, including Ruth Gray Pratt and Joan White Snively. She belongs to a book club, and mentions that her roommate, Elinor “Elly” Goodrich Jones ’52 MT, bands hummingbirds for the Montana Audubon Society. She has been featured in many local publications. Mary lives in New London and her daughter, Marcie Eckert Stockwell ’86, lives there and went to Colby-Sawyer as well. Her son lives in VT. She enjoys the opportunity to see her grandchildren and watch them grow up. Anna-Rose Harrison Hadley is busy gardening, traveling, and playing golf. Susan “Jenny” Clapp Humphrey has 8 grandchildren. She says she uses a walking crutch or wheel chair, depending on the occasion. They love living in NH and plan to stay where they are. Take care, Jenny. Shirlie “Sandie” Flanders English remembers her Abbey Dorm days fondly. She plays golf, bridge and swims. She remarried in April of 2006. Mary Em Bodman Kenner is active in her Anglican Church. She enjoys reading, gardening, and looking after her little home on the North Shore of Lake Ontario. She has been in Junior League for 48 years. Bev Cushman Knudsen skis and is a board member of the Falmouth MA Historical Society. Barbara Easterbrooks Mailey, who was at Reunion, has a dog that she has trained. Barbara knits, plays the piano and works in the Hamilton, MA, library. Nancy Hess Mathes and her husband ski all over New England. She belongs to a tennis club in Hooksett, NH, and in the summer they belong to the Lake Sunapee Yacht Club. Pat Day does work at the Morton

Members of the class of 1951 celebrated their 55th reunion in June, along with a couple of friends from the class of 1950. Attendees included (back row, l to r) Paul Pratt, Ruth Gray Pratt, Ann Houston Conover, Marguerite Cline Beckman, Mary Loudon Eckert, George Conover, Bill Davis, (front row, l to r) Barbara Easterbrooks Mailey, Roberta Green Davis, Joan White Snively and Sally Conner Parry.
A picture is worth a thousand words.

Send us yours.

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1953

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Editor’s Note: Special thanks and welcome to the new 1953 class correspondent, Jane Pearl Dickinson. Please be sure to send Jane your news.

Bobbi Johnston Rodgers and her husband, John, celebrated their 50th anniversary in Oct. In honor of the special occasion, Bobbi and John and their 3 children and their families, including 5 grandchildren, traveled to St. Croix in June for a special vacation. The Rodgers’ children live in PA, CA and WA, so it’s always a special treat when they can all spend time together. It also provided the grandchildren, ranging in age from 2 to 14, a nice opportunity to bond. Bobbi shared, “Swimming, snorkeling, kayaking, playing tennis, eating and consuming yummy rum concoctions kept us very busy, but the best part was just hanging out together.” Sae Bond Gilson and Nancy “Shum” Shumway Adams stayed with Gordon McAllen Baker in Grantham while attending the President’s Alumni Advisory Council meeting at Colby-Sawyer in Sept. “If the neighbors had been there, I’m sure they would have commented on all of the laughter, even before 7 a.m.,” wrote Gordon. The ladies also enjoyed breakfast with Polly Black Koerner and Sylvia “Dickie” Cookman Hnat at the Inn at Pleasant Lake, where they shared more laughter and fun. “We really haven’t changed all that much in 54–55 years,” said Gordon, “We just don’t read True Romance magazine anymore!” Jane Pearl Dickinson is now retired and spends her time volunteering with the North Shore Medical Center (ICU pastoral care) and Hospice of the North Shore (one-on-one pastoral care). Her husband, Thom, continues to work, so Jane finds herself with a lot of free time. She was planning to meet up with Janet Arminio Connolly in NYC in Nov. Jane also shared, “I suffered a stroke last year, but have fully recovered. It affected my speech, but all is back to where it should be. I am very grateful for my survival. It does make one look at life from a different perspective.” In March Lois Enman Marshall had the fabulous experience of spending 3 weeks in China with a dear friend. She indicated that the weather was great, the people friendly, and the sights magnificent. Lois’ daughter, Carlyse, works in Prague, Czech Republic, and as a birthday gift, Lois received a ticket to visit in Sept. She enjoyed the sight seeing, attended 3 concerts, and ate in interesting restaurants. She’s looking forward to returning next spring.

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1954

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The long, hot summer put many of the Cobban plans either on hold or canceled. Getting a head start in the spring really did help as far as the outside lawn and gardening was concerned. Here in New England we look forward to summer during the winter months, but when you find yourself saying, “I can’t wait for fall and winter,” you know that we had more than enough of the heat and humidity. The mail boxes were a bit lighter this time, but let’s look and see who did find a few minutes to drop a line. The first is from Frances “Frannie” Pryor Haws way out in the Pacific Ocean, saying, “Aloha, everyone from Hawaii. At 72 years old AAS (Ancient Athlete Syndrome) keeps showing up. Especially now in my left shoulder. I have prosthesis in my right shoulder. However, all this does not keep me from teaching my great-grandchildren how to swim. We now have 5, which is hard to believe. They are all very cute and part Hawaiian, Chinese and a lot more! Please call if anyone gets to HI.” Know that if you don’t have her telephone or e-mail number, drop us a note and we’ll fill you in.
in. From sunny and sometimes windy FL is a note from Joan Dryden May, who reports that she and Mike celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Back in July/Aug, Joan was recuperating from a knee replacement. Part of their summer was spent in Charlevoix, MI, with family and then they moved along to Dallas, TX, where their son, wife and 2 grandchildren have taken up residence. Joan says she really enjoys the Alumni Magazine. Maybe it has influenced them to plan on a trip to New London in the summer of 2007; it does have a way of enticing us back to see the changes and the view from the hilltop. Harbor Springs, MI, overlooks Little Traverse Bay, says Janet Hofmann Hansen. Their house was built in 1901 and she and her husband, Tobey, feel blessed with being able to spend another summer there. “There’s nothing like a small town like this compared to living the rest of the year in the San Diego area. We feel very fortunate to live in these special places.” Dorothy “Dottie” Colburn Holstine finally announced her retirement as of Jan. 2006. And hold your seat for this gal’s description for what took place. First she said there was a big celebration with her family and friends. There was a reception at her law firm in NYC and another great party with her DC office at their holiday party. She noted her gifts, which included a diamond brooch, a diamond necklace and Tiffany necklace and earrings. “I felt like Diamond Lil!” Wear them often and enjoy, Dot. Since then she has been busy with some family members who moved in while they were relocating. She mentioned doing double duty with 2 churches, but didn’t specify the duty, and is also involved in some volunteer activities. Although Dot is enjoying the free time to be involved with these activities, she says she’s not sure what retirement really is yet. Well, we’re not sure about this, but it sure sounds like what most of us are doing in retirement. Don’t expect it to change anytime soon! It was good to hear from Phoebe “Penny” Raymond Flickinger, who tells us she and Tom live in Sea Island, GA, during the winter months. She designed the house they had built for themselves 5 years ago. She enjoys gardening, horseback riding and cycling. Most of all they enjoy being with their 4 children and 13 grandchildren, who visit them frequently, as well as visits to their cottage in Canada near Buffalo, NY. Brownsville, NY sounds like a small town and “Yes, Brownsville is so small, there is no drug store or stores. We are only about 4 miles from Watertown, NY, 70 miles north of Syracuse.” So says Sally Clickner L’Huillier. Although winters used to be spent in FL, they will remain in NY as they are taking care of her mother, who had joined them in FL in past years. Sally and her husband, Harold, will celebrate their 48th anniversary in June. They have a daughter, Lisa L’Huillier-Ruggiero. Sadly, their son, Brian, was killed in a car accident 6 years ago at Christmas. From Harpswell, ME, Joan “Joanie” Potter Nelson writes that her granddaughter, Sarah, is entering her sophomore year at Bowdoin College. She is the first female in a long line of men in her family to attend Bowdoin. Joan says it is lovely to have her close by as she is from Charleston, SC. “We’ll be here until the cold winds arrive and return to our home on Amelia Island, FL.” Margaret “Peg” Lewis Moreland found herself in CO for a week during the 2005 holidays with her son, Peter, and his family, which includes 3 grandkids. The 2nd week was with her daughter, Ann, her husband and 3 grandkids in MA. This coming holiday will be spent with her daughter, Jody, and her family, which also includes 3 grandkids who live right in New London. Peg said there were more family gatherings during the summer and the weather held for beach time and picking strawberries near Pleasant Lake. Working at the church summer fair on the American Girl clothes table, Peg watched her granddaughter, Sarah, spend a lot of time looking over the doll clothes. Arline Soderberg Ely was singing “On the Road Again” as she prepared for a trip to Yellowstone with a group at the end of Aug. Then for 8 days in Oct. it was on to NM. She’s now looking forward to a Holland Tulips cruise for a week on the canals. If we got a CSC class of ’54 group to go, Arline, could we go to Amsterdam, Netherlands to visit Janny Lok and then on to Oslo, Norway to visit Agnes Lind Werring? She mentioned there was a family gathering over the 4th of July with 15 sharing a cottage in CT. Laura, her daughter, was home for 10 days for a visit. And, back in June she hiked with some friends in North Conway, NH. She signs off as healthy, happy and full of energy. A nice long note from Jane Doherty Johnson came in and we’d like to share it with you. She writes so well, we have to present it just as she wrote it. “I went to Boston for the celebration of my roommate Sandra Davis Carpenter ‘55 MT and her husband’s 50th wedding anniversary. Our other roommate, Mary Balzac, who lives in the Bahamas, was able to join us, so it was “big time” memories. All of the Carpenters were there, Sandra and Bernie’s 2 sons and daughters-in-law, plus their 4 grandchildren. It was a beautiful celebration of an amazing couple, still devoted to each other after 50 years. There were other classmates there as well. We all enjoyed each other’s company, good food, many old memories, and for me and Mary, who no longer live in New England, a chance to enjoy seeing our friends from Colby-Sawyer, and a chance to do lots of sight seeing in Boston. We all went on a Duck Boat tour of the city, then plunged into the Charles River, where the truck became a boat (explain that to me), and saw the city from the water. Mary then headed to Seattle for the summer at a special retreat she attends yearly. I came back to Pittsburg and then left on a trip to the Outer Banks with my husband and his entire family — there were 23 of us. The grandchildren are getting to the age that we were while students at Colby-Sawyer! Kind of scary isn’t it? I am serving as president of a Hospice group, and find it very rewarding to serve such a wonderful organization. I am also involved in church activities, Garden Club (where I am learning the difference between a rose and a weed. I’m not a gardener yet; the deer have eaten everything I have planted), a book club, and a few other activities. My own children don’t live nearby, so trips to see them and the grandchildren are very special but not often enough, the older they get, the more activities they are involved in, but I am grateful for the time we can spend together.” Having Janie mention the Duck Tour reminded Jo-Anne Greene Cobban that the only way she could get Mr. Cobban to tour the “big city” of Boston was to take him on the open amphibious and colorful vehicle to ride around the city and then with a switch or two, ride right into the Charles River for a cool trip down the middle past more interesting parks and buildings. People would wave and shout “quack, quack” and the driver allowed anyone who was interested in steering the “boat” to enjoy an additional experience. This type of tour has sprouted up in other locales for fun family outings.” Class news from Glenice Hobbs Harmon. I am glad to hear from several of you, as you know summer is a very busy time of year. As in many parts of the country, NH broke records with a July heat wave, which no one enjoyed!
Retirement community life sounds good to me, reading news from Barbara Rogers Berndt. They moved into a community and their house has ample room for the 2 of them, a dog, and a guest room. She says it is great not to have to plan meals, and the food is excellent, so she will have to be careful not to add pounds. She is still involved in some activities, as Southern Pines is just 5 miles from Pinehurst, NC. Emily Spencer Breaugh writes life is never dull. Their 7th grandchild, a 14-month-old boy, arrived in May and granddaughter #4 graduated from high school in FL. Of course this meant a trip to FL to see family and friends, with a week in Branson first. July was the month to redo all the walls and floors, and she's still trying to find stuff and put it all back together. In Aug. she was a delegate to the National Encampment for the Auxiliary and Sons of the Union Vet of the Civil War, as she is now president of the local Auxiliary. They returned East in Sept. for granddaughter #2's wedding. They were hoping to visit with Joanne Ripley Spencer on the way home, but she was in Europe. Emily finds time for china painting in between family, tennis and volunteer work. Congratulations to Sandra Davis Carpenter ’55 MT and Bernie who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an intergenerational dance party. It was a mini Colby-Sawyer reunion with bridesmaids Jane Doherty Johnson coming from Pittsburg and Mary Balzac from the Bahamas, Jean Cragin Ingwersen and Anne Dwyer Milne were there with their children and grandchildren. Also Jane Shoemaker Storm ’55 MT, Sally Roesser Johnston ’55 MT, Natalie Langley Webster and Marjorie Dexter Ayars, who wrote that everyone attending had a lovely time. Good to hear from Barbara Knight Price from sunny CA that she and Jack are enjoying visits with their children and grandchildren. Nancy Fish Perior says the store where she was employed closed, to everyone’s surprise, but now she has time to spend with 2 grandkids. Lindsey, 6, is thrilled to be going into 1st grade and Tyler, 12, is looking forward to football camp, with eyes on the Gators one day. Three more grandkids in Milwaukee are well and busy with activities and sports. She sends good wishes to all! A note from Margot Thompson mentions a wonderful trip to the Provence area of France in May, followed by 7 days on a barge on the Rhone River and 3 days in Paris. She also had good luck with her gardening and when it was time to cool off, she had the CO Mountains. Ending the summer with a week to visit on Cape Cod, she considered it a good year so far. Janet Rich Nixon has had the joy of training her loveable golden puppy, Chance, over the past year. She has also been learning about simplifying her life. (Right on, Jan! I could use some tips myself.) She is very grateful to have a friend like Sally Browne Foster, and her husband, Bill, who are getting her to try new things. When she sent her news, they were about to leave on an Elderhostel week at Campobello Island in New Brunswick to learn about the Roosevelts’ life and boating to interesting spots on the Bay of Fundy. Do tell us about this fun and informative sounding week the next time you send in your news. In Sept. she competed in the Colby-Sawyer Golf Classic and attended the President’s Alumni Advisory Council meeting. She loves having many ways to stay involved with Colby-Sawyer and many reasons to count her blessings. We hope you will review the listing of “lost” classmates. Perhaps one was your roommate and you know her location? Diane Baker, Nancy Bright Burk, Joan Fama, Mary Hastings, Sandra Pilkington Henderson-Fahay, Carol Herrick Herrera, Louise Kleinschmidt, Jane Larson, Carol Brown Lowenberg, Shirley Goebel Muller, Martha Tuttle Murphy, Susan Herz Platt, Nancy Brown Roberts, Judith Atwill Romizer and Jean Milliken Westholt. It would be nice to add them to the Alumni Magazine mailing list and bring them up to date on what is going on at CSC and with their classmates. There are another 30 or more that are participating in the Annual Fund. When writing a check, just add a note and say, “Forward to class correspondents.” We really miss hearing from you.

1955

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Editor’s Note: Special thanks and welcome to the new 1955 class correspondent, Gretchen Davis Hammer. Please send Gretchen your news.

In Sept., Marcia Symmes Harmon enjoyed a trip to Italy with Nancy Petke Silverstein. They visited Marcia’s cousin, who is an art history professor for a consortium of midwest colleges in Florence. They visited Venice, toured the Tuscan countryside and spent 3 days in Rome. Please See In Fond Memory

1956

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Our class should be very proud of the money we raised; not only for the Annual Fund but also for our special 50th class gift to establish the first ever endowment for the Fine and Performing Arts. We exceeded our goal, which is really wonderful and I (Nancy Hoyt Langbein) would like to extend my thanks to all who gave so generously to make our 50th Reunion memorable. Classmates back for Reunion were Barbara Brown Barrett and Charles, Barbara Beals Beal and Tom, Paula Anderson Bothfield and Hank, Lynn Millar Cash and Bill, Pat Cooke Dugger and Richard, Carolyn Fantasia, Charlotte Fink Faulkner and Charles, Mary Gale Gilchrest, Adrienne Pease Guptill, Anna Denhartog Keith and Paul, Barbara Chandler Kimm and Richard, Ginny Messmer Krebs, Ruth Rissland Kreuter and Henry, Nancy Meaker Laird, Nancy Hoyt Langbein and Ed, Jenny Warner Laughlin, Pat Foster Moll and Dick, Joan Cochrane Pelletier, Ellie Russell, Nancy Calder Segee, Jan McClure Shoemaker, Sarah Rudy Terhune and Frank, Pat Thornton and Marsha Smoller Winer and Nate. Our name tags included our yearbook pictures, which evoked plenty of laughs; although we all decided that we looked pretty darn good! Reunion was great fun, from the Friday evening cocktail party held in Thornton living room (Colgate), followed by a dinner cruise on Lake Sunapee, to our cocktail party in Abbey (our headquarters) Saturday evening, followed by a wonderful banquet. In between these special events were lectures by faculty members and tours of the campus. The memorial service for everyone was Sunday morning sponsored by our class and followed by a super brunch at the beautiful home of Paula and Hank Bothfield. The brunch was the perfect wrap-up to a great Reunion. Barbara Beals Beal spends her time between Lincoln, MA, and Center Harbor, NH, where her 4 children and extended family enjoy returning each summer. Barbara is one of 8 family members who have attended Colby-Sawyer! Three choral groups keep Barb very busy, as does volunteering for several groups at Squam Lake.
She has fond memories of college choir concerts and skiing from the backwoods to the slopes. **Lynn Millar Cash** spends her winters in Chapel Hill, NC, and summers in Salisbury, VT. Lynn and Bill have 3 children. **Genevieve Millar ‘32**, Lynn’s cousin, lived in New London and was a beloved member of the college community. Liz Zeller Curley and Jay met in Boston, where Liz was working in an ad agency, and have been married 45 years! They have 4 children (3 girls and a boy). In 1978 they moved to North Andover. Liz goes to the Cape in the summer, where they own a townhouse. Their children live in Boston, Singapore and London, and one is close by in Andover. What a great excuse to travel, Liz! She is very busy with church activities and babysitting her 2 grandchildren. **Sonja Carlson Davidow** lives in Woodside, CA, with a 2nd home in Hanalei, HI. Her husband, Bill, graduated from Dartmouth in 1957 and they have 2 daughters, who are married. **Pat Cooke Dugger** and Dick have 2 children. Pat loves to travel and has been many places around the world. When at home in Westmoreland, NH, she loves to garden, sing with the Keene Chorale, volunteer at the library and, of course, spend time with family. **Charlotte Flink Faulkner** enjoys family time with her 4 children, grandchildren and extended family. She especially enjoys Nordic ski meets in AK and wherever the Junior Olympics takes them to watch their granddaughters compete. Although Charles went to Harvard, they have lived in Hanover, NH, for many years. Charlotte has been involved in many volunteer organizations in Hanover. She was citizen of the year in 1998! Impressive, Charlotte! She says CJC gave her a good background for Syracuse University, where she received her degree in education in 1958. **Adrienne Pease Guphill** lives in Mashpee, MA. She has 1 son and an adorable grandson, Jackson. Last summer her son gave her a surprise 70th birthday party. Adrienne practiced as a med tech for 30 years. During these years she and her husband, who is now deceased, were directors of a social ballroom dance group in the western suburbs of Boston. Adrienne also worked in real estate and had a B&B. Busy gal! In 2003, she moved into a wonderful 55+ community on the Cape. She extends an invitation to any one visiting the Cape to stop for a visit. From **Sarah Clemence Hardy** comes news of her busy life. She is “Queen Mom” of the “Foxy Red Hatters” of Sturbridge. Her chapter has over 200 members. She and Dick have traveled all over the world. Sarah has also parasailed off a Swiss Mountain. What a brave gal! She now has a new hip and is doing great. She and Dick have 3 children and 8 grandchildren, ranging from age 7 to 17. For their 46th anniversary, the children planned a 5-day river rafting trip on the Salmon River in ID. They also have taken their grandchildren on an African safari. **Barbara McIntire Haskins** and Dick live in Longmeadow, MA. They have 4 children and 5 grandchildren who all live fairly close, so Barb gets to babysit, which is a joy for her. Barb and Dick will celebrate their 50th anniversary this year. Congrats! Barb has been training and showing her dogs in obedience competition for quite some time. She also does “dog therapy” at local nursing homes. She is very involved in her church, as are many of us. **Sally Marker Hayward** and Don live in Greensburg, PA, and have 2 girls and 1 boy, who live in TX, CO, and AL. Once the children were in school, Sally worked part-time at several places. She retired from B. Dalton Bookstore as a bookseller and critic. Sounds like an interesting job, Sally. Since Don retired they have done lots of traveling and looking forward to going on a trip next year to the Greek Isles. They also spend 2 weeks each summer on Block Island. Some of Sally’s fondest memories of CSC were the maple syrup on snow, Mountain Day, and sunbathing behind Burpee! Happy 50th anniversary, in 2007, to Sally and Don! Sally would like to hear from **Marilyn “Merry” Lewis Hobson. Arlene “Ollie” Appleman Heldberg** writes from Huntington, NY, that she was a stay-at-home mom till her last child was in 1st grade. She then worked part time at A&K department store until it closed in ‘92. After Colby-Sawyer, Ollie obtained her brokers license and worked for several large firms. **Gloria Wiley Hughart** has 3 children, all of whom are married, 9 grandchildren, a step-grandson and a step-granddaughter. Her husband, Tom, is a minister in Greenwich, CT. Cross-stitching, quilting, and knitting are some of Gloria’s interests. She and Tom have traveled extensively in Europe, Africa, South America, and enjoyed a trip to the Ukraine in Aug. **Karen Fowlie Johnson** has had a wonderful and rewarding career with American Airlines. Among her several awards was one as the “Outstanding International First Class Concierge,” based on customer satisfaction, exceptional job performance and professionalism. Karen’s many interests include theater, music, cooking and sports. Karen’s fond memories of CSC include being elected v.p. and president of Abbey, Colby Key, the Glee Club and the long-lasting friendships. We applaud Karen for being a 9-year cancer survivor! **Marilyn “Buckie” Estey Johnson** married Ken, her high school sweetheart; they raised their children in Natick, MA, and continued working in the medical field until 1995. They now live in West Harwich on the Cape. Their children and extended family, including 17 grandchildren, all live within a 2-hour drive. Marilyn enjoys fishing, golf and being involved with the grandchildren’s activities. She and Ken do a lot of traveling in their RV. **Carole Scherer Judge** and Roy live in Northport, NY, and Sanibel, FL. They have 4 children. **Judith Albert Kapelson** says she and Dick have had 50 wonderful years raising 4 children, who are all married, and have given them 8 grandchildren. Judith lived in the Andover, MA, community until a few years ago as “empty nesters” they moved to Boston and love it! Judy enjoys golf and bridge. **Anneke Denhartog Keith** and Paul came from Columbus, OH, for our 50th and Paul’s 50th from Dartmouth the following weekend. After graduation from CSC, Anna worked in NYC as a medical secretary and Paul was at NY Medical College. They have been in their home in Columbus for 40 years. Anna’s oldest son lives in the Netherlands with their only 2 grandchildren, so their visits are infrequent. Anna came from Holland to the U.S. in 1953, and she says she feels blessed to have been at Colby-Sawyer as she began her new life in America. Not surprising that some of her fondest memories of college are meeting Paul, Dartmouth house parties, Winter Carnival and Green Key! She also remembers fondly her view of Mt. Sunapee from her dorm room, Skyway and Chapel Choir. Anneke enjoys walking, traveling, photography and music. She sang in her church choir and participated in their annual variety show. Another 50th wedding anniversary in ’07 is that of **Barbara Chandler Kimm** and Dick, who divide their time between Manlius, NY, and Morristown, NY. Barbara has been very involved in health care and has been president of the NYS Health Information Management Association. She was listed in Who’s Who of American Women in 1991–1992. Barb volunteers in the family advocate program and in the ICU unit at her local hospital. She is also a trustee of the Frederic Remington Museum. In her “spare” time, she enjoys boating, travel and gardening. She remembers Dr. Sawyer departing Colgate in a horse-drawn carriage upon his retirement, and Dr. Austin’s arrival in a new convertible. What a memory, Barb! The family spends their summers on the St. Lawrence River, where she grew up. Ginny came to reunion with
her roommate, Joan Cochrane Pelletier. Joan married in 1959 and had 2 sons. She and George opened their own insurance agency. Unfortunately, George passed away in 1973, so Ginny passed the state exam and became licensed to run the agency, which she did for 20-plus years. When both sons married, she retired to FL and loves it. She volunteers at her church and plays golf. Ginny spends the summers with family in NJ, DE, and VT. She has 4 (maybe 5) grandchildren who keep her busy each summer. Ruth Rissland Kreuter spends winters in Lebanon, NJ, and summers in Harwich Port, MA. She and Hank do many Elderhostels and lately have been to New Zealand and Australia. They have taken many trips to visit their 3 children and grandchildren in CA and VA. Ruth also is taking German classes. Nancy Meaker Laird left her husband at home and came to Reunion from Westport, MA, with Carolyn Fantasia. Nancy and Jim raised their 3 children in Holden, MA, where Nancy volunteered in the schools, served on the town council, and ran a craft shop. When their youngest went to college, they moved to their summer home in Westport, MA. When Jim was on sabatical, the family lived in Europe. She especially enjoyed Paris and the Cotswolds. Nancy echoes our sentiments at Reunion: “We can’t believe we are this old!” She remembers eating hamburgers at our orientation. Nancy says she loved everything about college. I, Nancy Hoyt Langbein, have been very active volunteering in the local hospital and our church. Ed (Army 28 years) and I lived in many places, our favorite being Turkey. While there, the Army General awarded me a certificate of appreciation for my volunteer service to the American and International Women’s Clubs. My interests include tennis, bowling and Mah Jong. One of my greatest pleasures has been my involvement with Colby-Sawyer. The college has grown so strong in the past 20 years and I’m looking forward to meeting our new president, Tom C. Galligan Jr.

Jenny Warner Laughlin has 3 children and lives in Scituate, MA. She says she loved living in Skyway with cows in the backyard! She had a 4-poster bed and semi-private bath! Jenny said Dean Dodd made French come alive. Betty Coleman Lincoln volunteers at the South Shore Natural Science Center and the Standish Humane Society. She sang with the “Buzzin Dozen” and choir at college, and now sings in her church choir. Betty was married in 1962 and moved to Hingham, MA, where she and Bob raised 2 boys. She began working in the public school system part time in 1970 and retired in 1995. After Bob retired, they took a wonderful trip to England and Scotland. Their summers are spent at their cottage in Chatham on the Cape. Betty has twin grandchildren, who live nearby. Unfortunately, one of their sons passed away in 2002 of cancer. Carol Molander Linsley and Ralph came from Guilford, CT, for Reunion. They have 3 children. Their oldest son is 46, a professor at University of Albany, and he and his wife just had their 1st child! Carol now has 6 grandchildren, 3 of whom are fairly near them and 2 in NC. They loved to travel abroad, ski, play tennis and hike. Carol enjoyed chapel at college as a quiet time amidst a busy schedule. Carol missed our 50th, as she was with Ralph at his 50th Colgate reunion. Myrna Chernin Lord attended Tulane University after CJC, then went into the family owned shoe business in Chicago. She and Don spend 6 months in Chicago and 6 months in Santa Barbara, CA. Their family includes 2 children and 2 grandchildren. She has been married 48 years. Myrna enjoys horseback riding, tennis, hiking and golf. Her non-athletic interests include Steppenwolf Theater, The Art Institute of Chicago and The Parkinson Foundation. For her 70th birthday day 35 family members will help her celebrate in the Dominican Republic! Did I mention that Myrna loves to travel? Sue Turtle Millard is still working in the family owned business (4th generation). Sue has been recognized as a top woman-owned business several times. She and Frank spend their time between Old Greenwich, CT, and Palm Beach, FL. They have 2 children and 6 grandchildren. Sue is active in garden club, Junior League and professional women in construction. Other interests include Dixieland music, sailing and cooking. Sue looks back at college as a wonderful time of life. She remembers bridge, smoking in the Burpee butt (no more), sharing Dartmouth experiences and making great friends! Pat Foster Moll and Dick have 5 children and 7 grandchildren. Their youngest daughter, who is a lawyer in ME, graduated from CJC in 1981. Pat is active in the garden club (master gardener, I believe) the church and the Florence Griswold Museum, all in Old Lyme, CT, where they have lived for 23 years. Pat is also interested in antiques, music, traveling and oil painting. They have sailed extensively in the Caribbean with Pat Cooke Dugger and her husband, Dick. At age 40 Pat Foster Moll returned to college and earned her BA, which was exciting, but the same year she learned that she had breast cancer. Pat looks great 25+ years later! Her fond memories are her happy years in Shepard with her roommates, Pat Cooke Dugger and Carol Molander Linsley, as well as Pat Anderson Little. Pat also enjoyed choir with Miss Cauley. Pat and Dick recently purchased a Timberpeg home in Hancock, ME, across the street from their daughter. On their property is an 1870 one-room schoolhouse which the historic society is helping to restore. Sounds like a very exciting project, Pat. Lynn Shepherd Nichols and Nick live in Walkersville, MD, and have 2 children. I hope they were not affected by the spring flooding in MD. In 1982 Lynn received her associate of science degree from Becker College. Phyllis Leader Paladin has led a wonderful life, first with American Airlines beginning in 1958 seeing the world, then with her husband, Bob, seeing the USA on the back of a Harley-Davidson motorcycle! She and Bob were married for 33 years before he passed away last year. Phyllis has 6 stepchildren, who are her pride and joy. She says her life has been full of fun, excitement, love and respect. Sorry you couldn’t have tied in a family reunion in Boston with our Reunion, Phyllis. We received a nice note from Sibyl Sutton Strickland, who still teaches school and loves it. Unfortunately, school was in session until after Reunion, otherwise she would have been with us. Sybil and John live in Akron, OH, and they have 3 sons and 2 grandchildren. Sybil loves to read, garden, knit and being with her grandchildren. She is thankful her sons are out of the Middle East. Colby Junior was very special to her, and gave her the confidence and courage to be the person she is today. Betsy Ferguson Jump has had enough of the cold and snow in upstate NY and will be moving to Dayton, OH. Both she and her husband went to the University of Cincinnati and have family in the area, so it is like going home. She was sorry to miss Reunion and asked me to say hi to the gang. Ellie Russell has had an interesting life. In 1966 she was chosen to go to Egypt to evaluate med tech education there. In 1972 Ellie earned her master’s of Science degree. She lived in WI for awhile and studied art at the University of WI, moved to Charlotte, VT, took early retirement and has been busier than ever! Ellie volunteers for the VT Audubon Society, American Cancer Society, and is currently the chairperson for the town of Charlotte selectboard. Ellie is also the layout person for the local paper. Her hobbies, when time
permits, are biking, skiing, swimming and gardening. She also has her paintings in the local library and senior center. A motor home has taken Ellie across the US and this year will take her 1st cruise to the Mexican Riviera. This winter she is off to Austria, with side trips to Vienna, Salzburg and St Moritz. We are envious, Ellie! Her favorite memories of CJC include the NH scenery, bridge, Dartmouth football and wonderful friends. Anne Camp St. John and Russell have 3 children and live in Granby, CT. She is involved in her church, thrift shop, VNA food bank, and is treasurer of the senior housing board. Anne is a quilter and knitter. Paula Anderson Bothfield has 2 children, and lives with her 2nd husband, Hank, in his lovely home in Warner, NH. Paula takes advantage of the Hogan Sports Center on campus, and is taking Adventures in Learning courses at the college. She volunteers at The Fells Hay Refuge and is a VNA volunteer. Paula enjoys tennis, golf and loves to play bridge and work in the garden. Her memories include Mountain Day, chapel and having popcorn with Ms. Koury in Burpee late at night. Paula reminds us that she won’t be 70 until next year! Ann Boyd Seidel and Al were married in ’57 and raised 3 boys in CA. In ’89 they moved to Jackson, WY, for 14 wonderful years, than back to CA in ’03 to be closer to family. At the time of Reunion Ann was recuperating from rotocuff surgery, but sends her best to the class of ’56. Marilyn Stott Smith married her husband Larry (Dartmouth ’55) in ’56. After a time in the Army they settled on Long Island, where their 2 children were born. They lived in New Canaan, CT, for many years until downsizing to Annapolis, MD, which is fairly near both of their children. They love MD and take advantage of living in a college town, enjoying everything from football to cultural events in the greater DC area. Their summer home on Long Island is a wonderful gathering place for family and friends. Marilyn belongs to the New Amonapolitans, a club which offers social, cultural and charitable opportunities. Marilyn also volunteers at the Historical Annapolis Foundation. She says since her retirement she is busier than ever! Marilyn remembers the traditions and close friends at CJC. Judy Davis Somers married in ’56 and spent 5 years as an Army wife before settling in NYC, where Jim worked for the State. Judy worked for several interns. They both retired in ’92 and moved to CT. When Jim passed away in ’02 Judy stayed in CT until ’04, when she and her sister bought adjoining homes in Cedar Creek, Aiken, NC. While in CT Judy accumulated and edited 3 books of family papers for the Woodbury library and started the Woodbury history project to preserve historical papers. For her effort, Judy received the CT Friends of Library special award. Judy now volunteers at the Aiken Library and the Aiken helpline. After college Gussie Crocker Stewart spent 4 years studying art and art history at the Museum School in Boston. Gussie’s 1st marriage ended in divorce, but produced 2 wonderful children, who are both married and living in MA and NH. Her 2 grandsons live nearby in MA. Gussie says she picked her 1st husband, but God chose Dick, and they have been married 30 wonderful years. Dick encouraged her to paint again and she is still at it! Gussie has studied with the best, traveled all over the world to paint, been selected to show her work numerous places, and has received awards throughout her long, successful career. Gussie fondly remembers Mountain Day, study time of peace in the library, chapel talks by Dr. Sawyer, and going to Cranehurst for homemade pie and coffee. When she has time Gussie enjoys lap swimming, snorkeling, biking and gardening. Gussie downsized to Sudbury, MA, and loves it. Barbara Bradley Stone became engaged to Harry while at CJC. They were married in ’58 and have 2 children. They have lived in Tolland, CT, for many years, where Barb has been active in fundraising for the senior center. She is the Vice Queen of her Red Hat Society, The Crimson Cruiser. After graduation Barb worked in the hematology lab at Springfield Hospital before opening an outpatient lab at the same hospital. Barb retired as secretary of the guidance department of the Tolland, CT, middle school in ’01. She took this “temporary” job and stayed for 28 years! Barb is a 2-time cancer survivor and now has short hair that doesn’t need a perm! Barb is also involved in church work, loves to travel and just enjoys retirement. After college Joan Conner Swallow worked several places in ME before her marriage in ’61, when she and Bob moved to England with the Army. They lived in North Danville, VT, for 26 years, where Joan worked for Northern Counties Health Centers for 16 years until her retirement in ’87. Joan now lives in Norwegian, ME. Beautiful spot, Joan. Sarah Rudy Thurene and Frank also returned for the dual reunion trip (Colby-Sawyer and Dartmouth). Sarah married in ’57 and moved several times with the Navy. Sarah and Frank have 2 children and 5 grandchildren in CA and TX. During Reunion their house in DE sold, which was great news, as they are planning a move to a great retirement community in PA. During her retirement Sarah taught preschool and kindergarten but now that she is retired she is involved with many church and community activities. She dresses in 18th century clothing as a docent in a restored historic home. Frank’s family has a summer home in Canaan, so they come east often in the summer. Sarah too mentions Mountain Day and cross-country skiing, but her fondest memories center around the field hockey and basketball teams, where great friendships developed. She remembers a basketball game in which the boys of Proctor Academy played with girls rules! Linda Thompson lives in Arlington, MA and enjoys tennis, skiing and photography. Gail Craven Watson was married in ’57 and has lived in many places as an Army wife. One tour of duty in Colorado Springs enabled Gail to visit with Marguerite “Maggie” Granger DeLuca and family on weekends. After 21+ years came Army retirement and they bought their 1st home in El Paso, TX. Gail returned to college in ’91 to earn her bachelor’s degree in business administration. Gail worked as a secretary at the Bureau of Reclamation Department of Interior and received recognition for her work during her 12 years there. Since Billy passed away, Gail has kept busy with her local garden club and does volunteer work at The Cancer Treatment Institute. Despite this dreadful disease, Gail says it’s a cheerful place with lots of smiles and hugs for the patients. In ’88 she had a near death experience, but recovered and is going strong 18 years later! Gail has 2 children and several grandchildren, whom she is teaching how to play bridge. Gail remembers going to the dining hall early to be first and playing bridge until called to the table. Sandy Liberty lives in Mirror Lake, NH, and works at Island Real Estate in Wolfeboro. If you want a house in that lovely area, Sandy is the person. She and Sandy plan a trip in ’07 to see her son and family in New Zealand. Sandy’s daughter and family live in western MA. Sandy says Skyway was a great place to live with a wonderful group of girls. Sandy and Beverly “Bev” Rounds Stanley stay in close touch. Marsha Smoller Winer and Nate really enjoyed Reunion. Nate even did the climbing wall twice, as Marsha, Ed and I watched with trepidation! Nate is very agile! They have 3 married children, but no grandchildren. Marsha and Nate’s 50th anniversary is coming up in ’07. Marsha received her master’s degree in special ed and worked in that field until her retirement in ’93. She is an expert bridge player, loves to travel and works out at her fitness center. She also volunteers as a docent at the Palos Verdes Art Center. Marsha fondly remembers the beauty of the campus in the fall, gathering with friends after study hours to chat, share ideas, and eat homemade cookies someone’s mom sent. Carole Zignone Capozzoli and Tom live in Oyster Bay, NY. She has 3 boys. Barbara Brown Barrett met her husband of 40 years in Paris, where he was a Marine security guard at the Embassy. Barb had various jobs in civil service, and they both retired after 30 years...
of service. They now live in Charlotte, NC, and have one married son and twin boys, who are still single. Barb enjoys traveling, jigsaw puzzles, and her 2 granddaughters. Barb fondly remembers singing with the Buzzin Dozen and choir. Barb would love to hear from Alice Higgins Tompkins. Marilyn Kirby Stone and Harry live in Chagrin Falls, OH, and have 2 children. If any of these classmates live in your area, why not reconnect?

Please See In Fond Memory

1957 Reunion

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I'm writing this as my car is serviced at the car dealership on a beautiful Aug. morning in Sacramento. After graduating from Colby Junior with her associate's degree in theater arts, Diane Shugrue Gallagher attended Neighborhood Playhouse theatre school in NYC. She studied with Martha Graham and Sanford Meisner. Starved off Broadway, radio, television (in those days), and runway model. She married Bill Gallagher (Dartmouth '57) and they had 4 children: Maura, Bill, Katherine and Claire. Diane is now a grandmother to 2 wonderful grandchildren. Over the years she has been involved in many activities in the state of MA, including the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women, the President's Commission for International Women's Year, and the Commission on the Elderly. She has also been a partner in Bare Cove Art Gallery; a newspaper columnist and theatre reviewer; an actress in community theatre; and a substitute hostess for Pat Mitchell on WBZ-TV's "Women." She has served on many boards, including Katharine Gibbs, Wang Labs, Fidelity Investments, and Bureau of the Census. Currently Diane is working full time as the archivist at the Boston University Gotlieb Archival Center. She lives in Brookline, MA, and travels as much as time allows. Since last summer she's visited Italy, Turkey, Japan and Morocco. Lois Hanewald Ward and her husband, Gordon, recently enjoyed a great bicycle ride with Robin McDoogal, who served as their Denver tour guide, as well as Deborah Kent Springer and her husband, Charlie. The Wards enjoy their 5 grandchildren, all of whom live near or in Boulder. They hope to come to our 50th Reunion in June, as does Kim Yaksha Whiteley. Kim suggested we initiate some friendly "competition," such as tracking which state has the most returning alumni. Faith Hirsch Rogers spent 2 great days with her roommate, Nancy Bailey Smith, in FL in Feb., as well as a visit with Sandra “Sandy” Dennis Allen. Elizabeth “Liz” Allen Swim is still living in VT. Her daughter, Heather, lives in the Seattle area with her 2 children. Sandy's son, Mike, lives in VT with his 2 children. Sandy continues to enjoy work, grandchildren, golf and community work. Elizabeth “Ducky” Mollory Robinson recently celebrated her 70th birthday. She has 2 sons and 2 grandsons. She has traveled extensively around the world with her husband, Gordon. She sees Barbara Chandler Kimm '56 frequently, as well as Betsey Loveland Wheeler '60. Martha “Marty” Allen Combs has been living in sunny Palm Springs since 1973. Their son and his family recently moved to NC, so the Combs have become frequent cross-country travelers. They have 3 granddaughters. Elizabeth Cole Stephens is now pleasantly retired from her career as a psychiatric registered nurse and licensed clinical social worker. Both of her sons are married, and one lives in Olympia, WA, while the other is in Park City, UT. Elizabeth has 2 grandsons, both of whom broke their left arms while skiing and skateboarding! Elizabeth is very active in volunteer work in the Mount Vernon area and welcomes calls and visitors. Barbara “Tuck” Tucker writes that she was happily breathing dark ale this summer, as well as kayaking with the Pemaquid Paddlers, hiking and volunteering in a local soup kitchen. In Aug. she was an assistant for a Elderhostel trip called “Hiking the Camden Hills.” She spent Sept. vacationing in Nova Scotia, Cape Breton's Cabot Trail, and Prince Edward Island. She enjoys seeing Judith "Judy" Lynah Wheeler frequently. This summer she took Nancy Hoyt Langbein '56 to lunch in celebration of Nancy's Alumni Service Award, which was presented to her during Reunion Weekend in New London. Mary-Ellen Leahy Nelson writes that she and Richard have been married for 44 years and have 4 sons and 2 grandsons. They are retired and live in Newport RI. She keeps in touch regularly with Patricia Lowry Keeley '56. Jean Butler Fiske continues to live in WI from April to Oct., and then it's on to Thomasville, GA, where her oldest son lives and she owns a house, from Nov. to March. Her husband died in 1999. Jean has 6 grandchildren, the oldest being 16 and just received his driver's license. Elizabeth “Bettie” Lucie Perreault writes, “I made an amazing recovery from pneumonia that laid me low in 2005 and am back to work full time with the partners who hired me nearly 12 years ago.” Her grandchildren range in age from 16 to the little 18-month-old girl. Should you find yourself in the CT area, Bettie would be delighted if you would call her. Pamela “Pam” Senn Anderson moved from Ft. Lauderdale to Naples (west coast), FL, a year ago. She says, “It’s a big change, but I am a ‘beach bum,’ and we have gorgeous beaches here.” She is working 2 days a week and volunteers at the hospital thrift shop 3 days a week. When she sent her news, she was in the process of purchasing a condo in San Miguel, Mexico, and close on it in Sept. After 30 years in the business, Doris “DJ” Miller Brosius is still enjoying her interior design business. She was recently featured on an HGTV program, which she found to be a great experience. Doris and Howard visited Colby-Sawyer last summer and were very impressed with the beautiful campus and attractive and friendly students. If anyone is in the Philadelphia area, Doris would love to have you visit. Garnett Seifert Shores and her husband, David, have a home in Virginia Beach and a cottage at Cape Hatteras, NC, where David fishes and Garnett enjoys the beach. David is a retired English professor from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA. He has 2 children and 4 grandchildren and Garnett has 5 children and 10 grandchildren, from pre-school age through college. She's been a docent at the Chrysler Art Museum in Norfolk for many years, which has inspired them to go on several museum trips to Europe. In May, Allison Faccone, from the college's Advancement Office, and Janet Park Been reunited at lunch with Garnett. She hopes to attend our 50th Reunion in June. Barbara Soutelle Stewart writes from Bridgewater, NJ, “I’m serving as a guidance counselor at an alternative high school and am a 10-year member of our county mental health board.” She was looking forward to a trip to Bermuda in Oct. for her niece's wedding at Tucker's Point Club. Jill Booth Macdonell, visited the Colby-Sawyer campus in June and had a wonderful tour with Tracey Austin, co-director of alumni relations and annual giving. What marvelous changes! I am in close touch with my dear friend.
Cynthia "Cindy" Grindrod van der Wyk '58, who lost her husband, Leon, in June. Cindy came to my 70th birthday party on Aug. 8. Photожournalism, writing essays for a future book, Episcopal Church work, and my 2 grandchildren are where I am at age 70.

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After Colby Junior, Nancy Devaux Eidam went on to receive her bachelor's degree from the University of CO in Boulder. She met and married her husband, Jerry, while they were both teaching in the Department of Defense School in Japan. They have a son and a daughter, and are the proud grandparents of 4, including 2 boys and 2 girls. Nancy and Jerry have been living in Santa Cruz, CA, since 1967, and their children and grandchildren all live nearby. When Nancy's children reached school age, she pursued her master's degree from the University of San Francisco and returned to the classroom as a reading specialist.

After taking early retirement from teaching, she became a real estate agent. She is now retired and spends her leisure time enjoying her home, garden, family and friends and traveling the world. She has also been a long-time volunteer for Sister Cities International on both a local and national level.

Dibbie Spurr Appleton enjoys her volunteer work on behalf of her church, which includes the monthly editing and publishing of a 20-page news magazine. She has 8 grandchildren, 4 of whom live near her in the Portland, ME, area. Last year at Christmastime she had shoulder surgery, and this year she'll be having a partial knee replacement. "Isn't it grand they can give us spare parts?" she writes. Dibbie wants to remind everyone that the class of '58 will celebrate its 50th Reunion from Colby Junior next year! Alice Ensdorf Bergstrom continues to keep very busy, despite being retired. She and her husband, Lance, travel as much as possible. They were in Ireland for 2 weeks in Sept., and shortly after that enjoyed a long weekend in NJ for her 50th high school reunion. Alice will visit TX with her sister-in-law in Jan. In the spring she and Lance will travel to AZ for a week and then down to Kiawah Island, SC, which is probably their favorite spot. Trips to AK and Italy are also currently in the works. The Bergstroms have 5 grandchildren, including 3 girls in Columbus, OH, and a girl and a boy in Dayton, OH. They travel to see all of them as much as possible. Alice and Lance are in fine health, playing tennis at least 2 or 3 times a week. On July 24, Nancy Carrell Sanborn and her husband, Jim, welcomed a grand-daughter, Margaret Anne. They have not downsized, so they keep quite busy with routine maintenance and renovations on their house. They continue to keep quite active with volunteer work, their church and their friends. They are in good health, though Jim was recently treated for prostate cancer he is doing well now. In fact, Oct. found him in Hong Kong and India for a consulting job. Five days of golf was on the agenda for Jim and Nancy during a trip to NC at the end of Oct. Linda Thomson Righter celebrated her 50th high school reunion in Winchester, MA, this fall. Judy Snelling Lynch, who was widowed 2 1/2 years ago, was in attendance as well. Linda keeps busy working part time selling designer upholstery fabric, and enjoys playing duplicate bridge with her brother. She's enjoying her new condo and the activities offered. Jo-Ann Matukas Churchill and her husband, Ned, have spent most of their married life in Pittsburgh, PA. Their 3 children (2 sons and a daughter) are now well into adulthood and have provided Jo-Ann and Ned with 6 wonderful grandchildren. One son and his family also live in Pittsburgh, while their daughter and family live 2 hours north, and the youngest son and his family reside in Arlington Heights, IL. The oldest, and only, grand-daughter is a freshman at Denison University. Jo-Ann and Ned spend a lot of time visiting their children and grandchildren and traveling the world. They spend a great deal of time in Vail, CO, during the winter months. Ned is an excellent skier, and while Jo-Ann also enjoys it, arthritis is limiting her time on the slopes. Sadly, Jo-Ann has lost touch with many of her CJC friends, though she does hear from Sue Lovell Harrison at Christmastime. If any old friends would like to contact Jo-Ann, you can e-mail her at nedchurchill@webtv.net. 

Meredith Chase Boren is enjoying her retirement from St. Timothy's School, where she was employed for 38 years. She does continue to do consulting work for them one day per week. Meredith and her husband, Alfred, celebrated 47 years of marriage in Aug. Their son, Kurt, and his wife live nearby. Meredith is the proud grandmother to 14-year-old Taylor and 11-year-old Julia. She's enjoyed attending their field hockey games this fall. In Sept. Meredith attended her 50th high school reunion and is looking forward to doing the same at Colby-Sawyer in 2008. Sadly, Meredith's younger sister, Beverly, has dementia and was admitted to a facility after the sudden death of her husband in April. Meredith has also lost a couple of dear friends in the last year and a half. She writes, "These are life changes that have been difficult, but overall we have been blessed in all aspects of our lives." Sandy McBeth continues to live in Wolfeboro, NH, where she works as a realtor with Maxfield Real Estate. She had to chuckle when she was informed by Kathy Gregory Barnard that the last class column reported that she was now living in Naples, FL! She does, however, visit family and friends in FL, and had just returned from a visit to see her 3 grandchildren in Jacksonville when she sent her update. Sandy is now the primary careperson for her 97-year-old mother who is in an assisted living facility 1 mile from Sandy's home. Joyce Robinson Bridgman enjoyed a wonderful 2-week tour of Turkey in the fall. She reports that she has a different feel for the country now. We want to be in touch with more of you, so please register your e-mail address at www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends.

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Editor’s Note: Special thanks to Sarah “Sally” Beal Fowler for her years of service as 1959 class correspondent, and a warm welcome to Marsha Halpin Johnson and Jane Bruns Lenher, the new class correspondents.

Jane Bruns Lenher's children include a detective, a pilot and a foster mother, and from them she has received 7 grandchildren. She and her husband are enjoying retirement. He volunteers as the executive officer of the Posse in Sun Lakes, AZ, and Jane keeps busy with her sewing pals—though she says they do lunch more than they sew. Jane would love to hear from her classmates. Bette Silven Alsobrook has not contributed to our class column in quite some time, and she contributed the following news, "The past 2 years have been filled with many changes and adjustments in my life. The biggest thing is that my husband, Frank, passed away very suddenly in Feb. 2004 while we were on a trip to Denver, CO. It goes without saying that this was a tremendous shock, as he was not ill and we had no warning. I was in a state of shock and disbelief for months, but with the help of family, good friends and a wonderful bereavement group, I managed to get through that very difficult first year. Frank and I had worked together for 16 years in our own consulting company, and after I closed the company, I eventually went to work part time in a real estate office in Medford, NJ." On the brighter side, Bette reports that her daughter, Julie, was married to a wonderful young man, Josh, on Nov. 10, 2005, in St. Lucia. It was a very intimate affair with very immediate family present, but the couple had a large reception in PA 3 weeks after the wedding. Julie and Josh live on the NJ shore, about 45 minutes...
from Bette. However, she currently has her home on the market in hopes of moving closer to them, as they are expecting their 1st child. Recently Bette returned from a vacation in Jackson Hole, WY, with 3 of her widow friends.

**Judy Anderson Anderson** was excited to have her 40-year-old son marry for the 1st time in May, and he and his wife are now expecting their 1st child. Judy is thrilled to be a “2-time Grammy,” as she also has a 2-year-old granddaughter. Judy and her husband summer in Stonington, ME, where they have a house on Penobscot Bay. They enjoy traveling to HI for a couple of weeks every winter, as her husband has a son who lives on the Big Island. Judy has seen her roommate, **Shirley Noakes**, as well as Debbie Clark Benedict. She has lunch often with **Jane Mullen Hildreth ’61**. Linda Rowell Hallen and her husband, Gus, are retired and living in Englewood, FL, which they love. They had had enough of the New England winters, so they sold their house in Quincy, MA in 2002 and spent a year as full-time missionaries. Following that they headed to FL, via UT and the Grand Canyon, in their 5th-wheel trailer, in which they lived until their house was built. The Hallens spent the summers of 2005/2006 traveling across the country, visiting their 3 children and 15 grandchildren along the way. This year they put 15,000 miles on the track as tourists traveling up the west coast into Canada, over to Banff and down to Yellowstone. If all goes well, Linda says next year’s trip will include New England for her 50th high school reunion and a trip to New London. Linda sends her greetings to all classmates, especially the Shepards. **Sally Trussell White** writes, “My news continues to be very centered around the untimely murder of my daughter, Susan Blair ’88, in the terrorist attacks on America on Sept. 11, 2001. On the recent 5th anniversary of those attacks, my daughter, Leslie Blair ’85, was the main speaker at the State House in Boston. Congressman Marty Meehan, along with other state and federal politicians, was in the audience and was so impressed with her remarks that he has entered her speech into the Congressional Record.” Sally has moved to East Walpole, MA. She has 2 fabulous grandchildren by Leslie: 8-year-old Mara and 4-year-old Nicolas. Sally works at the YMCA a few days a week and has partnered with them in raising funds for “Integration Initiative” in memory of Sue. The initiative is for special needs children to participate in the YMCA’s community programs with their typically developing peers. Sally chairs the Susan Blair Walk and Rainbow Kids Day, which is being held at the end of May to celebrate Sue’s birthday and her beautiful life. A scholarship fund in Sue’s memory has also been established at Colby-Sawyer (contact the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving for more information). **Shirley Noakes** recently retired after 38 years of teaching. She says that towards the end of her career she was looking forward to retirement, as “teaching had changed, and the focus was rather clouded by the politics of running the district, rather than just keeping to the children and the 3 R’s.” Last Oct., Shirley had quadruple bypass surgery. Now Shirley belongs to the national organization, Mended Hearts Volunteers. Last Christmas included a trip to Newport Beach, CA, to see Debbie Clark Benedict and her family. Deb and Shirley see each other quite a bit, and June brought them together again. During that trip they had the opportunity to see Bonnie Bladworth Fallon from VT, who was in CA for a wedding. Shirley as always wanted to see NC, FL and Australia. She’s interested in cruising, and if anyone else is as well, Shirley would welcome hearing from you. **Nan Nielsen Williams** and her husband, Ben, enjoy traveling, and especially like small ship tours. Last fall they toured Russia, from Moscow to St. Petersburg and a trip to New Zealand is planned for Jan. Following Ben’s 50th reunion at Princeton in June, they’ll sail the Galapagos Islands. In March, **Tish Higginson Biggar** and her husband, Jim, visited Nan and Ben on Amelia Island in northern FL. In May Nan and Ben spent a weekend with Rosamund “Roz” Read in Owl’s Head, ME. Roz has a beautiful collection of books, beach glass and art of all sorts. As Nan was leaving she noticed Roz’s Colby-Sawyer license plate frames! Roz plans to show them off at the 50th Reunion in 2009. Nan and Ben’s children live in MA, VA and NH, so they make those trips quite often. **Anne McCombe Frost** of Baxford, MA, has been in the business of helping people get organized for around 20 years. Whether you need to ready your home for sale, or just so you can enjoy living in yourself, her business, Facilitations, is able to help. Anne, a member of the National Association of Professional Organizers, knows what to do and has great tips to keep you organized at home or work. I, **Sally Beal Fowler**, am busy with an increasing workload at the town library. Yes, I’m still working, and libraries are being used more than ever. The computer world has taken us by storm! It is with some regret that between work demands and family obligations I do not have enough time to devote to our ’59 class news. I’ve enjoyed hearing from you over the years. Many thanks to all who’ve contributed. Keep up the column with the next correspondent! I’m enjoying my grandchildren, running back and forth to NH to see them when I can. Life is good.
I received a nice note from Barbara Whitford Burbello, who has been doing freelance design work, along with volunteering. She also spends time doing retes and dyeing on silk. Barbara and her husband divide their time between Deer Isle, ME, and Charleston, SC. She hopes to make it to a reunion in the future. The weekend of Mothers’ Day was nearly a total washout here in New London. Unfortunately, it was also the weekend of Colby-Sawyer’s graduation. I remember ushering at the 2002 graduation when we had upwards of 6 inches of snow. It was a mess if there ever was one! Speaking of washouts, last May’s rain event was the worst in NH in 70 years. Many roads were closed, as well as schools and businesses.

Reunion weekend, June 2–4, was also terrible weather-wise. However, Colby girls are “tough,” and it turned out to be a fun weekend. Classmates attending were Martha Clark, Mary-Anna Fox, Jackie Taft Lowe, Sally Reynolds Carlin, Barbara Green Gramenos, Joan Appleton Jevne, Judy O’Grady Gordon, Anne Mansell Moodey, Sally Morris Hayen, Susan Heath Bint and Susan Olney Datthyn. Many of us attended planned events along with an indoor barbecue on Saturday. It was great to see everyone and, needless to say, we had a lot of catching up to do! I enjoyed hearing from Toby-Ann Grossman Cronin. She and her husband reside in Los Angeles, as do their sons. She has been working in administration at UCLA’s Neuro-Psychiatric Institute and Hospital. Toby hopes to get to New London one of these days. I also heard from Dr. Virginia Hicks Barrett, who resides in Sparkill, NY, with her husband, Dr. Robert Barrett. They have 2 children, Robert and Elizabeth, and are enjoying their grandchildren. Martha Clark, Sally Reynolds Carlin and I served on the reunion committee. We had fun talking back and forth and, with the Alumni Office doing more than their share, things worked out well. Martha is a “busy bee,” between her volunteer work in Hanover, NH, where she has a condo and working part-time at the United Nations in NYC, where she has an apartment. Sally is also a busy gal. She resides with her husband in OH, MI, and FL, depending on the season. They have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. I enjoyed a brief visit with Judy O’Grady Gordon at the reunion barbecue. She and her husband, Al, were visiting in Lyme, NH, and were in New London for the day participating in reunion events. The Gordons live in Old Greenwich, CT, and have 2 children, John and Sarah. I had a nice chat at a reunion cocktail party with Barbara Green Gramenos and her Colby roommate, Joan Appleton Jevne. Barbara is living in Las Vegas with her hubby, Stuart Webster. They enjoy hiking in the mountains and will soon leave for a month long trip to Greece. Barbara has children and grandchildren in the CT area, where she has lived. Joan lives in Wilton, CT, and works for a metal company in Stanford, CT. She has 2 boys, John and Joshua. Jackie Taft Lowe drove down from ME with Mary-Anna Fox to attend reunion. Jackie and her husband John reside in Dallas, TX, and summer in Northeast Harbor, ME. She enjoys tennis, her 2 grandchildren and extensive travel. Mary-Anna resides in West Tremont, ME, with her golden retriever, Molly. She enjoys sailing, skiing, and walking. I sat across the table at the reunion banquet from Anne Mansell...
Moody and Sally Morris Hayen. Ann lives in Wilmot, NH, near New London, and I hardly ever see her. We had a nice chat. Sally resides in Carlisle, MA, and works for a medical practice in Concord. She has 3 daughters, Lisa, Jennifer, and Julie, as well as 5 grandkids. Sally stayed with Anne over Reunion. Last, but certainly not least, Susan Heath Bint attended Reunion Weekend with her husband, Brian. They reside in Falmouth, MA, where they are both active in their church. They have 3 sons John, David, and Mark, and 4 grandchildren. Mark will be married this summer. It was wonderful to see the Bints. Susie and I were close college friends and are keeping in touch, which pleases me to no end! I enjoyed a nice note from Pam Butler Schneider. She is living in Little Compton, RI, and may possibly make our next Reunion. It would be great to hear from you, Pam! I am looking forward to meeting Colby-Sawyer's eighth president, Thomas C. Galligan, Jr., who assumed the presidency Aug. 1, 2006. During Reunion Weekend, many alums and staff watched an interesting and informative video from President-elect Galligan at the new Ivey Science Center. I am convinced that the new president will be a perfect addition to both the college and the community.

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Please join us in New London, June 1–3, 2007, for our 45th Reunion!

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Wow! Thanks to the 8 members of CJC ’63, who sent me their news. Now I’m waiting to hear from the rest of you, so please e-mail me (Donna Dederick Ward) at sonny@meadowoodvt.com. Sonny is our Belgian gelding. As if I didn’t have enough to do, my husband and I started another business. We bought equipment for a small excavating business. We’re obtaining licenses in VT, NY and FL. I’m still running our B&B, Meadowood Farm, here in Shaftsbury, VT, and spending winters in Naples, FL. I have my real estate licenses in both states. I have 2 grown kids and 11/2 grandchildren. A few weeks ago, Colby-Sawyer Advancement Officer Allison Faccione stopped by Meadowood Farm to visit. We did lunch and discussed the college. Frances “Lee” Montgomery reported that after living in a condo in Brookline for 20 years, she’s moved to a home near Harvard Square in Cambridge, MA. She spends about half her time on her farm, Grey Flannel Farm, in Roxbury, VT, near Sugarbush. She loves taking long rides on her horses over the miles of dirt roads up in the mountains and seeing lots of children and grandchildren. Gail Talian O’Reilly lives with her hubby of 33 years in Winchester, MA, and does lots of traveling. She’s on her 3rd career. Retired from teaching, she joined her family’s real estate development/management company, and now travels often to Armenia to help artisans by bringing back handmade crafts to the U.S. Bea Campbell Kempster says life is wonderful, golf is poor, health is fine, and weather in FL is quiet. She lives in Lakeland with her husband. They have 3 grown children and 5 grandchildren.

Susan Pinkerton Clarke lives in Tacoma, WA, with her husband. She moved there from FL in 1998. She is an assimilation coordinator at her local church. She has 2 children and 5 grandchildren.

Sandra Newbert Fitts apparently likes variety. She recently moved to a 55+ condo complex in Hopkinton, MA. Sandy and her husband also have a condo in NH for the summer and spend winters in Sarasota, FL. She has 2 grown sons and 4 grandchildren.

Lacey Smallwood Bangs lives on the NH seacoast. She is retired and enjoys visits with her children and grandchildren. Lacey teaches school groups about life in the tide pools. Pamela Causer retired in Dec. 2004. She enjoys serving as a volunteer at the National Zoo and USO. She recently visited Venice, Florence and Rome, Italy. Pam sees Pam Richardson Booma yearly, and every 10 years or so she gets together with Sue McBride Gottschall. Karen Archambault Hubbard has been at Middlesex Hospice and Palliative Care in CT for 22 years. She served 10 years as a volunteer and 12 years as the volunteer coordinator. She has found her service to be very rewarding and has met many very special people. Karen and her husband have been together for 41 years and have 2 children and one granddaughter.

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1964

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Hope this finds all of you doing well. The information included in this column was received from the e-mail broadcast I sent through the college’s online alumni directory. If the college does not have your e-mail address, then you won’t receive these broadcasts. Please send us your address so that we can include your news in the next newsletter. Barbara Pinkerton Corns writes to say that her brother and sister-in-law are relocating from Cleveland to New London. “That means that NH will be in my travel plans,” she says. She has run into many CJC grads lately, including Marilyn Savely Fotheringham ’51.

Martha Frisbee Hastings ’66, and Jan Brett ’69 and her sister, Jeannie. Barbara is also in contact with Nancy Day Sharp ’63, who with her husband, Rusty, recently visited Barbara and her husband, Evan, in Key West, FL. Barbara recently caught up with her roommate Sharon Reiche Greene, who lives in SC. Barbara would love to hear from anyone from Abbey ’63–’65. “I have a new granddaughter,” writes Lee Reisner Murray. She was born on Easter morning. What an Easter girl! Another baby girl was due the first of Sept. to Lee’s 2nd daughter. Her youngest daughter is at LSU in a post-doc position. Lee drove her down to Baton Rouge, LA, in Aug. Lee keeps busy as treasurer of 2 non-profit organizations, The Funeral Consumers Alliance of Southeast Mass. and the New England Inter-Club Council (figure skating clubs). Lee is also membership chairman for her own skating club and helped to organize a basic skills competition at the end of Aug. “I thought I would have lots of time this summer for working in the yard, but with the rain and bugs, I am barely keeping up.” Sue Patricelli-Regan and Lee Reisner Murray finally connected with each other and hope to get together this fall. Sue and her husband, Bill, have been building a facility for her horse. Her son, Christopher, 32, continues his work in NYC. Colin, 23, graduated from UConn with a degree in coaching and sports administration and he will be assistant to the head men’s rowing coach at Holy Cross, as well as head coach of the boy’s varsity rowing program at Shrewsbury High School. Craig, 21, was promoted to Navy Petty Officer this past June and is an air traffic controller at the Navy Master Jet Base in Kingsville, TX. He also received an admiral’s letter of commendation for actions above and beyond emergency security duty. Sue continues to do her marketing consulting and is enjoying the business world. Besides becoming a grandmother again to her daughter’s baby girl, Riley Emma, Jean Howell Vose has changed jobs. While enjoying her return to nursing, she was approached by a local non-profit agency to consider a newly created position, administrative
assistant to the director of a girl's camp, Wavus Camp for Girls, in Jefferson, ME. The camp is in the 1st year of its rebirth and rekindling of spirit. It merged with a very well known boy's camp, Camp Kieve (www.kieve.org) last year. Jean and her husband, Dick, continue to love their home in ME. They have become active in the historical society, the local beekeeping association county extension office, and a town committee for writing a comprehensive plan. Diana Tripp also received our e-mail broadcast and sent a note. She is living in Boulder, CO, and has become passionate about art over the last few years. Diana enjoys a life of creation using pastels. She is hoping to receive news of fellow classmates Janice Lane, Dee Rogers Penachio, Barbara “Mac” Kleinkauff Mackenzie and Lorraine Gebhart Erion. Valerie Taft West and her husband welcomed their 4th grandchild, Julia Elaine Warfuel. She is still the associate provost for education and student life at the Medical University of South Carolina. It must be the season for the birth of grandchildren, as Rick and I, Lee Norris Gray, welcomed Gretchen Ruth to our growing family in June. She joins her brother, 20-month-old Aiden, and parents, David and Katie, in St. Augustine, FL. Our other 4 grandchildren live in NH. They are Kellen, 10, Meghan, 9, (parents TJ and Jen), Josh, 9, and Noah, 7, (parents Mark and Lee). Having had 3 sons, everyone is a Gray! This past spring I was elected to the board of directors for the Seacoast Interfaith Hospitality Network, a community reaching out to families in crisis. Professional staff members at the Family Resource Center provide information and advocacy to obtain housing, employment, healthcare, training and education. The volunteers make it fiscally possible for continuation of the center. It has been a very rewarding experience for me in these few short months. I recently met with Ellen Terhune Schauff and Catharine Wood Hallsworth for lunch. I’m sure many of us are going through similar transitions, retirements, aging parents and grandparenting. Hope you are well.

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Editor’s note: Welcome and special thanks to Chris Murray McKee, who is the new class correspondent for the class of 1965.

Well, classmates, this is a first for me. I have never volunteered to do anything like this before. The reason I am involved is that I live in New London now and am quite connected to the modern Colby-Sawyer College. It is very interesting to see how it has changed and to link some of what is going on here now with us, the past. My husband, Tom, and I had a career in the foreign service in Central America and Egypt and raised our kids overseas. When he (we) retired from that, we moved back to New London, where I had spent a lot of time growing up. I have been a realtor with Coldwell Banker Milestone in town for 8 years. I have become part of the CSC community by being a member of the President’s Alumni Advisory Council, starting with President Ann Ponder and now with new President Tom Galligan. It is a group of people who are enthusiastic about Colby-Sawyer and it rubs off. I was a member of the board of directors of the Lake Sunapee Protective Association for 8 years and also on the New London Conservation Commission. Also a member of PAAC is Christine “Tina” Biggs Ferraro. Tina and I played in the CSC Classic Golf Fund tournament last year and are planning to do so next year. Any other golfers out there? Speaking of Tina, she and her husband recently completed a new home at the Bay Club in Mattapoisett, MA. Now Tina just has to walk a block to tee off. Their new home overlooks the first tee. While visiting her mother, Suzanne “Suzie” Hewson Wise spent some time with Tina and although the weather did not cooperate for golf, she received a fun tour of the South coast region of MA. Suzanne “Suzie” Hewson Wise is living in NM. She says, “I see Beverlee Fisher Anderson several times a month, as we are docents at Santa Fe’s Museum of Fine Arts. I am also in touch with Gail Taylor Meyer, Katherine Drohan Flattery and Sarah Pitts Andresen. I enjoy living in the Southwest. I have 2 daughters, one in Los Angeles and one in Denver. I work part time, but am fortunate to travel twice a year to Italy with my husband, who is retired. I would love to see my old friends from Colby.” Beverlee Fisher Anderson writes, “I have been a jack of all trades and involved with lots of issues and organizations over the years. Currently I am executive director of the Society for Simulation in Healthcare and the managing editor of their peer-reviewed journal. In my spare time I volunteer as a docent at the Fine Arts Museum and at the Santa Fe Opera and other groups who need folding/bending/stuffing upon occasion. We try to travel and include a fly fishing trip at least annually. I am married to a retired trauma, burn & critical care surgeon, and we have 2 married sons and 2 grandchildren. I am looking forward to real retirement in 2007, but I have lied about that before. Santa Fe keeps us busy with all its arts, culture, science, and restaurants.” Jane Hardy Roiter came for a quick visit to Chris’ house last summer. Jane retired from The Gillette Company 2 years ago, after 20 years in human resources. She says her last position as vice president of workforce diversity was her most challenging and most rewarding. She now divides her time between Newton, MA, and Chatham on Cape Cod, where she and her husband, Bill, own a home. In addition to gardening and playing lots of golf with her husband and 87-year-old father, she has focused on catching up on the travel she didn’t get to do while working. This year to celebrate her 60th birthday, she and her husband spent 2 weeks in Italy, and in Nov. she traveled to South Africa, Zambia and Botswana with 5 friends. Leslie Seymour Wears retired from social work in July 2005. She wrote, “I love being retired and..."
have had a lot of family events in the last year where I was needed for support or to help celebrate, so the timing of my retirement was perfect. Our son, Ty, was married in July 2006, so I finally have a daughter! Our son, Grey, is still single and is our starving artist living in L.A. Leslie and her husband, Ken, live in Plain City, OH near Columbus, Ken still works in industrial/commercial real estate there. They travel some each year to the Caribbean for a dive vacation, in the winter and to CA, ME and CT to visit relatives. Leslie also shares, “I have a little sister through the Big Brother/Big Sister Assn. here in Columbus. She was 9 when I was first assigned to her and is now 14. She gives me a wonderful excuse to do fun kid things and she’s the reason I know how to play games on my cell phone.” Leslie is in contact with Linda Marshall Dygert, who is living in Afton, NY. Rosalie “Lee” Belanger Sorenson sends word that she is still living in Avon, CT. She has had 5 grandchildren born in the past 2 years and another was due in the fall. That will make 3 boys and 3 girls! Her 2 sons live close by, and her daughter lives in Gloucester, MA. Rosalie enjoys working as a deacon and in parish care at her church. She would love to hear from classmates who lived in Best dorm! Karen “Muffy” Nottage Miller is still living in HI. She wrote, “Aloha, I just got back from 5 days on the island of Molokai. My husband, 3 of our 4 kids and our granddaughter flew over to repaint the family beach house. It is on the east end of the island and it has been way too long since we’ve enjoyed it. The ocean is only about 12 feet away and the wind rattles the coconut tree fronds. When we got too hot painting, we hopped into the water to cool off.” Debby Wheelock sends word that she is living in Tenants Harbor, ME, working for her husband, Chuck Paine, who is a yacht designer in Camden. Their son, Nick, graduated from Vassar, along with Stephen Squibb, who is Karen Clough Lowery’s son. Debby and Karen were roommates and remain good friends. Along with working, Debby is on the board of the local education foundation and the board of PenBay Health Care. Just in from Barbara Frank Guilford; “My husband and I have just dodged Tropical Storm Ernesto, and we hope that is all Mother Nature has in store for us here in Miami. I continue to be a realtor with Coldwell Banker, play tennis, and am starting to take up golf, just to keep my husband company. We have a new puppy, which is keeping us hopping all of the time. Hopefully, we will keep us young as well. We have 10 grandkids to play with and enjoy. Life is good here.” From Linda Lambert Palmer we hear, “My daughter, Jenny, and her husband, Jeff, and their new son, John, visited for a long weekend in Aug. It was perfect weather and we had a great time being able to use the front and back decks to their fullest. Their new dog, Charlie, learned to swim in Lake Mohawk. My son, James, works at the Maritime Hotel in NYC, handling sales and was also recently given most of the responsibilities usually handled by the general manager. He loves living in the city and his sister is the country mouse, living on 2 1/2 acres surrounded by corn fields in CT! I work at the Sparta Athletic Club in a managerial position. My husband, Larry, works as a town engineer and we are slowly preparing for retirement. We consider our home in Sparta our retirement home and hope to travel to FL and IL for extended visits.” Lois Gilbert-Fulton and her husband, Jim, stopped by the Alumni Office in Aug. They were vacationing on Granite Lake in Munsonville, NH. Lois and Jim are the very proud grandparents of Kaileigh, daughter of their son, Chris Fulton ’96 and his wife, Kath. Lois and Jim also have a 16-year-old son, Tom. Lois would be very excited if more classmates attended our next Reunion. I would be, too! So let me hear from any and all of you! Don’t forget to check out the CSC Web site. The alumni directory is there for you to check out other contacts and renew new connections.

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As I write our class column in Aug., I realize how quickly time does fly! I sent an e-mail “broadcast,” which went to everyone who has an e-mail address that is registered on the Colby-Sawyer online alumni directory. I also sent some 50-plus postcards to randomly selected people who don’t have an e-mail address on our class directory. From all of that I have gleaned the information to put together this column. If you have an e-mail address, I encourage you to register on the directory at www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends. We’d love to hear your news! In this “episode” we have new (and pending) grandchildren to report, weddings of children (and of some of us!), and a continued love by some of us for our chosen professions and careers. So, let’s get started. Roberta “Robby” Bell ’67 MT and Charlie are still living in Calgary, Alberta, in their semi-retirement. She’s still med-teaching part-time at the Children’s Hospital. During the summer she gardening company, Heart & Soil Gardening, which she has owned and operated for 9 years, is in full swing. In addition to gardening design, she employs a small crew for garden maintenance. Robby and Charlie manage to do some traveling, mostly to Europe, and they enjoy skiing in the Canadian Rockies. Pamela Amesbury Doyle e-mailed and said she had followed in the footsteps of Barbara Pers ’66 and graduated from Columbia University with a BS and certificate in physical therapy, and has loved working at that ever since. She and her husband, Paul, have 4 daughters and 4 grandchildren, and they continue to live in Westwood, MA. Pam and Paul have been traveling throughout the U.S. for lecture and book signings for Paul’s book, Hot Shots and Heavy Hits: Tales of an Undercover Drug Agent. Sounds exciting and somewhat dangerous, Pam. You can check out Paul’s Web site at www.pauledoyle.com. Pam hopes to be able to catch up with her Colby Junior classmates soon. Some of us are not quite ready to retire and take it easy. Jean Pullan Gaul indicated that she plans to continue working as office manager for a medical publisher in Philadelphia, where she’s worked for 10 years, for another 5 years or so. She trav-
eled to Australia and New Zealand last year, and visited Bermuda this year. Her son graduated from SAIS (the School of Advanced International Studies, which is a part of Johns Hopkins located in DC, not Baltimore) with a master’s in international affairs. He lives in the DC area and is working for the Microfinance Information Exchange, or MIX, and the World Bank. Sounds impressive! He worked in Kyrgyzstan during the summer of 2005 because his focus is on post-communist countries. Jean said that they’ve learned a lot about Russian places of which no one has heard, because of her son’s interest. Jean’s daughter lives and works in Manhattan as a Rockette! How cool is that! She’s also a choreographer and teacher. That just sounds way too cool, as far as I’m concerned! How cool would it be to visit NYC and have a tour of Radio City by a Rockette who just happens to be the daughter of a former classmate? Don’t know if that would be acceptable, but it sure does sound like a wonderful way to see Radio City Music Hall! I’ll have to remember this for the next time my daughter and I visit NYC. Jean says there are no marriages or grandchildren yet, and that she and her husband are just trying to figure out what they’re going to do with the rest of their lives when they “grow up.” Isn’t that what we’re all trying to figure out? Margaret “Ginger” Mueller Rundlof moved from the Savannah, GA, area to the Woodlands, outside of Houston, TX, at the end of March and finally got into her new house on May 25. I know that must have seemed like a long, dragged-out process until you actually got into your place. She feels that the Houston area is more exciting than Savannah, and 2 of her 4 children live there. As of this writing, Ginger was looking for a job, preferably one that she would absolutely love and would provide good health insurance. She indicated she may not even stay in nursing! Well, good luck with your search and don’t settle! Of course, she indicated she may not even provide good health insurance. Would absolutely love and would stay in nursing! Well, good luck! She indicated she may not even provide good health insurance.

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Prue’s 10-year-old son Adam is doing very well in an arts magnet school and is very much into TV/radio production and hip-hop dance. After living in the Midwest for 30 years, Ann Wesson Alves retired from a banking career and moved from Rockport, IL, to Cape Cod in 1997 to take care of her father, who had cancer. At that time, her 2 boys were already grown and finished with college. In 2000 she met and married Michael Alves and they currently live in Milton, MA, in a house built in 1884 by the S.S. Pierce family. Ann went back to work in 2001 as the executive assistant to the general manager, director of operations and director of sales and marketing at a new Marriott Hotel that opened up near Boston. Ann highly recommends the hospitality industry to anyone who enjoys dealing with people; she says it’s a wonderful way to earn a living. Between she and Michael, they have 6 sons and 5 grandchildren—2 are “hers” and 3 are “his.” This leaves them with a very full and busy life! Ann also wrote, “I just spent a wonderful weekend in Cazenovia, NY, at the Deer Hill B&B Inn with owner Frolic Taylor! We were there for a wedding and I had no idea that she owned the inn, so it was a lot of fun catching up on old times. She has done so much in her life with her music and acting and now she has a fabulous place to call home on the top of a hill in upper state NY. We actually saw a fox hunt going on around her B&B while I was hosting a brunch for the bride and groom on Sunday. It was spectacular! All our classmates should go for a visit or at least check out her Website: www.deerhillbandb.com.” Ann corresponds with her former roommate, Sally Chang ’68 MT, who is living in Vancouver, WA, and Ann says they try to get together every couple of years. Ann would love to hear from other Colby Junior friends! Former Page Hall/La Chauvière resident Demaris “Demi” King Neilson and her husband, Win, are enjoying retirement by spending the summer at their cottage in the Adirondacks. Their daughter, Whitney, is a junior at the U of Delaware and another daughter, Page, was married in Nov. of 2005. They have 3 grandchildren and are expecting 3 more before the end of the year! Demi says they travel frequently and that she plans to market 2 novels that Win has written. Keep us posted on those novels, Demi. I always love to read a good novel. Frances “Francie” King is still working as the campaign communications officer for the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston; they’re deep into their $500 million campaign and going strong. She says it’s nice to see that Boston’s philanthropic community isn’t nearly as parochial as it’s rumored to be, and that folks around there really do seem to love the arts! More power to you, Francie; keep up the good work! Her 2 daughters are gainfully employed and living nearby. Francie feels very blessed by their close proximity at this time, but recognizes it won’t last forever. Probably the most exciting news from Francie is that her daughters are helping her plan her early summer 2007 “very modest wedding” to a great guy and fellow 18th-century re-enactor! No, Francie, indeed you are never too old to dance in the moonlight! From West Milford, NJ, Allison Hosford-Knight reports that it was a rather rough and weird winter and spring for her. She had a miserable cold in last Feb., that knocked her down for a week, then on March 20th they started lambing and then she ended up in the hospital for surgery, which laid her up for 5 weeks! So, she worked like crazy in the gardens to try to make up for lost time (as all gardeners well know that’s an almost impossible task in the spring!). Then, at the end of June, after what seemed like weeks of rain, she fell down some slippery steps while coming out of the barn and broke her leg! Although it was a great setback, her friends helped with the weeding and harvesting. Those really are some dedicated friends, Allison. I hope your party to celebrate becoming mobile again will be a good one! After my last column wherein I reported Taydie Poor Drummond’s battle with breast cancer, Beth Holloran Bourguignon e-mailed that she, too, has been battling breast cancer. She indicated she’s doing well after plural surgeries—no chemo and no radiation. Her message to all, as I’m sure would be echoed by Taydie, is to “get those mammograms, support breast cancer research and continue to support those friends and family who are fighting the fight!” Most likely, most, if not all, of us in the class of ’67 have been touched in some way by this disease. Beth has joined a gym and says she honestly enjoys her time there! Thank goodness for those iPods, eh? She’s still working as a child care administrator and early childhood specialist. Now that Aug. is here, I’m sure she’s relaxing on Long Island, ME, in Casco Bay. (Although by the time you all get this, I believe it will be Dec. and Aug. will be but a fond memory!) Beth and her husband, Ty, still enjoy skiing at Attitash in NH, and they still live in the house in Needham, MA, which they bought when they got married way back in 1972! Beth’s 2 children, Amy and Greg, are both gainfully employed (hurrah again for gainful employment of children!), no weddings yet. Beth continues to visit her mother in her nursing home in Rockport, MA. So, other than that pesky disease—and I’m truly NOT trying to minimize it, Beth reports

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that she’s very happy, healthy and busy! Frolic Taylor is still passionate about singing. She’s living in Cazenovia, NY, about 20 miles southeast of Syracuse, and recently finished a 2-year renovation of a 14-room country estate Bed and Breakfast she inherited! She invited any and all Colby-Sawyer grads to come visit and have a horse and carriage ride across her 300 acres. Sounds great! Does that horse carriage become a horse sleigh in the winter, Frolic? In a very strange twist, I received an e-mail from “Johnny Jones,” who said he was a former student of Veda Kaufman Leved and wanted to contact her. Well, I forwarded his e-mail to Veda and she replied to me that this person had her confused with someone else because during the time he said she was teaching him at Southwood Junior High, Veda was trading on the floor of the Chicago Board Options Exchange. She found it amusing that there is another Veda Levin Kaufman! From Taydie Poor Drummond we have an update on her cancer and life in general. She’s spent the last year fighting stage III breast cancer and at this point feels she’s won! Throughout this time, she was logging “doggerel’s (rhyme)” to friends/family on her e-mail list to keep them apprised of her progress. At the request of many she compiled them all into a book, Tiptoe Thru the Chemo: Fighting Back With Attitude, Rhyme and Humor. The book was being printed about 2 weeks ago (mid-Aug.) and will be ready for distribution by the time this column goes to press. Taydie indicates the book has many beautiful nature photos inside. If you are interested in purchasing a copy of the book, please contact Taydie at adrummond@juno.com, and then send (399 Happy Jack Road, Cheyenne, WY 82009) a check ($14–$12 book, plus $2 shipping) made out to Taydie Drummond. Proceeds go to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Congrats, Taydie, on both the “win” and the book! In addition to all that news, Taydie reports that they have closed the B&B they had operated for the past 16 years; I’m sure that was a bittersweet decision. Taydie also said that she, her daughter-in-law, Jen, and her 4-year-old granddaughter, Hannah, all completed the Race for the Cure, and stayed in the right hand lane to avoid the crush of the serious racers. They all enjoyed the outing, were glad they participated, but don’t think that it’s something they’ll do again. Via postcards I also heard from some of our classmates. These are ladies to whom I sent the old fashioned fold over double post card; my info to them on one post card and they tear it off and send me their info on the other half. I believe I sent out roughly 50 of these sometime in early July. Sad to say, I only have received a reply 4 back in response. C’mon, ladies! The postage is already on them and they’re already addressed back to me! Just jot a few lines of news, tear it off and mail it back. How much easier could it be? Thank you very much to those of you who actually took the time to send me some news. It is truly appreciated! Jane Roshkind Kusel reports that she and her husband of 39 years are retired in Henderson, NV, after living in NY for 50-plus years. She said it was the best move they ever made. Her daughter, son-in-law and 2 grandchildren are living in LaJolla, CA, and her son, daughter-in-law and 2 more grandchildren are living in Boca Raton, FL. So, children/grandchildren are scattered from coast to coast for Jane! She and her husband travel, with world travel being their passion; she indicated they recently visited their last continent, which just so happened to be Antarctica! Jane says she and her husband live 2/3 of the year in NV and then travel the other 1/3 of the year, with golf, tennis, fitness and theater rounding out their retirement. Sounds like a dream retirement! Naturally, all of this is sprinkled with frequent grandchildren fixes. I may not know about traveling to other continents (haven’t hardly been out of the U.S.I.), but I do know about grandchildren fixes! Thanks, Jane. I also heard from my former freshman roommate, Deborah Cole Smith. Of course I remember you! Deborah reports that she’s an empty nester living in Portland, ME. Her son, Alexander, is a junior at Harvard. Deborah has been working for many years at an outpatient clinic for children. I also heard from another former Page Hall resident, Karen Kaiser Falcone, who reports that her son, Zachary, is enjoying life at Perkomen, a boarding school in Pennsburg, PA. Karen and her husband live in Mickleton, NJ and she doesn’t say how far away it is, but it must be somewhat close, because they’ve enjoyed Zachary’s transition to boarding school and also enjoy his lacrosse games. Karen stays busy playing a lot of golf and trying to regain her “A” status. The last postcard to arrive was from a classmate who lives within an hour from where I live! I didn’t realize there was someone that close in proximity. Dale Distin Barre reports that she and her 2nd husband, Randy, have lived in the Charleston, SC, area for nearly a year. She says she raised 2 sons in Colorado Springs, CO, and played a lot of tennis while working in the mutual fund industry in Denver. She then moved to Chattanooga, TN, where she married Randy. They moved to the Charleston area—actually Mt. Pleasant—just across the Cooper River from beautiful downtown Charleston, SC, because Randy is working with his son in residential construction. Dale loves to walk on the beach for exercise, and they find it truly beautiful in this area of SC! I’ll echo that statement, even though I live inland about 20 miles. As for little ol’ me, Sis Hagen Kinney, I am most happy to report that I have a full-time teaching position! As some of you may remember, I went back to school in 2000 and graduated in 2003 with my bachelor’s in elementary education. Well, it’s been an uphill battle ever since; I’ve just never been able to obtain my own teaching position. So, I fell back on being a substitute, often making that into being a “long-term” sub. I did try one stint at middle school as a 6th grade math and science teacher, but I went into the position in Jan., found it most stressful, and decided not to try that again. Following that I did some more long-term subbing and then found myself as a resource teacher as a long-term sub for the remainder of the school year, again in Jan. That went a lot better, but I wasn’t certified for resource so couldn’t continue. Back to subbing. Then, last Oct. I decided I’d had enough of subbing and went back to being a teacher’s aide, or paraprofessional, as the terminology is now, and decided to go back to school to become a teacher. So, I was in Kindergarten this past school year and I loved it. But, since I had actually gone back to school to get certified to teach, I continued to search for my own position. And, I found it! I am a 4th grade teacher at J.K. Gourdin (Elementary School in rural St. Stephen, SC. The 50-minute commute isn’t all that bad because the only other brand new teacher in the school happens to live about 2 miles from me! So, we carpool. It’s working out very nicely and I love teaching my 15 4th graders! We’re one of the only schools in the Berkeley County School District who met AYP this past year, so a few of my students are new to the school because they were at low-performing schools last year. I’m very grateful to have this position; my prayers were indeed answered! My husband, Bobby,
and I try to get up to the Raleigh, NC, area to visit with our granddaughter, who turned one in May. Oh, of course we also try to visit with all 3 of my sons, who also live in that area. Our daughter is a sophomore at Winthrop University, in Rock Hill, SC, just south of Charlotte, NC. We try to do some fun things when we have free time; our summer was mostly spent beside the pool just relaxing! We’re certainly enjoying our life in SC. So that’s all the news for now! If you would like to add your news to our column, please contact me. The addresses (e-mail and snail mail) are listed at the beginning of the column. Until next time, God Bless!

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At the end of our class news in the Spring-Summer 2006 edition of the Alumni Magazine, I asked you to share how the professors that you had at Colby-Sawyer had influenced you. Your responses on the subject are included below. I also e-mailed an older-than-dirt quiz to which every respondent scored in that category. I blame my aptitude on having 3 older sisters. Here are the memories and news updates that you forwarded. JoAnn Franke Overfield was a med tech student and shared her memories of a favorite CJC professor: “Becky Irving (who is still living in New London) was head of the Med. Tech program and also taught some of our clinical lab courses. She had good stories about her past work in labs. She was supportive and an advocate to get her students placed in good 4th year programs. She was personally a help to me. I have had a chance to talk to her in the not too distant past, which was nice. Also kudos to Barb McDonald and Reva Bailey for organizing a spring break ski trip to Switzerland my 3rd year. We went to Davos and Klosters. It was an amazing experience and the ski conditions were great considering it was spring skiing. Deb Field McGrath (current CSC athletic director) was also along on this trip.” Thanks, JoAnn, for sharing. My good friend, Kris Gladding Chwalk ’69, was also on the ski trip. Her pictures of the Alps were absolutely breathtaking. What a great experience you all were able to have. Sharon Fitzpatrick Merrill thanked me for the cute quiz and confessed, “I am truly older than dirt! Wonder what that makes my older brother? I have owned my own investor relations consulting firm, Sharon Merrill Associates, Inc., in Boston, for 21 years. We are a group of 15 finance and communications professionals who counsel CEOs and CFOs of public companies about taking their messages to investors on Wall Street. That’s my day job. For fun, I am still dancing, jazz and tap, after all these years. Our family is committed to skiing all winter, and I love that, too. I am involved with the children’s schools, and am on several other non-profit boards. My husband, John Marino, and I have 2 children, Mark, age 13, and Julia, age 14. Both are very athletic and compete on Loon Mountain’s freestyle ski team each winter. Julia placed as the National Halfpipe Champion in her age group last winter in a competition in Tahoe, CA. Mark faces tougher competition, because the sport attracts many more boys, but he is also a strong contender. Julia also plays club soccer and began her studies at Arlington Catholic High School in the fall. Mark plays soccer and is a second degree black belt in Kempo Karate. He is in the 8th grade. We just returned from 2 weeks in Italy and Croatia. One of our former babysitters had returned to her homeland (Croatia) to be married, and she invited Mark and Julia to be her attendants at her wedding. So, off we went! It was a wonderful experience for all of us. This summer, Mark and Julia caddied at a nearby golf course and learned the game. I hope they can teach me sometime. Up until now, my specialty has been miniature golf! John divides his time between teaching entrepreneurship at Harvard and Boston College, and helping people to start companies. He is also a hands-on angel investor for quite a few start ups. He has never been happier than in this phase of his life. And, the love of all of our lives is our 4-year-old Bichon Frise, Molly. I think she is my 3rd child.” Heidi Grey Niblack said, “I have enjoyed meeting a gal from the Colby-Sawyer Development Office named Allison Faccione, who has visited me in CT and in NYC. She’s a great ambassador for the college and it’s interesting to hear what’s going on at the campus. There have been changes, but many things are the same. In my opinion, teaching is the noblest of all professions. Teachers shape so many lives.” Heidi found it difficult to sum up the last 40 years in a “blurb.” Heidi has been in CT, where she met her husband, John, at Pfizer Corp., since 1973. John retired from Pfizer in 2002, and they now split their time between 3 places: Lyme, CT, in the summer, NYC in the fall, and Palm Beach in the winter. They have been married 29 years and traveled all over the world due to his position as head of research. Back in June they enjoyed a Windstar cruise from Athens to Istanbul. Heidi and John collect Chinese art, and over the summer John spent some time at Dartmouth College for a 10-day intensive course in intermediate Chinese. Anne Wadsworth Markle’s stepson, Andy, planned to be married on Sept. 8. Anne writes, “We are so happy about this, and it seems like a very compatible match! My work continues to expand with freelance graphics at Lapidary Journal, New Republic Bank, and the Dames in Philadelphia. I am also the new head of a singing group called the ‘Larks,’ who are part of the Junior League of Philadelphia. I’ll have this responsibility for 2 years and we’ll be singing at retirement homes, for the National Junior League organization at Merion Cricket Club, and down on the Chesapeake at Rock Hall for a weekend event with husbands. We go out into the Bay to sing in an open wooden boat and manage to find a few people on their docks who are willing to listen.” Anne’s son, Brint, was working in Santiago, Chile, as an intern and returned in July. He took time to travel to Machu Picchu, Peru and to Buenos Aires, Argentina. Anne’s 90-year-old mother is traveling the Adriatic Sea off the coast of Czechoslovakia. “Can we all look forward to that at 90?” she asks. Sounds marvelous, Anne; I bet the rest of your family got the traveling bug from your mom. Merritt "Merf" McWilliams Hogan wrote to say that she was busily preparing to host a ton of family coming up to AK for a 1st-time visit. She added, “Last summer I married my old high school sweetheart after living with him for 10 years (the last 8 in Juneau). I absolutely love my job as a gerontological nurse practitioner and clinical director at the Juneau Pioneers Home. I expect to retire in 2 years, but still work part time.” Merf spends
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Wow! If you have not yet signed up on the online alumni directory (www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends), please do. By using the blast e-mail function of the directory, I was able to collect the following news from the great class of 1969. Please send me your story to share! Emily “Bunny” Apthorp Goodwin is happily living in the Adirondack Mts. in northern NY. She still enjoys cross-country ski racing occasionally. She has been working part time for many years as a speech language pathologist, but returned to teaching French this past year. That, of course, meant a bike trip in France to brush up on her accent! During the winter, Bunny can be found cheering on her kids at cross-country ski races in New England. This summer her children feld the nest: one to China and one to AK. Bunny urges classmates to visit her in the Adirondacks for hiking, swimming, biking, or paddling.

Susan “Sue” Baroni Hilbert wrote from Eagles Mere, PA, where her family has a summer house. At the time of her writing she was enjoying some time off from work for some medical tests and treatments. She continues to work in the consulting division for Computer Science Corporation. Her husband, Steve, is still a math professor at Ithaca College. Their son, Matt, recently graduated from the Simon School at the University of Rochester with a MBA. He is working in Fairport, NY. Their son, Mike, is living in West Chester, PA, and works as a teacher at Open Connections. Sue would love to have anyone in the Eagles Mere, PA, or Ithaca, NY, area stop by and say hi.

Janet Lennon Doe has had her own businesses in the wellness industry for the last 35 years (except for a 10-year break for marriage and 2 wonderful sons.) She is a wellness educator and teaches healthier lifestyle steps. Her son Jason graduated last year from USC with a finance degree and now lives and works in Manhattan Beach, CA. Ryan is on his way to West GA College, closer to home. Janet writes, “I am also a rep for a company that has figured out how to put fruits and vegetables in capsule form, a nutraceutical called Juice Plus. I have clients all over the world now and am planning trips to meet them and teach them. In the summer of 1969, I went to Africa with the group from CJC and it still ranks up there with my most treasured experiences. I would like to contact Jane Hallowell Stepton, so if you are reading this, Jane, e-mail or give me a call!” Mary Louise Eite says she will have some amazing things to share within the next year, but nothing right now. She says, “Life is going my way and good things are ahead. One is reestablising a residence on

her winters back in Philadelphia/NJ, but summers in AK where the temps are better! Her daughter, Wesley, age 36, just remarried a great fellow professor from VSU. She has 2 wonderful kids, Shamus, II, and Chloe, 7, who are the lights of Merf’s life along with her other daughter, Samantha’s, 2 children, Charlotte, 3, and John, 1. Merf wrote, “We had a wonderful English teacher and I’m not sure I remember her name, but I think it was Ms. Crosby? Does that name ring a bell with you? I sure would love to find out how my old buddies Ann Tuckerman Hall, Kate Ford Conrad and Aline Feinstein Shapiro are doing. I’m afraid I lost touch; but now with the computer age, I sure would like to reconnect. I am hoping to make the next Reunion as at that time I expect to be living back on the east coast!” If you know how to reach Ann, Kate, or Jeanie, please give a holler. I’d love to meet them and teach them. In March to CSC when I attended the President’s Alumni Advisory Council meeting. It was fun to see a few familiar faces, too. But it did seem strange to see so many young men around campus!” Pamela Hersey ’69 MT aka PR Hersey, reports that Company Men, the last in the Takedown trilogy, is now in print. Books are available under PR Hersey at amazon.com or booksurge.com. Peaks Island, ME, is where the book series takes place. It’s also Pam’s home and was the site of a mini-reunion last April with Pam Herd MacKellar and Nancy Charlton-Venezia. They had such a good time they plan to make it an annual meeting. Do you remember Jannie Sawyer ’67? Lynn Macdonald Bishop went to her daughter Doris’ wedding in Kennebunkport, ME, in June. Lynn reported that several CJcers were in attendance, but all in the class ahead of us. On July 8, Lynn’s daughter, Katie, was married. The wedding was awesome, including weather. Lynn said, “Katie wanted a home reception, so we just held our breaths and everything went perfectly...well, almost everything! I really do love reading about old CJC classmates.” Thanks, Lynn, for your gentle nudge to remind class members to provide their news for the next publication. Send your information to me via e-mail, US mail or call me. Last but not least is my update. I had a busy summer. I taught summer school in July. Our field trips included seeing productions of “Little Red Riding Hood” and “Cinderella” at a local theatre. My down time was spent on Cape Cod with my family, going to a small family reunion on Mt. Desert Island in ME, and getting together with former colleagues. Now it’s time to start my 3rd year as a teacher of English language learners. I’m moving from 3rd grade to 2nd, and I am looking forward to the change. Stay in touch.

Hilary Neville Briles ‘69, where are you?” Carla Newberth Buc had a busy summer with wonderful beach time and National DAR meeting. She is a national vice chairman and her daughter, Catherine, was CT State DAR’s outstanding younger member, age 18 to 35. Carla is also a quilt historian, appraiser, lecturer and maker. She continues to run her own insurance agency in West Hartford, CT. Her husband, Richard, has worked as a computer engineer for the last 30 years at Hamilton Sunstrand-UTC and is now working with Airbus on the new giant airplane. Their daughter, Catherine, is a Ph.D student in biochemistry at Dartmouth and is starting her 5th year there. Carla writes, “I did have a wonderful visit in March to CSC when I attended the President’s Alumni Advisory Council meeting. It was fun to see a few familiar faces, too. But it did seem strange to see so many young men around campus!”
Venezia and her roomy, Sunshine with spent a beautiful week and friend time. Seasons, as well as have family trips to see them. I still need to tion and I try to make regular kee houses with work and friends. Marni writes, “We’ve become their vacation destination and I try to make regular trips to see them. I still need to see and feel the changes in the seasons, as well as have family and friend time.” Anne Laverack Gallivan spent a beautiful week over the summer on Vinalhaven in ME, having shared a house with Barbara Baum Freethy, Marjorie Berger and their various travel companions. They’ve managed to stay well-connected over the years, as this is an almost annual summer ritual for them. Anne and her husband also enjoyed a visit to Bend, OR, in June. They joined their 2 oldest sons, Andrew and Matt, in visiting the youngest son, Tim, out there. Great hiking, rafting, and caving sweetened the family get-together. Anne’s husband, Tom, is still practicing dentistry, but enjoys entrepreneurial work as a software developer as well. That work offers rewarding global connections, particularly to New Zealand, where they hope to visit soon. Anne returned to her 18th year in the library of their local school this year. She loves the kids, the books, and the collegial work of teaching. Pam Hersey recently enjoyed a mini-reunion with her college roommate, Pam Herd MacKellar, and their dear friend, Pam Prescott King ’68, and her roomy, Nancy Charlton-Venezia. They had a ball during their April get-together and are planning to make it an annual thing. Pam Herd MacKellar now lives in NM and Nancy is living with her veterinarian husband on Cape Cod. Pam Prescott King ’68 lives up the coast with her husband, Bruce, in Boothbay Harbor, ME. Pam Hersey’s Takedown trilogy is now complete. She says, “Company Men is a romantic adventure and murder mystery set mainly in New England. Portland and Casco Bay Islands play a central part in the location’s setting. The insurance industry is pitted against the medical profession and the legislation governing medicine and insurance. My next book, The Dangling Wire, is a romantic adventure and I hope to have it out by the 2006 holiday season. Classmates or anyone interested can order books 2 and 3 at amazon.com or BookSurge.com.” Jane Hyde Williams and Craig live most of the year in Menlo Park, CA, where she is CEO of Sand Hill Advisors, a wealth management firm, which she launched with a partner in 1982. She writes, “We sold our company to Boston Private Wealth Management Group in 2000, yet continue to run it as we did for the preceding 18 years. Through Boston Private I have gotten to know one of Colby Sawyer’s board members and biggest boosters, Dick Thielen. I know he is an asset to the school! One of my greatest joys these days is as a board member for Peninsula Community Foundation, and now its successor, Silicon Valley Community Foundation, as we are merging our 2 local foundations to become one of the top 5 in the nation. As I write, I am in our new home on the coast of ME. I’ve come here to ME all my life to the family home, now next door to mine. It’s great being close to family yet independent. Craig left his last job a couple of years ago to manage the building process; it was a real challenge from across the country and it remains his personal baby. We have had our 2 boys here for about 2 weeks. Hunter is 22, going into his final year of engineering school at UC, Santa Barbara, which has provided him a great education and a batch of great friends, a wonderful experience all around. Chris, 19, will be a sophomore at College of Charleston, planning to study economics and business. Both boys are sailors, and competing on the college level has been a meaningful part of their college experiences! Chris’s team won nationals this spring!” Jan MacLean Weir lives in western NY, in East Aurora, which is about a half hour south of Buffalo, where she used to be. Dan is rector of the Episcopal parish, St. Matthias. Their daughter, Meghan, graduated from med school, moved to Boston, got married in Buffalo, honeymooned in Belize, and started her residency at Boston Children’s Hospital in one month’s time. Phew! Jan’s son, Matt, is in law school in Queens. He loves the Big Apple and was recently engaged to his ladylove. Jan writes, “I continue to work as a school social worker with behavior disordered high school students, which keep me out of trouble while I’m trying to keep them out of trouble. I keep in occasional touch with Connie Shields Hayman and Maddy Franklin Hadley, roommates back in the day. Anyone living out this way? If we can ever afford to retire, I expect we’ll be heading back to New England.” Roberta Maxfield made her annual pilgrimage to NH over the summer and caught up with Jane Cobb. She was in Kennebunkport visiting her Mom and stopped in for the day. Her oldest daughter is working in Virginia Beach and her younger daughter is a junior George Washington. During their trip to NH, Roberta and Jim celebrated his mother’s 90th birthday with the family. Roberta’s son, who lives in Nashua, NH, is a director for Fidelity Investments. Roberta’s daughter and her husband live in Bradenton, FL, and she is the customer service coordinator for De-Morgan Homes in Palmetto. Margo McVinney Marvin reports that all is well for her and her husband, Dave. Their 2 sons are happily married, and they have 4 beautiful grandchildren, 2 in TX and 2 recently moved from AZ to VT. Dave and Margo sold their seasonal camp and just bought a house further north on Lake Champlain in VT, where they spend as much time as possible. Margo is currently superintendent of schools in Putnam, CT. She has great memories of her years at CJC and Colby dorm. She especially enjoyed Mountain Day and skiing between classes. She hopes we’ll all be able to get together for our 40th Reunion. Elizabeth “Liz” Mulligan Jaques says she doesn’t have much to report from Keene Valley. She is still teaching elementary music in the afternoons at Elizabethtown and one morning a week for special ed students. The other 3 mornings she works as secretary at her church. Larry continues to work at a local construction company. Both of Liz’s daughters are now married, and she enjoys her 2 grandsons. Liz runs into Katherine “Bunny” Baxter Torrance ’67, Emily “Bunny” Aphtror Goodwin and Darsie Putnam Townsend often. Viola Pica Bernard’s son, Shane, is now 30 years old and Viola can’t believe it. Shane is managing the family’s retail store—The Common Grounds Café—which they’ve run since 1985. Their daughter, Lindsey, is now 27. She graduated from Columbia University in NY with a master’s in Russian and European studies. She began studying Russian in high school at Philips Andover Academy. She is living and working in NYC! Viola and her husband, Wayne, spend their winters in Punta Gorda, FL, where they have a condo on a canal at Charlotte Harbor. Wayne loves boating. She writes, “We are avid golfers; however, I haven’t golfed much since my breast cancer surgery last year. I am doing well and have only one more herceptin treatment. We got together with Catherine Weisner ’70, Andrea Denison Kroll and Nancy Gill Richardson. Had a
Elizabeth Early Sheehan ’70

They say that organization is the key to success, and perhaps no one knows this better than Elizabeth Early Sheehan ’70. She is the owner of Organizational Solutions, a New Hampshire-based consulting practice that provides practical, time-saving and cost-effective solutions to organizing challenges. Elizabeth’s customized techniques and training assist her clients in changing their behaviors, dramatically boosting their productivity, and meeting their goals while better managing their time, tasks and mountains of paper.

In April, Elizabeth was named the U.S. Small Business Administration New Hampshire 2006 Women in Business Champion of the Year. The award was given to her for her dedication to the business community, as well as for her special efforts to promote and enhance entrepreneurial opportunities for small-business women. “Receiving the award was a humbling experience, and throughout all of the excitement, I realized that my efforts are making a difference,” shares Elizabeth.

Elizabeth’s experience began in the corporate world, where her background was in customer service and information technology, which included instructional design, training and support. When she decided to leave that world, she honed in on what she really loved to do best. “I knew I could teach small business owners a more organized approach to business that would help them to improve the way they operated, help them grow their business, make money, and have fun all at the same time,” she says. Organizational Solutions was “born” in the fall of 1997 in Mass., and within two months Elizabeth and her business relocated to New Hampshire. With a new business in a new community, she turned to the New Hampshire Women’s Business Center (WBC) for assistance. The WBC is a non-profit organization that supports entrepreneurial women as they start and grow their businesses. The center provides educational programming, training, networking and mentorship. Grateful for the support offered her, Elizabeth remains heavily involved with the WBC and serves on their board of directors.

Elizabeth added another service to her “tool kit” for assisting her clients when, in 1999, she became a certified hypnotherapist. It seemed a logical move for her. “My services were teaching my clients new ways to conduct their businesses in a more organized manner, and, with hypnosis, I could help them eliminate the bad habits that got them disorganized in the first place,” she explains. Recently, Elizabeth and her husband, Dr. John Sheehan, opened their hypnotherapy practice in Deering, N.H.

To learn more about Elizabeth and Organizational Solutions, visit www.eesheehan.com.

— Tracey Austin

great time with them in FL. We keep in touch quite often.”

Torrey Smith Joy’s husband, David, celebrated his 65th birthday last Jan. No plans to retire yet, though. He owns his own firm with his college roommate, Joy & Hamilton Architects in Sanford, ME, and they’re as busy as ever. Torrey writes, “Our children are in the process of moving from CA back to ME to look for work and a simpler lifestyle out of the fast lane. They both took advantage of the educational opportunities there. Tim, 28, is on a trip in South East Asia with his cousin and will return sometime this fall. He’s in the music and movie making business. He’s already set up a studio and will probably freelance for work to get started. Nick, 26, is a mechanical engineer and would like to work as an inventor but may look for a ‘real job’ and do some inventing on the side. I am still teaching in our local jr. high school, which keeps me forever young, at least I hope so. I have the luxury of teaching without a curriculum in the gifted and talented enrichment program, which is so rewarding. I also head up our Odyssey of the Mind program for our district. We came home from Boulder, CO, last year with one of our teams as world champions!”

Gale Sparrow let us know that she meets up with 2 others from the class of ’69, who live near the Philadelphia area, once a month for a “college girls lunch.” The attendees are Maureen “Mo” Collins, Christine “Chris” MacDade Haney and Gale. Gale is retired, but worked at CBS Records for 5 years, and then went to MTV before they launched. She stayed in the business for another 8 years and then moved to the country and opened an antique store. She did that for 10 years and then decided to retire. She still dabbles in the business, but enjoys not having to sit in the shop waiting for clients. When she submitted her news she was off to NYC for a 25th anniversary party with the old MTV group. Julia Stoddart Strimenos has been living in CO for 8 years. Her older son, Orion, graduated from Colorado School of Mines last Dec. with a degree in mechanical engineering. He’s now a 2nd lieutenant in the army and is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. Her younger son, Ford, is a sophomore at Colorado State and is majoring in biology. Julia’s husband, Mike, has been working in Saudi Arabia for the past 2 years. They have been going back and forth and meeting in between. They hope he’ll be back for good this Dec.
when their daddy is out to sea. I still am spending summers in NH and ME. This summer I got in touch with Torrey Smith Joy, and while we never actually got together for dinner, we had an amazing run of e-mails for a month trying to do so! Don’t forget to send me your news for the next column!

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I’m enjoying my real estate career very much after being a medical secretary (trained on the New London hill, of course) for what seems a lifetime! People are still buying 2nd homes on the Cape, which remains a very beautiful and affordable place to live. So, if I can help anyone realize their dream of a little piece of Cape Cod, please call me. I’d love to reconnect with you all! Meanwhile, I’ll be heading to France/Switzerland to visit my daughter who is doing a semester in the French Alps and will graduate from UVM in the spring. We’ll be reconnect with you all! Mean-

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Jane Taylor Gallant ’71 (left) and her husband, Michael (center), recently visited their daughter, Deborah Anderson Gallant ’01, in Scotland, where Deborah is a doctoral candidate at the University of St. Andrews.

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Reunion

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I want to thank everyone who responded so kindly and quickly to my e-mail for an update on lives. I think I got a lot of sympathy responses when I mentioned that I was in my 25th or 26th year as class correspondent. Doesn’t it all make this column so much more interesting? I think so, too! Nancy Gillen Kunis wrote that she has lived in Atlanta for 13 years. She and her husband are empty nesters now that their daughter has graduated

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Deborah Anderson Gallant ’01 just retired after 32 years teaching in the Laconia, NH, school district. In Sept. she and her husband visited their daughter, Deborah Anderson Gallant ’01 in Scotland, where she is a doctoral candidate at the University of St. Andrews. They spent a week traveling in Scotland and another in London. Jennie Kroll Hollister writes that her daughter, Grace, was married on June 17, 2006. Randolyn Zinn McCullough lives in Brooklyn, NY, with her husband, Allen, an actor, and their son, Angus, who is a freshman at Wesleyan University. After a long career in the theatre, Randolyn turned to writing literary fiction and is now publishing regularly in journals such as Carve, Best of Carve, Maisonneuve, Rhpsoildia and Vox. One of her stories was nominated for a Pushcart Prize, and the first part of her novel-in-progress won the New School Fiction Competition (from where she earned an MFA in creative writing). This spring Randolyn will travel to Spain to continue work on a collection of prose poems entitled Meson Flamenco from a generous grant from the Jerome Foundation. She teaches literature and writing at Pace University. After 28 years in Bedford, NH, Ellie Goodwin Cochran and family are moving back to Manchester. She writes, “When my parents moved to assisted living, we took the opportunity to buy their house and start to downsize, or at least get onto one level! Our daughter is still living with us and working at a local hospital. Our son graduated from college in 2005 and landed his dream job at ESPN. We all know that when our kids are happy so are we! I have enjoyed coming to the college to attend the alumni meetings and encourage everyone to stop by when they get a chance. The campus looks great and the college has impressive leadership.” On a sadder note, Susan Moe-Raposo sent in a remembrance of Ann Simard Flanagan, who passed away Dec. 9, 2005. Sue writes, “Anne was full of spirit, always had a smile on her face and loved Colby and the years she spent there. Her family was particularly important to her. She had 2 daughters, 1 of whom went to Colby Sawyer for a year, and a wonderful husband, Bill. She loved animals, nature, and life in general. She will truly be missed by her family and friends.” That’s the report on the class of ’71. Send me your news, vacations, pictures or otherwise for the next column, please!

Please see In Fond Memory
from University of Georgia and is working for Apollo MD. It seems her daughter does a bit of acting on the side and has been an extra in a number of Jeff Foxworthy shows and in the upcoming Matthew McConaughey movie, “We Are Marshall.” Nancy’s time now is spent training their year-old lab puppy. Nancy has kept in touch with Patty Brown Kinnunen, Carlyle Claypool Conrad and would love to find Joanne Hill Munyon, who was last known to be living in Charleston, SC. So, if anyone has been in touch with Joanne let us know! Jeanette Moyer Gilbert and husband, after 19 years in southern CA, moved to Snowmass, CO in 2003. There they are “bums” enjoying skiing and hiking, being involved with Habitat for Humanity and getting some “kid time” working at a daycare at Snowmass Mt. One daughter lives in San Francisco and works in sales for USA Today; another lives in Denver and teaches middle schoolers. Jeanette would love to hear from alums from Shepard! Tobi Olson Nelson lives in Manzanita, OR, where she is a counselor in private practice, a columnist for the local paper and also works in a clothing store. Her daughter, Emily, is 17 and her son is 15. This fall Tobi went on a People to People tour with 49 other counselors to South Africa. Sounds very exciting! Brooke de Lench spent the last 3 years researching and writing her book, Home Team Advantage: The Critical Role of Mothers in Youth Sports. It is a serious work about how mothers can help prevent abuse, catastrophic injuries, out of control parents and coaches, and reform the crazy culture of youth sports. Brooke is going to be on a year-long speaking/book tour and would love to see her old Colby pals along the way. She could possibly add talks to PTAs, sports groups or nursing associations. Her travel schedule was posted on MomsTeam.com as of Aug. 2006 and her e-mail is delench@momssteam.com. Two of Brooke’s triplet sons have graduated from college and the 3rd will graduate in 2007. Lindsey Stewart’s youngest child planned to attend Denver University this fall, while her daughter returned to Whitman College. Plans to move to Gainesville, FL are on hold for now. Gail Rogers Sudduth writes that she has just finished her 1st year as principal of Sanborn Regional High School in Kingston, NH, after working as a counselor and school psychologist at the school for the past 14 years. Her son was married in June and started medical school at Tufts in Aug. Gail’s husband is a physician at Exeter Hospital in Exeter, NH. Diane Hallock Robbins has been working in the fund-raising arena at Wheaton College for about 4 years. She is in the New London area frequently as they have a home in Sunapee. Diane sees Sarah “Sally” Elliott and Liz Weightman Manning quite often. Diane’s oldest daugh- ter was married a year ago and her son majors in environmental science at Wheaton. Another daughter lives in Newport, RI, and manages racing boats; it seems she owns one that just won the Newport to Bermuda race. Diane hopes to retire to Sunapee in a few years. Sounds good to me! Ann Cowperthwaite Parker has lived in Raleigh, NC for nearly 15 years. She remarried in 2001 and now has 2 stepdaughters to go with her 2 children, Will and Maria. Will is a jazz musician based in Atlanta and Maria, who also lives there, attends college. Ann and her husband, Mike, own a design/manufacture company. They recently built a new home, doing much of the work themselves! Barbara Hartson Tricarichi has 2 sons, a senior at Ohio U., majoring in business and a senior in high school. Barb has lived in Las Vegas for several years and is very active in the community. She has a spare bedroom if any Colby friends are planning a trip there! My news is brief: my daughter started at Syracuse University in the fall. She is planning a career in theatre stage management, and Syracuse has a wonderful program. My son, a rising senior at the University of Richmond, is an ROTC cadet who plans on a career in the Army. This summer he went to a leadership training program for ROTC cadets, seemed to enjoy it, and looks forward to his commissioning next spring. So, that is the latest on the Class of 1972! Isn’t it great to hear some news from classmates you haven’t heard from for years? Please sign up at the online directory at www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni- friends and give us your e-mail address. I know more of you have them! Hopefully we will be hearing from you before long!

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Hi, everyone! I hope you are all well. It was nice to hear from Susan Ryan Goodspeed. I think your last name is an anagram, Susan, as you are a marathon runner! Susan ran a marathon (26 miles and 285 yards) in Sarasota on her 53rd birthday! She was hoping to qualify for the prestigious Boston Marathon for the 6th time! Her daughter Caitlin is a junior at Elon University in NC, son Hiller just graduated from high school and attends Flagler College in St. Augustine, FL, and youngest daughter Meagan is in 9th grade. Susan teaches mentally handicapped students at her local high school in Orlando. If you want to run with Susan, you can reach her at goodps@ocps.net. Good luck keeping up! Pamela Newton Newkirk still lives in sunny San Diego, and just celebrated 30 years of marriage with Ben on the island of Kauai. Pam is a bank manager for Union Bank of California. Their daughter, Christine, is 25 and working on a Ph.D. in anthropology at UConn. Their son, Jesse, is 22 and just graduated from Pomona College last May, majoring in music. Jeannie, Reb and Janet—what are you guys up to? You can reach Pam at Newkirkbnkr@cox.net. Let me know too, okay?

Christine Gram Croarkin lives in New Canaan, CT, with her husband, Richard. Their son, Christopher, is a junior at Ursinus College in PA, majoring in economics. Their daughter, Jenna-Louise, a senior in high school, is in the middle of the college application process with her heart set on art school. She recently won a Gold Key Award from the Connecticut Scholastic Art Award Association, so you know she has talent! Diane Laferrerie Plante moved to Tucson in 2004. Another escapee from the cold northeast! Diane works as a senior systems analyst at Tucson Medical Center Hospital. She loves the warm and sunny southwest and all the outdoor activities available in beautiful AZ. You can reach her at dianemarkaz@msn.com. Elise Michaud Gleason has been living in Marblehead, MA, but may be moving. Elise will you please e-mail me an update? The youngest of her 3 children graduated from University of Vermont last May with the intent to pursue law. Her middle child, Andrea, also graduated from UVM and now works in Boston. Her oldest, J.P., graduated from Purdue, and has served in the Army. Elise keeps in touch with Bonnie Griffin, Alexandra “Sandy” Cummings Sullivan and Betsy Monaghan Heitz ’72, her Abbey buddies. I’d love to hear from you 3, too. That’s all for now. Thanks for sending me your news—it’s what keeps this column in business.

1974

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Hi, everybody. This is a very newsy entry, as I’ve heard from many of the people I “blast” e-mailed recently. I urge you to keep in the loop, too, by adding your information, including e-mail address, to the Colby Sawyer directory at http://www.netdirectories.com/~csc/login.cgi. Holly Hurd D’Mauro and her husband, Frank, recently sold their house in Newport, RI, and bought a

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www.colby-sawyer.edu
Home Team Advantage: The Critical Role of Mothers in Youth Sports

All you have to do is open the newspaper or turn on the evening news and it quickly becomes evident that the culture of youth sports today is in crisis. Brooke de Lench ’72, founder and editor-in-chief of MomsTeam.com, argues that the youth sports culture has become adult-centered, as opposed to child-centered. The results of this crisis are profound: injuries and even deaths are on the rise; more and more programs are becoming elitist and exclusionary; aggression on and off the field between children, parents and coaches is increasingly problematic; and adults and children alike are playing with a “win at all costs” attitude.

In her newly released book, Home Team Advantage: The Critical Role of Mothers in Youth Sports, Brooke hopes to empower women, particularly mothers, to take a more active role in youth sports programs. Mothers have long been the guardians of children at play, making sure they were safe and happy. In today’s culture, the words “fun,” “game” and “play” are often forgotten, and Brooke argues that in order to find a solution, mothers need to be restored to their natural role of guardian.

To think about the current roles of mothers in youth sports conjures up the label “soccer mom.” There are myriad ways for mothers to be involved, which don’t have to revolve around chauffeuring the mini-van and providing snacks. “I believe that it is time to challenge the status quo in a new and different way,” explains Brooke. “If women, particularly mothers, were allowed to come down from the bleachers and out from behind the concession counters and into coaches’ boxes and onto the boards of directors in far greater numbers, we would see a shift in the culture and current crisis of American youth sports.”

The mother of triplet sons, Brooke is a seasoned sports mother, and through her experience and research she offers practical advice on everything from registering children for sports to handling bad coaching predicaments and finding the balance between sports and family.

The underlying message: moms can make sports safer, saner, less stressful and more inclusive. Brooke says, “If more mothers become coaches and administrators, they can dramatically improve the culture of youth sports, inspiring coaches, parents, athletic directors, school boards, and local and national youth sports organizations to do more to keep children safe, to balance competition with cooperation, and to think of sports not just as a place to showcase the gifted and talented. It will be a place where all children can begin a love affair with sports and physical exercise to last a lifetime, instead of having it end, as is too often the case, in early adolescence.”

Keep informed by checking www.MomsTeam.com or www.brookedelench.com

—TRACEY AUSTIN
said goodbye to their Ukrainian exchange student after an 11-
month stay. Leslie misses seeing news about the Colgate Hall
gang, so let’s go, Colgate, write in! Stephanie Sheridan ’76 is in
VA, working as president and general manager for a non-profit
organization. She is eager to locate Susie Cook Kinsellagh
and Patty Crowell. Emilie “Pete” Daniel is still living in
Panama, in the town of Arraijan. She spent 20 years working for
the Panama Canal Commission as a supervisory legal technician
and executive secretary to the general counsel, before the canal
was turned over to Panama on Dec. 31, 1999. She stayed on in
Panama to work for a friend’s company as an English-speaking
tour guide on cruise ships, a job she loves. Emilie spent several
months in VT this year, visiting her dad and sister, while working
as a tour guide at the Porter Music Box Museum. She is cur-
tently single and loving life in Panama, living with her cat and
6 dogs in a house on a hill with nice breezes and a view. Ann
Woodd-Cahusac Neary earned her master’s in education over
the summer and recently began her 2nd year teaching English at
DeWitt Clinton High School in the Bronx, NY. She says the 1st
year went really well, though juggling a demanding new career,
grad school and family has been a struggle! Stepdaughter Devon is
to NYU film school, joining her older brother at that university,
while stepdaughter Caitlin loves her job as a hairdresser in a
great salon. Daughter Emily is in 10th grade and the twins began
5th grade this fall. Husband Matt
is as busy as ever with his peri-
odontal practice in New York,
but they did have time to go to his 30th Dartmouth reunion over
the summer. She’s wondering
what Alicia Waldron Deutz is
up to these days. Alicia, you
know where to find us! Phew!
That’s all for now. Keep those
e-mails and letters coming!

1975

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Cheers to the Class of ’75. As I
write this, autumn is upon us
and the New London foliage is
glorious! This time of year is so
nostalgic for me, and putting this
column together has brought
back many memories of 1973! I
had the wonderful opportunity
to attend this year’s Convocation
at Colby-Sawyer, where my
daughter, Emily, has transferred.
Chair of the Board of Trustees
Anne Winton Black delivered a
great welcome that was insightful
and poignant. And just so you all
know, she doesn’t look any older
than she did while a student at
Colby-Sawyer! Please feel free
to send me news anytime through-
out the year. This is a great
opportunity for me to reconnect
with all of you as well as with
Colby-Sawyer. I never thought
in a million years that my life
would come full circle and I
would actually be living in New
London! It’s a sweet place to be
at this point in my life. Laurie
Ferguson still lives in Andover,
working as the executive director
of New Hampshire Made, which
promotes NH-made products,
foods and services. Visit
www.nhmade.com and check it
out! Her oldest son, Buckman, is
a senior at Proctor Academy and
younger son, Canon, is in 8th
grade at the local school. She is
still engaged, but not married, to
Allen Koop, still works from
home, and still has too many
things to do in one day! Paulette
Guay Stelmach can’t believe she
has been an alum for 30 years
already. She recently changed
jobs and is now with Quest
Diagnostics as a hospital account
executive for CT, Western MA
and RI. She and her husband,
Stan, are now empty nesters.
Their youngest, Suzanne, is a
freshman at Salve Regina
University in Newport, RI, major-
ing in Criminal Justice, while
their son, Thomas, is a senior
at Tulane University in New
Orleans, completing a finance/
marketing major. Paulette and
Stan have been in Glastonbury,
CT, for 18 years. They moved to
a larger home almost 3 years ago
to accommodate her parents,
who live 8 months in FL and in
CT during the summer months.
Paulette writes that she and Stan
look forward to their new found
freedom and hope to travel
more. Michelle “Shelley” Baird
Mathias ’73 lives in Lyndonville,
VT, where she teaches marketing
and accounting to high school
students, while pursing a doctor-
ate in educational policy and
leadership at UVM. She has 4
children who are all out of the
house, her youngest going off to
school this fall. She says the
house is awfully quiet. She has
taken up ice hockey and plays
goalie, although she is recovering
from surgery and is taking
the fall off (“Okay, so maybe
playing hockey DOES have its
risks but it’s really fun!”) Anyone
interested in contacting her can
e-mail mathias37@charter.net.
Caryl Diengott would love to
catch up with all her friends, and
especially hopes to hear from

Arden Avedisian and Amy
Schimelbenyg. After graduating
from Colby, Caryl received a B.S.
in sociology/social work from
Suffolk University, then lived in
NY for about 10 years, working
as a social worker. In 1988 she
moved back to Boston, complet-
er her MSW at Boston College,
and married her husband, Evan.
They currently live in Billerica,
MA. Caryl is keeping very busy.
She is a social worker with a
home care company; facilitates
support groups for Huntington’s
disease clients, caregivers and
persons-at-risk; is a hospice vol-
unteer; and is starting her own
business running support groups
for caregivers of the chronically
ill. She also does public speaking
on topics such as caregiver stress
and termination from dialysis.
She and Evan have traveled
tensively and enjoy spending
weekends at her mom’s summer
house on the South Shore. Caryl
is keen to hear from other alums
and would love to host a gathering
in her neck of the woods. Anne Winton Black writes that
her son, Rod, is between jobs and
has moved home with his huge
German shepherd, Kaiser, while
he explores a new career oppor-
tunity. He’s especially interested
in military service and intelli-
gence work. Her daughter,
Windy, spent the summer in MA
working as a nanny for 4 differ-
ent families and is now in her
senior year at Bates. Although a
political science major, she is also
focused on education, and hopes
to find employment as an ele-
mentary or high school teacher
at a private school in the Boston
area following her wedding in
June 2007. Anne was reelected as
chairman of the board of Colby-
Sawyer and thoroughly enjoys
those responsibilities. She has
traveled the country on behalf of
the college and looks forward
to the same in the coming year,
when she will be introduc-
ing our new president, Tom
Galligan, to many different
constituents. She was also elected
a trustee of the Cobb School,
Montessori in Simsbury, a board
she previously served on and of
which she was president. Her
husband, Rick, is president of
TDBanknorth Insurance Group
in MA, a job he continues to find
very interesting. He is also presi-
dent of the neighborhood
owner’s association. Carolyn Van
Vleck lives in New Haven, VT,
and works at a Job Corps teach-
insigning disadvantaged youths.
Previously, she taught at a school
for teenagers with dyslexia. She
still stays in touch with Gail
Gorton Bowman, who is a happy
mom living in Londonderry, VT.
Carolyn writes that Ellen
Wallace teaches special educa-
tion in Western MA, and Sarah
Munford has a flower shop in
Norfolk, VA. Thanks, Carolyn, for
all the news! (Carolyn and I went
to high school together!) Again,
e-mail your news to me at
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Carla Pearson Marshall reports that their older daughter, Katelyn McCormick, 25, planned to be married Sept. 30 to the perfect guy for her, Kolt Cook from Danbury, NH. Plans included a small affair for 350 guests, most of whom were the groom’s relatives. After almost 17 years of working in the Maryland Attorney General’s Office, Dawna Cobb left to become the dean of students at the University of Maryland School of Law. She is very excited about the opportunity and looks forward to new challenges and less stress. Dawna was a litigator in the AGs office, which she found to be fun, but a ton of work, including weekends, early mornings, etc. Last summer Dawnas family spent a week at Twin Lake Village on Little Lake Sunapee. While out for a run one day, she toured the Colby-Sawyer campus, which, she reports, looks terrific. “New London has lots of new shops and places to eat. We climbed Kearsarge and had a picnic in the same area where we hung out on Mountain Day,” shared Dawnas Elaine Young Towe and her husband, Terry, are still living in Chester, NH, in a house that they built many years ago. Terry recently retired from civil service as a technician with the NH Air National Guard. He continues to do project work for the Guard, but on his own schedule. Elaine says, “Terry has dreams of having another Corvette (some of the Colgate girls will remember his Vette from our time at Colby-Sawyer), but we need to get our kids through college first!” Their daughter, Kelsey, is living in Quincy, MA, and is in her 2nd year of grad school at Boston College, where she is pursuing a master’s degree in English literature. She plans to teach high school for a couple of years while she decides whether or not she wants to pursue a Ph.D. for a career as an English professor. Their son, Jim, is living at home and attends the NH Technical Institute in Concord. He has faced some serious health issues over the last couple of years so will remain at home for awhile. Elaine spent over 25 years managing a large medical oncology practice in the Manchester/Concord area. Two years ago she decided it was time for a change, and she’s now working for a small healthcare consulting company based in Fort Worth, TX. It is truly a virtual company, with Elaine in NH, her partners in FL and NY, and their support staff in TX. Their work is focused on oncology and they work with physicians, hospitals, professional organizations and the pharmaceutical industry. When she’s not on the road, Elaine enjoys being able to do her work from home. She writes, “It’s such a delight to be able to sit out on the porch with my tea in the morning and enjoy the surroundings instead of racing to get to work on time.” Elaine recently received an e-mail from Betsy Casey Howard, and they are hoping to get together for lunch some time soon. Elaine would love to hear from other classmates; you can e-mail her at elt56@iol.com. Melinda Miller Sexton reports that her son, Scott, was married in June in Frederick, MD. It was a great event. Laurie Schmelzer Zielinski has been married for almost 23 years to Robert Zielinski (Cornell ’78), and they live in Bow, NH. She works with her husband in their home design/management company. Laurie also coaches soccer at Bow High School and plays soccer year round on both indoor and outdoor teams. Laurie and Robert have 3 children: 22-year-old Jared, who is a budding musician; and 19-year-old twins Lauren and Kurt. Lauren is a student at Columbia University in NYC, studying bio-medical engineering and cheerleading for the football and basketball teams. Kurt is attending UNH (undeclared) and is a kicker for the UNH football team. I, Janet Spurr, heard from Donna Mohan, who recently moved back to New Boston, NH, after living in Switzerland for 5 years. Maura Jean McDowell Burkinshaw works in the food service industry. Her husband, Brian, is a landscaper, and they live in Lynn, MA, with their pointer mix, Harry. Wendy Dow Miller is living in East Haddam, CT, and would love to hear from any of the Best Girls. Anne Tilney Brune is living in Charlottesville, VA, with her 16-year-old daughter, Tilney. They came to visit this summer while looking at colleges. Anne has been in touch with Barb Carroll, Lynne Eaal Vail, Lyn Hastings Traver, Cabby Herr and Marybeth McEvoy Webster. Marybeth paid Anne a visit at her house in Northeast Harbor, ME, this summer. Carter McShane Conway and her family, including her 82-year-old dad, skied with Anne Tilney Brune at Alta. Many CSC alumni met in Boston mid-July to celebrate Cabby Herr’s 50th birthday at the Four Season’s Bristol Lounge. Attendees included Heidi Scheller Maddrix ’75, Karen Dykes Lucas and her husband, Greg, Sue Carrol Hassett ’77, Betsy Shane ’77 and me.

Jane Therrien Hood ’76, Sandra MacDonald Crabtree ’76, Sally Gordon Hogan ’76 and Brooks Rolston ’76 enjoyed a trip to Italy at the end of August to celebrate their 50th birthdays.

1977 Reunion

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Hello to all 1977 grads and to everyone else reading our news. I don’t know about you, but I always check out the years prior to and after 1977 to catch up on news from girls I might have known from those years. As most of you know, I solicited our favorite memories from our days at CSC, and your responses were wonderful. I had quite forgotten some of these special memories and I thank those who shook the cobwebs off to give me a smile. So, take a seat and enjoy a trip down memory lane. From Jennifer Taylor Rossel: “One of my favorite memories of life at CSC occurred in the springtime. Classes were winding down though the workload was not. The weather warmed up enough that we were often able to open windows, don shorts and t-shirts and begin our tanning ritual. I can still recall many warm nights when students would pull furniture from the common rooms and place them in front of the dorm or quad. Speakers would be in the windows and music would blare out into the quad. The music varied but I remember best the album ’Rumors‘ by Fleetwood Mac.” I have to agree that Jennifer’s memory does indeed rank among the best and Fleetwood Mac tunes also remind me of CSC days. How about...
Colby-Sawyer Flashback: It appears as if these gals just made their semester purchases at the bookstore. Do you recognize them? If so, please contact Tracey Austin in the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving at (603) 526-3886 or taustin@colby-sawyer.edu.
town for the last few years and enjoy it immensely. We live in Ipswich, MA, and we have been here for 22 years. I have kept up with Linda Botti ’80, Ann Venie Fitzgerald ’79, Charlotte Houck Crowley ’79, Susan Jacoby Marks ’78 and a few others. Linda does a wonderful job of keeping us together, as well as providing a wonderful setting at her family’s place in Annisquam, MA.” From Kathy Brown Teece: “I loved the picture of the ’77 gals in the last Alumni Magazine. Just how I remember them! My memories of Colby, I have so many. Winter Carnival on the quad making snow sculptures; the big sister ceremony, freshman year in the basement of Burpee; standing on your chair or table in the dining room, wildly singing your dorm’s song; Tuna English muffins in Bemis; hearing the bell in the dorm for breakfast on Fridays, if I remember correctly. Even people who preferred to sleep late would try to wake up in time for ‘doughnut day!’ My 1st year at CSC the doughnuts were made behind the scenes in the kitchen, but my 2nd year the doughnut machine was moved out front where we could see them being made and then dip them in powdered sugar or cinnamon sugar. Not the most nutritious breakfast but they sure were good! I currently live in Providence, RI, with my husband of 26 years, Paul, and our 20-year-old daughter, Juliette. Paul is a law librarian and I’m an elementary school librarian. Our daughter attends Central Connecticut State University and is majoring in art illustration and biological anthropology. I still keep in touch (via Christmas cards) with CSC friends Kim Spence Honig and Cindy Finnigan Klewicki, but have lost touch with other good friends. I would love to get back in touch with Ann Dionne Twomey ’79 and Carolyn Brand ’78 among others. Can this be done through the Alumni Office?” Margery asks a good question. You can keep in touch with classmates or find out married names at the Colby-Sawyer College Web site. Go to www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends and sign up with the alumni directory. I use it when I write this to find out what year people graduated or their maiden names. Someone may be looking for you, so go ahead and update your information so others may drop you a line. Thanks for asking, Margery. And I agree, those donuts were the best! Cynthia Sparagna wrote that she had “some good, funny memories of Colby.” Good to hear from you, Cynthia and thanks for your warm wishes! I received some notes from other classmates that arrived too late for publication in the spring newsletter, so I’m happy to share them now. Ellen Dutra Houghton wrote, “This Mar. my husband and I are welcoming his 5th grandchild and my 5th step-grandchild. We are very proud. Our daughter Lauren is going to be 17 this past June and we have begun the college exploring trips. She’s looking into Boston or NYC. I am also the proud aunt of a Colby-Sawyer sophomore, Kelly Dutra ’08, who is in the nursing program.” From Joan Heffernan Meek: “I’m still living here in Old Lyme, CT, with my husband, Charlie! I’m still working for an interior designer in Essex (also on the shore!) and still doing photography. I haven’t seen or heard from any CSC people in years! Hopefully I will now.” I agree, Joan. Let’s all keep in touch. Debbie Rogers Doherty writes, “On Aug. 26, I was married to Ted Pratt (Dartmouth ’76) in a small ceremony in Andover, MA. We were accompanied by our children, Tom Pratt, Amy Pratt, Katie Doherty and Andrew Doherty. It was a great day.” Send me your info if you haven’t already or, at the very least, put your current information in the CSC Web site so I can send e-mails instead of postcards. You can also contact old classmates through the CSC site. Well, time to go pack. I’m off for a brief vacation this week to Cooperstown, NY, with my husband and 2 kids, ages 12 and 14. I’ll close by acknowledging the kind words people included in their responses to me. Much appreciated. Till next time, all the best!

1978

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Greetings again from New London, NH. I hope you all had a great summer. Unfortunately, I don’t have a lot of news to report this time around, but hope to hear from more of you for the next issue! I heard from Mary-Jo DiNardo Gagne, who was married on May 6, 2006, in her hometown of Concord, MA. She honeymooned in Key West and is planning a trip to Italy in spring. Her eldest son is in grad school and her youngest son is a senior at Worcester Poly Tech. Right after Mary-Jo got married; she changed jobs and is now the regional manager for a staffing company based in Methuen, MA. She recently has moved into a new condo in a converted mill building on a river in Southern NH. She says that “other than 3 major life changes in 4 months things are pretty quiet!” Linda Simon Miller wrote that she, Jane Venie Earls ’79 and Diane Guibault DelBiasi ’79 got together recently in Concord and are planning another weekend in early Nov. in Boston. I purchased a condo here in New London and have been doing some freelance work in New York City. Not the commute I was looking for but I feel I have the best of both worlds, at least for the time being; being in the excitement and hustle and bustle of the City then coming back to beautiful New London to unwind! Big change for me at age 50, which I just hit this past July. Hope you all have a great fall; the leaves are just beginning to peak and the weekends are getting crowded again with leaf peepers after losing the summer crowd! Hope to see some of you up this way soon.

1979

Class Correspondent Needed
Editor’s Note: Special thanks to Gail Hayes Priest and Deb Taubert Morris, who served as co-class correspondents for the last three years.

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www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends
Stahley Herndon Szebenyi ’80 lounges in the pool with her husband, Steve, and their daughter, Emma.

Susan Chapman Warren writes, “It’s hard to believe some of us are in the college application process with our children now! I know, some of you have already been there, done that. I don’t remember it being this anxiety ridden. Martha Colman Ellicott had a 50th birthday party this summer for her husband, Stephen, in Barrington, RI. I saw classmates Caren Demoulas Pasquale and Ellen Fitzpatrick Criscione from Burkee Dorm. Always lots to catch up on and memories to laugh about!” Last year, Heidi Caswell Zander opened a gallery of her art in Rockport, MA. Tidal Edge Gallery holds a range of her work, art influenced by her college studies, by the 11 years she lived in Italy and Germany, and by the Cape Ann painting tradition of the 1940s and ’50s. Visit her on the Web at TidalEdgeGallery.com or e-mail her at artatlantic@aol.com. Heidi would love to chat with other Colby-Sawyer alums.

1980
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Happy autumn to all in the Class of ’80. It was wonderful to hear from a few classmates. Mary Ellen Blatchford Walker has been busy balancing family, home life and work. She also has a 17-year-old exchange student from Tokyo, Japan, added to the household, who is working on her English. A daughter, Erin, is going to UVM, and another daughter, Kara, is attending CSC. Ellen enjoys being able to keep track of all the current events at the college through her. Dale, Ellen’s husband, is back from serving in Iraq. They hope to take a trip hiking into the Phantom Ranch in the Grand Canyon soon. Word came from Donna Ward Johansen that her oldest son, Andy, is now a junior at Fl State. Another son, Will, is 16, and youngest son, Tim, is 13. He is in the 8th grade at Community Christian Academy in Stuart, FL, where Donna teaches computer science. She has been in FL now almost 20 years. I thought I was one of the few down here, now 16 years. We heard from our friend Stahley Herndon Szebenyi, who has also been busy with additions to her family. She and her husband, Steve, have a beautiful daughter, Emma, aged 2 years 9 months. She is enjoying being a home-maker, after taking time from working for the New York Department of Health, Aids Division. Thank you so much, girls, for your news, and I hope to hear from the rest of the Class of ’80. Best wishes to all.

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I got together with Holly Spoel Combs ’82 for a visit to New London this past Sept. We visited Margaret “Peg” Rogers Andrews ’85, who works in the Advancement Office, and toured the campus, which we both agreed looked great!

1982
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This past Mar., I had the pleasure of attending my youngest brother Peter’s wedding in New York City. Jetting off without children was a feeling of great freedom. I was able to sleep on the flight without bribing them to behave for 9 hours. It was the 1st time in 10 years all of the 6 Buckley children had been together. It was great to be back in the USA, as I have not been back in 2 years. I was struck by the amount of Hummers and cars that can accommodate 10 or more passengers. After 9 years of living in Italy, everything looks so GRAND to me in America: the cars, the roads, the stores, even the people are bigger. My sister Lizzie lives in West Hartford, CT, and I made a trip up to visit her family. We walked to school with her
4 children in the morning, and bumped into, Anne Peterson ’84. It turned out we were both in Colby Dorm. We reminisced about our days at CSC and caught up on each other’s lives. Anne looks great, is happily married, has 5 children and is living in West Hartford. She tells me that she has never written into the class notes, so maybe this will inspire her to do so. She is in touch with Jenifer Grayson Hayes. I heard from Dr. Barbara Livingston who writes, “As a Haynes touch with will inspire her to do so. She is in the class notes, so maybe this that she has never written into in West Hartford. She tells me about our days at CSC and Colby Dorm. We reminisced. It turned out we were both in bumped into, 4 children in the morning, and

Many Colby-Sawyer friends gathered on Cape Cod in May to celebrate the marriage of Karen Craffley Eldred ’86 and Dave Eldred. (L to r) Sarah Lumnus ’86, Kendall Perkins ’86, Virginia Morette Orechovsky ’84, Sandra Beattie Hand ’83, Karen Craffley Eldred ’86, Dave Eldred, Kathleen Coleman Kriete ’84, Kristen Nordblom Al Khannis ’83 and Sue Gilbert Boulette ’84.

Carroll is still living in Fort Collins, CO, where she runs a very successful business. She writes, “I am gearing up for the 2006 holiday season at my store, Earth Star. We are getting everything on the Web site at www.earthstar-store.com. I have a 4-year-old in preschool and have 3 horses, 4 dogs, 3 cats and assorted fish. I would love to hear from everyone. E-mail is best. I do most of my work online and after my son’s bedtime. We are also doing a toy drive and donation drive for the Rosebud and Yankton Sioux Reservations. Winters are very cold and the basics are hard to come by. I would love help with the letter-writing campaign if anyone can spare some time. Healthy and happy holidays to all! Love, Lelie.” If you want to contact Lelie, please e-mail her at leelueluna@hotmail.com. I hope everyone has an especially happy and peaceful holiday. If you wish to share your good news and updates with your former classmates, please e-mail me at gail.scibelli@corel.com or gscibelli1963@yahoo.com. Thanks and take care!

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Greetings to the Class of 1983! I’ve heard from a few former classmates recently, all of whom are doing extremely well. Polly Birdshall Martinson and her husband, Tom, live in Milton, MA, a beautiful suburb 10 miles from Boston. Polly and Tom have 3 children: Ian, 12, Elsie, 10 and Owen, 8, as well as a huge yellow lab named Oliver. All 3 kids are avid skiers and members of the Ragged Mountain Ski Team. Polly and Tom have a 2nd home in New London, NH, and they love going there in summer and winter. I also heard from Jennifer Runnette who lives with her boyfriend in gorgeous Beverly Farms, MA. They also have a farm in VT where they spend lots of time with their 2 dogs, Bear and Bella. Jennifer sees many of her former classmates including Mindy Fox, who lives in Marblehead, MA, and Jeanne Moller ’84, who lives in Norwalk, CT, with her husband, Bill Leek. Jennifer used to see Joyce Greenlee when she lived in CT. Elizabeth “Lelie”

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Editor’s Note: Special thanks to Sallianne Ficara Lake for her outstanding service as class of 1986 correspondent since 2001. And a warm welcome to Molly O’Shea Piercy, who has volunteered to take over as class correspondent.

Karen Williams Jason manages multiple construction projects as director of planning and construction at Bridgewater State College in MA. Son Jesse is 10 and fills after-school time with several sports each season, drum lessons and a new interest in snowboarding. Daughter Selbie is 15 and a sophomore at Tabor Academy in Marion, MA. She is a 3-season athlete, playing varsity soccer and basketball, and having taken up crew last spring, for which she has a natural talent. Family vacations this year included Belize in Feb., Wentworth-by-the-Sea for a break in March and the beach in Brewster at the end of July. Stephanie Browne Andreottola is president of

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Greetings to the Class of 1983! I’ve heard from a few former classmates recently, all of whom are doing extremely well. Polly Birdshall Martinson and her husband, Tom, live in Milton, MA, a beautiful suburb 10 miles from Boston. Polly and Tom have 3 children: Ian, 12, Elsie, 10 and Owen, 8, as well as a huge yellow lab named Oliver. All 3 kids are avid skiers and members of the Ragged Mountain Ski Team. Polly and Tom have a 2nd home in New London, NH, and they love going there in summer and winter. I also heard from Jennifer Runnette who lives with her boyfriend in gorgeous Beverly Farms, MA. They also have a farm in VT where they spend lots of time with their 2 dogs, Bear and Bella. Jennifer sees many of her former classmates including Mindy Fox, who lives in Marblehead, MA, and Jeanne Moller ’84, who lives in Norwalk, CT, with her husband, Bill Leek. Jennifer used to see Joyce Greenlee when she lived in CT. Elizabeth “Lelie”
the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association, Zone 1 Region 4, and is in her 12th year as head coach of the Endicott College equestrian team. She is also the proud but tired mom of Sam, an almost 3 year old ACTIVE not-so-little-boy. Stephanie writes, “He is 40 lbs and over 3 feet tall and starts running around 6 a.m. and does not stop until 8 or 9 at night. I want to send a huge hello to everyone and extend an invitation to all to please contact me since I have been feeling extremely nostalgic and want everyone to know that they are all in my thoughts.” Diane Hammett Kingleys lives in a suburb of Chicago, near to Laura Clyne Thompson ’84 and Sharon Massie Stagnito. The 3 of them had a small family get together last fall and really enjoyed each other’s company. Diane works in the library at her son’s school, Lake Forest Academy, and will soon be working part time at her daughter’s school now that she has a master’s in teaching. She writes, “After a trip to Nantucket, we were able to swing up through NH and see the old stomping grounds. The place looks great and your Web site is thorough. Keep up the great work.” Susan Gibbons Gray is no longer working in the family business full time as she has a new full-time position: teacher. She will be home schooling her daughter, Emily, 11, for 7th and 8th grade. Husband Jonathan has some major roofing projects going on in Bermuda, and a development project in the Bahamas. Older daughter, Annabelle, 15, is enjoying being a sophomore at Proctor Academy, and spends time in New London with day student friends. Karen Crafty Eldred married David Eldred on May 28, 2006, on Cape Cod with Colby-Sawyer alumni in attendance. Kristen Nordblom Al Khamis ’85 and her husband, Adnan, flew in from their home in the United Arab Emirates, winning the award for longest distance traveled. Kathleen Coleman Kriete, who attended CSC for her freshman year, and her husband celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary at the event. Karen and Dave attended the 20th Reunion a week after their wedding, with a few days off in between to camp near Mt. Washington. She writes, “Reunion was a very rainy but fun event and everyone is encouraged to return for the 25th. Susan “Bermie” Gibbons Gray made a great rum swizzle and Molly O’Shea Piercy was kind enough to bring household items like table lamps and a stereo to the dorm where we all stayed, to add to the coziness.” Karen and Dave recently returned from a 3-week real honeymoon that took them from Paris to the Greek Isles. Sept. was a great time to travel to both places since the summer crowds had dissipated. Karen was recently made a trustee of Colby-Sawyer and enjoyed attending a very uplifting greeting to the class of 2010 at Convocation in Sept.

1989

Class Correspondent Needed

Editor’s Notes: Special thanks to Kellene Harrison Holmes for her outstanding service as class correspondent over the last year.

Kellene Harrison Holmes writes, “Life is great! My kids keep my husband and me busy with lots of fun activities. My son, Sean, aged 9, is BIG into ice hockey. He plays on 2 Squirt Minor teams and is a real hotshot on skates. Think I’m a biased mother? I would recommend the sport to anyone. You will meet the greatest of parents and coaches alike. My daughter, Lindsay, aged 7, is all girl and loves the social aspect of any event, especially her brother’s hockey games. She cheers him on like a trouper! She is very creative and loves to play with her dolls. I have been blessed to be home with my kids for the past 8 years, with a little nursing work being done the past 3 years, but now it’s time for Mom to get back to work full time! I now work at Oxford Healthcare in Nashua, doing a great job which allows me to combine my 10 years of sales experience with my 3 years of nursing. I love it!! Anyone interested in e-mailing me, please do at kelleholmes@verizon.net. I’d love to hear from you.” Lana Pelletier is a licensed clinical social worker living in ME. Her oldest son, Chace, is a sophomore in high school and her youngest son, Camden, is in 7th grade. She lives with her partner, Troy Jackson, who is a state representative, and is in Augusta much of the year. During the day, Lana works for the local school district as a social worker; at night, she provides contracted therapy services and teaches at an online university. Lana and Troy have moved back to their hometown of Allagash and have built a home on the bank of the St. John River. Nancy Minser Haines has been married 13 years to Mark Haines and they have 2 wonderful daughters, Laurel, 11, and Abigail, 8. They have spent the last 8 years renovating their 1790s Colonial home and barn in Ashby, MA. Nancy works part time as the town accountant for Ashby. She writes, “I can’t believe that I ended up doing accounting. I never would have suspected it back in my CSC days.” She has taken up horseback riding again and has been doing dressage with her Connnemara pony.

1988

Class Correspondent Needed

Editor’s Notes: Special thanks to Sally Peper Tompkins for her outstanding service as class correspondent since 1999.

Yuki Hiraguri Takamatsu writes, “My recent—and big—news is my daughter, Annabelle is enjoying every where.” Catherine “Katy” Long Holtgrave still lives in Louisville, KY, with her husband, Bob, and 2 boys—David, 12, and Mark, 10. Both boys play competitive soccer and Katy reports that the excitement this spring was that David’s soccer team won state. Katy is a stay-at-home mom and enjoys running in her spare time. To celebrate her 40th birthday, she completed her first marathon this past April.

1987

Reunion

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1987 Reunion...
Hello everyone, hope you are well. The fall is here, the summer just flew by. Where does the time go? I had a great time e-mailing our classmates for updates. This is the most efficient method of communication for most people. Please consider hopping on the CSC Web site to register your e-mail address online so I can include you in my broadcast e-mails. The best way to reach me is Harrington21@comcast.net.

My family and I are doing great. Our son, Billy, is now 9 and is in the 3rd grade. He plays hockey, soccer and baseball. Our daughter, Jackie, is 7, in the 1st grade, and has no front teeth at the moment. She also plays hockey, soccer and baseball. Our baby, Grady, is 5, has all his teeth and is in PreK. He plays hockey and soccer. We went camping and hiking in NH this summer and to NYC. I am president of the Hingham Nursery School this year and really enjoying it. I feel lucky to have heard from so many CSC people.

Carla Gordon Russell and husband Andrew have been quite busy with their two little girls, Meg, 5, and Kate, 2½. Meg is in kindergarten and Kate is just keeping Carla on her toes. Last Oct. the Russells moved to another place in Kennebunk, ME, and have seen a steady stream of visitors. Carla keeps in touch with Greta Sanborn Shepard and Kathy “Tucker” Tuck Higgins ’89. Carla enjoys working at NH Public Television as a senior promotions producer. On occasion she gets the privilege to work with Jennifer Ellis Vachon ’94.

For more information about the Susan L. Blair ’88 Memorial Scholarship Fund at Colby-Sawyer College, please contact Tracey Austin, co-director of alumni relations and annual giving, at (603) 526-3886 or alumni@colby-sawyer.edu.
I got some great photos from Denise Samson. She looks fantastic! Her daughter, Isa, was born Dec. 16, 2005. She is healthy, happy, and very sweet. Isa’s blond hair, blue eyes and smooth, white skin, is the working of a Dutch father. The 3 of them live together in beautiful Amsterdam. I also got photos and an e-mail from Lisa McIntyre Matschner. Lisa looks great and her children are adorable. Lisa’s 8-year-old, Wyatt, plays football, and practices every night from 6-8 pm in the FL heat! Her daughter, Hope, 4, is starting Prek, her baby, Trey, who is 2, just follows everyone around. Lisa works part time as a speech pathologist in the public school system. This summer they took a lot of mini vacations to Sea World, Cypress Gardens, Cocoa Beach and the Keys. Stephanie Kurz Cunningham e-mailed that the Cunningham family is doing well and loved the hot summer. They moved to North Yarmouth, ME, almost 2 years ago and love all that it has to offer. Stephanie ran into Kathy Gregor Ingalls, who lives in Yarmouth with her husband and 2 boys. They had lunch together last summer and Kathy’s son Trevor attended a Seder in Brookland. Wendy Johnstone Collins e-mailed that she and her family still live on the North Shore and love (and love!) the North Shore in the Upper Peninsula of MI. Her husband, Peter, remains with Plum Creek and is now the senior resource manager for the MI operations. The kids are thoroughly enjoying the cooler summers up there and had a blast discovering snow for the 1st time this past winter. Jan has applied for her MI teaching license and hopes to find some part-time work over the next year. Otherwise, she enjoys playing tennis and camping in their new pop-up camper. Barbara Bitondo sent me an e-mail which included a photo, and she looks great. She currently resides in Mount Pleasant, DC, and has been living in the U.S. now for almost 10 years, the longest she has lived anywhere. She continues to be involved in event planning and multimedia production at The World Bank, and still travels a lot. In Jan. she was in Central America, in June, New Mexico, and in Aug. she was in San Diego for a conference. Barbara attended an interesting CSC event this spring at the Corcoran Museum in Washington, where she met Marilyn Adams ’61 a cool alumna who lives on Capital Hill and does acupuncture. Earlier in the year Barbara ran into Dr. Anderson’s daughter at a Seder in Brooklyn. Wendy’s life revolves around their busy schedules. She wanted to be at Reunion last June but something came up at the last minute and she was unable to make it. She thinks of CSC often and looks forward to visiting soon. If anyone is ever up on Cape Ann, let Wendy know. It would be fun to get together! Kara Santos Gentle is doing great in Western MA. She and her husband, Stephen, were celebrating their 12th wedding anniversary in Sept. Their son, Zachary, is 8 and is very involved with hockey and golf (boys and their sticks). Their daughter, Elizabeth (Libby), just turned 4. She loves to dance and is very much a girl-girl. Kara works for Tufts-Health Plan in the Springfield office, but travels to Waltham once a week. The Gentles vacationed in VT and the Vineyard this summer. Everyone, your classmates would love to hear from you, so contact me with any news.
Kristen Booker Tasker's best friend, Kristen, lives in Claremont, NH, and her children, Wyatt, Hope and Trey, enjoy a day at the beach.

there, Rachel had the pleasure of meeting some of the new art faculty and getting updates on others in the art department. Shannon Carr Bates and her husband, Jon, live in East Longmeadow, MA, with their daughter, Chaia, 8, and Jacob, 6. Jon is a MA state trooper, working out of the Lee, MA, barracks. Shannon entered the pastry chef/baking program at the Connecticut Culinary Institute in Aug. They bought a place on Cape Cod and spent most of their summer on the beach.

As for me, I am living in San Antonio, TX, with my husband, John, who was deployed to Baghdad for 6 months but returned home in Oct. I am currently the director of special events for the San Antonio Sports Foundation and am in charge of planning the San Antonio Sports Hall of Fame Tribute held every Feb.

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Hello, classmates. I have lots of updates to share with you this time around. Sherry Nielsen Decker checked in from Saco, ME. She works as a nurse anesthetist, is married, and has 2 girls, Grace and Claire, ages 7 and 6. Kristen Booker Tasker and family are moving to MA. Kristen’s 8-year-old daughter, Kera, starts 3rd grade and Kate, her 5-year-old, started kindergarten in Lexington this fall. Kristen works in the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit at Children’s Hospital and really loves caring for kids from all over the world.

Kristen’s best friend, Liz Dean, has returned home to Cape Cod after living in Australia for the past 3 years. Her other 2 close friends are also nearby: Celeste Bisson Olson lives in Claremont, NH, and Darnel Toomey Brown ’90 lives in Chesterfield, NH. The 4 had a girl’s weekend in Oct. Hopefully Kristen will share pictures from that outing, for a future Alumni Magazine update!

Beth Bryant Camp writes that she is still at Colby-Sawyer but has moved over to Development as a major gift officer. She enjoys her role in helping to advance the college, and it allows her to reconnect with many alumni and friends. Husband Nate Camp ’98 coaches and teaches in the Kearsarge School District, and their 2 daughters, Ellie, 3½, and Caroline, 2, both attend Windy Hill School. Beth looks forward to seeing many of us next year at our 15-year Reunion in June!

Deb “Twinkie” Damron Boles and her husband, Randy, have been happily married for 11 years now. They have 2 boys, Chase, who is 4, and Hunter, 15 months. Deb keeps busy at Cardinal Health, Inc. as a clinical pharmacy manager. After leaving CSC she received her masters in microbiology from Tufts and spent several years working on the Human Genome project at MIT. In 1995 she changed her career focus and completed her pharmacy degree at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. Christiane “Ketje” deRoos writes from Denver, CO, that she switched careers in June 2005, and is now a body care buyer for a newer Whole Foods Market in South Denver. She is also the department “Green Mission” rep, educating customers and employees on composting, recycling and sustainable living. Ketje says it’s an exciting place to be, and she enjoys meeting a great variety of people from all walks of life. She uses her fluency in Spanish (acquired during junior year in Spain) on a daily basis; there is a large Spanish-speaking population in CO, and her roommate, Jorge, is from Peru. She stays occupied with her 1st nephew, who was born this past July on Ketje’s birthday, and was looking forward to her 2nd nephew’s arrival in Sept. Her 2 nieces, she says, are taking these new additions in stride, and with great humor! Laura Shaw Cameron traveled to Rome with her sister-in-law this spring. She says Rome is a beautiful city and she can’t wait to go back. In June she spent a week in ME with her family, just relaxing, and then it was off to Lake Tahoe in July for a work-related conference. No time for sightseeing, she said, but she loved the scenery and the landscape. Laura and husband Tim are planning their winter vacation to St. Croix. Electra Mead Blair kept busy this summer with hiking, kayaking and fishing, as well as breeding, raising and showing her Rat Terriers. She has been participat-
ing in dog shows in the New England area, collecting champion titles along the way. Lexi also spent a week in ME this summer, visiting her sister in Vinalhaven and taking day trips to nearby Brimstone. During the trip, her husband, Dennis, was a lobsterman for a day; he raked in $400 and they enjoyed all-you-can-eat lobster. She is now dreading the arrival of winter. Stephanie Stratton Schell ’93 keeps busy with travel and kids. In June the family took a trip to the Outer Banks in NC to enjoy the great weather and beaches. In Aug., a trip to NJ kept the summer’s spirit alive with beach time and fun in the sun. In between vacations, her 3 kids attended hockey camp, art and pottery camp, soccer camp, and took a trip to Story Land. As Sept. rolled around they were ready to start 4th grade, 2nd grade, and preschool. Stephanie writes that husband Tom is doing well with his dentistry office, and that she is very involved this year with the PTA and the local elementary school administration. As for me, Kelly Lynch Collins, I have been busy ramping up at my new job as the e-commerce marketing programs manager at Creative Labs. I’m enjoying the challenge and learning new things, and the employee discounts on MP3 players, speakers and web cam-
eras are pretty nice too. In May I spent several days in Santa Barbara with my husband, Justin, and my parents, who were visiting from NH. We went wine-tast-
ing through Paso Robles, and enjoyed the beach, shopping in little boutiques and sightseeing in and around the area. In Sept., Justin and I were off to Aruba for a week with friends. I’m planning to be in NH again at Christmas, and hope to organize another CSC Equestrian Team reunion dinner. If you haven’t checked out the Alumni Directory online, please do! Many of our classmates have profiles there. It’s a great way to reconnect. Go to www.colby-
sawyer.edu/alumni-friends. Jenn Barrett Sawyer here! Another fabulous summer slips away, but it did bring me the opportunity to visit with friends, near and far. Pre-summer I spent a girl’s night away in Portsmouth, NH, with Amy Koskey Kurja, Jural McDonald Lawton and Alexis Trowbridge Scavetta ’95. We went to a spa, ate sushi and had some cocktails—much needed, I might add! We couldn’t believe we had known each other for 18 years now and that we still make time to see each other. Janel and family came to the Cape in early summer to camp, and we were able to get together and have

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Well, seems as though the last edition just arrived, but here it is time again. Just a bit of news to report for the class of 1993. First, I apologize for the last install-

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ment. Apparently I cut, copied and pasted sections of e-mails incorrectly, making for interesting reading. Nobody ended up in divorce court for having been listed with the wrong gentleman! Regardless, I am sorry for goofing up. Carolyn Norris writes that she has left Boston University and is moving to England to take a job as assistant summer school director at The American School. Mo Mahoney loves life in New York City. If my memory serves me correctly, she will graduate as a physician assistant in the spring. Mo mentioned in her last e-mail that she reconnected with Sandy Morgrage and her cute-as-a-button little girl, Molly. As your class correspondent, I encourage you to post messages to the online directory at www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends, or e-mail me to keep the newsletter current and exciting. Please keep the news flowing so we can rush to the back of the Alumni Magazine to get the scoop on everybody. Godspeed, the next newsletter will probably arrive from Iraq: I am projected to deploy from the 1st of the year.

1994

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Greetings class of 1994. I hope that you all enjoyed your summer. Mine was busy yet fun. We welcomed our 4th child, Isabelle Cate, on July 14. I think she wonders how she ended up with 3 older siblings, but she is getting used to us just as we are getting used to her. Heather Dutton Bellmer writes, “Not much to report this summer. My husband Rick and I just celebrated the 1 year anniversary of our business, Rick’s Tattoo, and it’s going very well. My daughter, Sydney, just turned 8 and will be starting 3rd grade and my son Lucas will be 3 in Oct. He definitely gives us a run for our money! I’m keeping busy with my job at DHHS as an employment counselor for the TANF program. Since new changes have been written into law, we are scrambling to get our participants into compliance with the federal regulations. So, most of us are pulling our hair out, but, you do what you have to do. I am looking forward to relocating to Claremont to be closer to work and the business, and I know my kids are happy to move closer to friends.” Pam Casey Chani and her husband had a baby boy, Zakariah, on Dec. 2, 2005. She reports that he is crawling all over the place. Pam resigned her position at Green Mountain College so that she could spend more time with Zak, and will be working part time as an athletic trainer at Burr and Burton Academy. Her husband opened his own restaurant in July called the Harvest Grille. It is on Main Street in Manchester, so if anyone is ever in the area feel free to stop by! Pam also found out that she is pregnant again. Very exciting and very busy! Liz Toole Witham sent a very long e-mail since she had not written in 2 to 3 years. “My husband, Paul, and I are living in Reading, MA, with our beautiful 2-year old daughter, Katherine Frances (Kate). I work for a company in Norwood called Cramer Productions. It is an integrated marketing communications company, and I am a project director in the interactive department, heading up the development of Web sites, CDs and DVDs. I am also the lead producer on all our Web casts and have been managing a bi-monthly series this year for MSLifeLines on living with multiple sclerosis (you can check the series at www.mslinbalance.com). Paul just started a new job at Boston Web Design in Charlestown and is also a project manager for Web development (which makes things interesting at home with 2 managers trying to manage each other). We currently live in a townhouse but are trying to sell to move to a larger single-family home. Know anyone that’s looking for a 3 bedroom townhouse in Reading? Our daughter, Kate, is a joy. She turned 2 in May and is singing and dancing up a storm. Kate has a wonderful, sweet personality with a great sense of humor. We definitely don’t get to spend enough time with her (does anyone these days?) but we treasure our evenings and weekends together. She gets to spend lots of quality time with her grandparents (my mom and Paul’s parents) because they are all located in Belmont. In Nov. 2005, we took Kate to Disney World with my mom. We all had a blast and now Kate’s hooked on all the princesses. I talk to Laura McGuinn McCarthy ’93 almost weekly. She and her husband, Kevin, live in North Reading (minutes away from us). She works at Production Values, a video production company in Watertown, and does voiceover work on the side. Laura actually has done quite a bit of VO work at Cramer so I get to see her during the day, too. I also hear from Laura about Leslee Cammett Murphy ’93 and her husband and son, Conner, who is one (turning 2 soon). Funny thing: 1 of my co-workers is Leslie’s sister-in-law. We’d been working together for 3 years before we found that out! Small world. I got an e-mail from Patrice Kylie Skinner ’93 a couple months ago with the news that her mom passed away after a brief illness. My heart went out to her; my dad passed away 9+ years ago to cancer, so I know what it’s like losing a parent. Patrice lives in NH with her husband and twin girls who, I believe, turn 2 in the next month or so.” Dan Berry and Patty Randall Berry have been living in Bar Harbor since last summer. Dan is executive director of the Mount Desert Island YMCA in Bar Harbor. Patty decided to take a break from the work force and stay home with their 2 children, Maggie, 3 years, and Thomas, 1 year. Although she misses working for the Girls Scouts, she loves being home. They visited with Dave Morin, Sara Hodgkins Morin ’95 and their son, Jack, over the Memorial Day weekend and also spent time with Rick LaRue and his children. Jen D’Orazio Hollingsworth is still in PA and is currently taking a break from teaching to stay home and raise her 4 kids, ages 4, 3, 2 and 1. She

(L to r) Jennifer Barrett Sawyer ’92, Alexis Trowbridge Scavetta ’95, Amy Koskey Kurja ’92 and Robyn True ’92 enjoyed an Independence Day get-together at the Kurja household in Wenham, Mass.
welcomed Lucy Suzan into the world Neil Cremin '94 and his wife, Nicole, since Sept, and Maynard, MA, since Sept, and pursue a degree in graphic design Framingham, MA, last Aug. to Reid Charleston, SC, Mexico, South Jackson Hole, San Francisco, 65 dogs a year in new homes. Hartford, CT. They place about 65 dogs from a kill shelter in Hartford, CT. They place about 65 dogs a year in new homes. Brooke has traveled recently to Jackson Hole, San Francisco, Charleston, SC, Mexico, South Africa and Paris. Erik Macenas writes that he is swamped in business. He works as an art director in the city of Raleigh, NC, and just landed American LaFrance as a new client. Dawn Reid moved from Sutton, NH, to Framingham, MA, last Aug. to pursue a degree in graphic design at Mass Art. She has been working full time for Monster.com in Maynard, MA, since Sept, and hopes to finish the GD program next summer. She is in constant contact with Hillary Waldbaum and Kathryn Campbell Wulff, as well as Holly Long Maturo. Dave Morin and Sara Hodgkins Morin '95 are still in Windsor, VT, with their 3 1/2-year-old son, Jack, who has just started violin lessons and seems to be really taken with musical instruments. Dave is still designing away at Nomad Communications and Sara is still at the Hopkins Center for Performing Arts at Dartmouth. They recently spent a week in Las Vegas at the HOW Graphic Design conference. Tobi Harrington Murch and her husband, Rich, and daughter, Harley, just moved from New York City to Portsmouth, NH. Rich got a job in Manchester, NH, and they are all excited to be closer to family and friends.

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Wendy Mansson Olsen would like to thank everyone who sent in pictures and e-mails. It is great to hear from everyone and she is so happy that everyone is doing well! Jeanne Corcoran Wiggins recently spent a weekend in Plymouth, MA celebrating Susan Olsen's bachelorette and bridal shower and catching up with CSC alumni including Sue, Stephanie Smith Hanna, Lisa Malik Sharp '96 and Carrie Berggren Dunn. While on vacation in July, Jeanne and her family took a day trip to Portsmouth, NH, where they had a chance to catch up with Sara Bryant over lunch at the Portsmouth Brewery. Sara is engaged and planning a Sept. 2007 wedding. She also recently purchased a new home. Jeanne's husband, Matt, recently ran into Brian Rogers and learned that he married Jean Keating, a former high school classmate, in May 2006. They live in Granby, CT. Cathy Maykut Cayton left her graphic design job of 7 years to join her husband full time in their photography business, Cayton Photography. Little Abigail, born April 20, 2005, is happy that Cathy is working from home, as she's getting much more mommy time! To see some of Cathy's work visit: www.caytonphotography.com. Michelle Brown Kinney and her husband, David, still enjoy life in Lincolnville, ME, with their beautiful daughter, Isabella. She turned 2 in Oct. and is the joy of their lives. David and Michelle are expecting cherub number 2, due a week before Christmas. David is extremely busy, but enjoying work as Lincolnville's town administrator. Michelle currently stays home but is considering a return to work after the newborn baby as a nurse practitioner. She is also an independent consultant for the skincare wellness company, Arbonne. Michelle is happy to discuss the company and products with anybody who is interested. You can contact her at mdkinney@midcoast.com. She sends her best to all fellow CSC classmates and graduates. Debbie Casner Shapiro and husband, Matt, were expecting a baby in Oct. She says they are very happy and, with 4 dogs, will be a pack of 7. Things are good for Matt Godbout in Indianapolis. On May 25, Denise and he had a baby boy, Andrew Matthew, weighing in at 8 lbs. They made a trip back to NH in July and also introduced their son to the beach in ME, but he wasn't a big fan of the cold Atlantic. Gabrielle is now 3 and has taken nicely to the big sister role. While home, Matt spent a day catching up with Chris Andriski, who is doing great. Matt's job with the Colts is going well; they had a busy off season and were looking forward to a good year. Allison Morton Robinson writes, "My husband and I just celebrated our 7th wedding anniversary and we have 2 beautiful children. Sydney is 10 and Rachael is 5. We live in Easthampton, MA. I have been teaching 2nd grade for 5 years now, and my husband is a police officer in Northampton, MA. I am still close with Sara Bryant. We talk often and are planning a get-together some time this fall." Last year, Michael Rosmus and Theresa McLaughlin Rosmus welcomed their 2nd child into the family. Logan William Rosmus was born July 25, 2005, at Maine Medical Center. Kitiara absolutely loves being a big sister. Matt Richards reports that life in ME is good. He writes, "My wife and I had our 2nd child, Emily. That gives us 2 girls. Yikes! I recently had a visit from Don Varnum. He stopped by when he was traveling through ME with his wife, Kerry, and daughter, Ellie." Brenda Sherwood has taught at Bow High School in NH for the past 6 years and she loves it. She has also come to love calling NH her home. She dines with Sara Gilderdale Morcom and Lynne Morse as often as possible, and they grab Jill Kleimun Votano whenever she gets the chance to sneak away. This summer Brenda completed her master’s at Plymouth State and also became an aunt. She was expecting an unusually quiet fall, but her boyfriend, Rob, popped the big question and now they’re getting married. Needless to say, she has had a good year. Sidney Stone Holmes and Ruth Elliott Holmes '65 are delighted to announce the
marriage of their daughter, Sarah Holmes, to Jess Tucker, son of Barbara Howe Tucker ’53 and brother of Jennifer Tucker Perley ’81. Sarah and Jess celebrated on Oct. 14 in Concord, MA, with many CSC friends, including Hilary Cleveland, Ann Page Stecker, Lauren Smyrl ’97, Lori Monroe Yates ’97 and Jennifer Deasy ’94. Rebecca Duboff Greenstein has enrolled in graduate school, working towards her master’s in administrative health-care services. After working as a chiropractic assistant for the last 5 years, she decided that a master’s degree will allow her to move forward in her career. Rebecca and her husband bought a house in VT a year and a half ago, and are enjoying landscaping and decorating their new home.

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Hi, Class of 1996. We hope everyone enjoyed a great summer! Remember we would love to hear from you, so e-mail us anytime. Hopefully, by the time you are reading this, we are enjoying sleepless nights and very few quiet moments. This summer, I was lucky enough to see all the “6 pack” (minus Kristin who was there in spirit), Donnelle Mozzer Bowers, Sarah Racine Vallieres ’95 and Laurie Bowie Foberg ’97 at Kim Parent Flanagan’s wedding. Kim and her husband, Sean, were married on July 22 in a beautiful church in Portland, ME. After, they held a great party at the Harraseeket Inn in Freeport, ME. Kim was a beautiful bride and we all had tons of fun. All right, moving on to what is new in the lives of the 1996 alumni. Donnelle Mozzer Bowers has had a full plate at the past year. She is going back to school to become a physical therapy assistant, while working full time and being a mom to her daughters, aged 2 and 4. Lisa Trefitz recently moved to Naples, FL, after spending 9 years in Charleston, SC. Lisa loved living in SC and made a lot of friends, but, due to unforeseen circumstances, had to move closer to home. She is now helping her parents with their business and says all is great! Amanda Wood Lopardo and her husband, A.J., welcomed their 5th baby into the family. Emma Elizabeth Lopardo was born on Jun.19, 2006, weighing 6 lbs. 10 oz. and measuring 19” long. She joins brother Nicholas, age 4, twins Lily and Charlie, age 2 and Lucy, age 1. Jacqueline Hardy is living in Boulder, CO, where she owns Pottery Caffe, a “paint your-own-pottery and bead studio with espresso bar.” To find out more, go to www.potterycaffe.com. Wendy Howe LaFlower writes that being a stay-at-home mom is busier than if she went to a paying job all day! We are sure a lot of people can relate! Although she is very busy with her 3½ and 7½-year-olds, she and her husband have started a new business. They are consultants for Discovery Toys, a company that offers toys, games and books, all learning-based but LOTs of fun! If anyone is interested, their Website is www.discoverytoyslink.com/shane_and_wendy. You can place an order directly online, or you can e-mail it to Wendy at 4happyvermonters@charter.net. Wendy was one of the brave souls who weathered the storm and went to Reunion. She met up with Jane Perkins Jepson and they were the ONLY ones from our class there that Saturday! Their families had a great time, but were really bummed that no one else from the class of 1996 could make it. Amy Goldstein Carey and her husband, Brian, had their 1st child, Benjamin John, on May 4. He weighed in
at 5 lbs. and was 17 1/2" long. Amy took 6 months off work to be a mommy. Ben and Amy were also lucky enough to spend a few days on the Cape with Maura Sinacola Galvin '94 and her 3 children, and often meet up for dinner with her sister, Maria Sinacola '94. We were also happy to hear from Nicole “Nikki” Pouliot, who writes that she currently teaches 2nd grade, is working on her master’s degree, and is planning her wedding, which is scheduled for next summer. Thanks again to everyone who contributed to this edition’s class notes. We look forward to hearing from more people next time around. We hope you all had a great fall and are enjoying the winter.

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Once again, the class of 1997 has been busy! It is great to hear everyone’s news! We would love to hear from even more people, so don’t be shy about sending your updates, pictures, etc. I, Regan Loati Baringer, have been very busy. My husband, Roland, and I welcomed our 2nd baby girl, Audrey Olivia, in June. She joins her big sister, Camryn, who just turned 3. One child kept me busy, but 2 is definitely double the work! On top of all that we’ve also been doing major renovations on our kitchen and hope to have it finished by this fall. I, Amy Sichler Baringer, am pregnant with our 2nd baby, a girl, due in Nov. Big brother Luke is hoping for a cat rather than a sister, so we may end up with both! Karen Wilkinson Henderson writes that she enjoys being a Mom to her 8-month-old girl, Kiana Hope Henderson. Karen and her husband, who have been married 5 years now, live in Loudon, NH. She says that “life is great” and has enjoyed the time off with her daughter, but was planning on going back to teach 1st grade in Londonderry in Sept. Another family enjoying their baby girl is Chris Probert and his wife. It sounds as if the Proberts have been very busy; their daughter, Wynter Mae, turned 1 in June. In addition, Chris started up 2 mortgage offices in Lake Tahoe, as well as opened 2 Helly Hansen stores in the last 6 months. His plan is to have 1 more mortgage office and a new Helly Hansen store in Reno by this fall. The Probert family was in Park City, UT, in June, where they caught up with Chris Tulloch and Brian Heon ’98. Erik Daly and his wife, Betsy, are enjoying their little girl, Harper! Erik writes, “We still live in Rutland, VT. I am the athletic director/women’s soccer coach at the College of St. Joseph. In addition, I teach in the Sports Management Department. Our daughter, Harper Olivia, is 5 months old. We enjoyed a much needed, week-long vacation at Higgins Beach in Scarborough with my parents, my brother Griffin Daly ’95, his wife Stacy and their 4-month-old son, Elijah.” Erik put us in touch with Pete Hockmeyer, who says his family is wonderful! He and his wife, Ellen, have an 8-month-old boy named Aidan. They are living in Watchung, NJ, where Pete is a teacher in a local school district. Erica Wells Leighton writes that she is settling into life in Exeter, NH, with her husband, Mark, and their 2 boys, Nathan, 2 and Davis, 6. She is busy staying home with her youngest right now, but is excited to return to work in late fall. Catherine Varbro Walgren has recently made a big move. She and her husband, Scott, just relocated to Monterey, CA, so Scott can complete his master’s degree at the Naval Postgraduate School. They plan to be there for 18 months and then, hopefully, back to Norfolk. In addition, they are 9-months pregnant and keeping their fingers crossed that it continues to go well. Catherine is looking for a physician assistant job and son Charlie is almost 2. Charlotte Hulland Holst will welcome a new baby in Dec. to join big brother, Joshua. Nicole Ferland Stone and Mitch Stone are doing well with their 3 children; Kaleb is 15, Jackson is 8 and Millie is 4. Mitch is the general manager operations specialist at Grantham Indoor. Nicole is pursuing her PNPN/CNS degree at Stony Brook University while working in pediatric oncology at DHMC and as a hospice consultant for Concord VNA. Nicole

1995 Reunion

Kim Parent Hanagan ’96 wed Sean Hanagan on July 22 in Portland, Maine. Pictured at the wedding are (l to r) Sarah Racine Vallieres ’96, John Vallieres, Damon Bowers, Donnelle Mozzer Bowers ’96, Kim Parent Hanagan ’96, Sean Hanagan, Eric Foberg, Laurie Bowie Foberg ’97, Jen Rowell Pedersen ’96, and Mark Pedersen ’00.

Chris Fulton ’96 with his wife, Kathleen, and their daughter, Kaileigh.
Erica Wells Leighton ’97, her husband, Mark, and their sons, Nathan and Davis.

1998

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Rob Gagnon is the fitness director at the Manchester Athletic Club. He was recently engaged to Peg Dalicandro, with a wedding planned for Nov. 10, 2007. Rob and Peg purchased their first house in Danvers, MA. Theresa Saucer Bousquet and her husband, Henry, were expecting their second baby in Nov. Their daughter, Phoebe, is 2, and Theresa is curious to see how she will accept the new arrival. Theresa has returned to athletic training, which she is doing at the Fairhaven High School. She says that their restaurant, Cobblestone, in New Bedford, MA, is going well, but keeping them very busy. Jill Rubchinuk LaChance has been happily married for 5 years. She and her husband, Kevin, are expecting their first child this spring. Jill is a graphic designer for a catalog company, and still an avid tennis player—in her spare time, when they are not remodeling their home. She keeps in touch with Beth Ferreira Webster, and Adina Barber Cripps, and is happy to report they are both doing very well. Rachel Woodbury Novak lives in Kingston, MA. She recently decided to leave her position as the director of an outpatient mental health clinic and start her own private practice. This will allow her to spend more time with her son, Tucker. She writes, “It’s been a little scary to start my own business and say goodbye to that steady paycheck, but I am very excited about it.” Shannon Zimmerman still lives in MD. Contrary to what was published in last year’s notes, she did not get married. She works as a physician assistant in critical care, emergency medicine and surgery, and recently moved to Northern MD to be closer to friends, family and her job. After leaving Colby-Sawyer, Karen Butler Yates went on to graduate from the University of NH. She is currently working towards a master’s degree in school psychology from Capella University. Karen married her husband, Bill, in Sept. 2000, and they have 2 children, 4-year-old Kayla and 1-year-old Cameron. The Yates family lives in Middleton, NH, and Karen and Bill own a computer retail store in Farmington. Ashley Waddell Hopkins and her husband moved to Magnolia, MA, a section of Gloucester, this past February and are enjoying life in the seaside community. For the past 2 years she has

would love to hear from her nursing alums; e-mail her at nicole.f.stone@hitchcock.org. Nicole and Michelle Souriolle Boucher get together when they have the time so their daughters can play. Aaron Sherman still teaches 3rd grade in Newport, RI, where he has a lab classroom that trains other teachers in the state. Aaron received some great wedding pictures of CJ Santavica ’98 and his new wife, Sandy, who eloped to Bermuda. He also saw Andrew O’Brien ’98 and his wife, Sonja Anderson O’Brien ’99, at Sonya’s brother’s wedding. Brian Morrisey has been promoted to vice-president of Argus International Ltd., a laser optics company in Santa Cruz, CA. He found a great place in Santa Cruz, only 2 blocks from the shore. When he’s not in CA he travels to Shanghai, China, every 2 months for work. Brian’s poetry magazine, Poesy, has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize (literary award). He has a 2nd book of poetry coming out in Sept. on Zeitgeist Press called Love Poems for the Wicked. Lauren Calvarese Tauscher and her family have been busy. Lauren writes, “My husband, Brandon, and I just finished building and moved into our home in WA. We are spending an enjoyable summer with our 2 boys, ages 7 and 2, camping and visiting family in the Pacific NW. We also just started a non-profit, Project Green Build, to encourage green building practices and renewables in new construction. It is very exciting and we have received a lot of interest. Our goal is to build “green” and sustainable homes using renewable resources, including solar energy, and to educate homeowners and builders in the community to push the demand for such homes and technology. We hope to have a Web site and a house up and running before this goes to print! If anyone is interested in learning more, please let me know! Since we are a non-profit, all donations are tax-deductible!”

worked part time as the director of public relations at Montserrat College of Art in Beverly, but recently she accepted a full-time position at Gordon College in their communications department. In late Sept., Ashley caught up with Lisa Cote at her surprise 30th birthday party (“It worked, she was surprised!”) and while there visited with Lisa Lachesky. She also bumped into Lisa Schaller ’97 this summer while out on Block Island; she is doing well and pursuing a position in art education. Brian Karbel just bought a beautiful condo in an old Victorian home in Watertown, MA. He hopes to be moving into a new position with Akamai Technologies. He recently attended the wedding of Troy Smith ’97 with Rob Egan ’97, Nate Kelley and Michelle Arsenault. Kendra Caswell Puzzangara married John Puzzangara in Boston, MA, on June 10, 2006. They reside in Los Angeles, CA. Robert Kasprzak was married on July 29 to Danielle Sabourin. They enjoyed a 2-week honeymoon in Maui, HI, and then returned home to their brand new house in West Boylston, MA. Attending their wedding were Ryan Morley ’99, Kevin Flynn ’99, Craig Rennie ’99, Lahn Penna ’99, Kyle Battis ’99 and Frank Abel ’97. Andrea Pueschel “Pish” Reilly is working at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, CT, as a team leader for the implementation of a new OR system. She and her husband took the summer off and drove cross country for 10 weeks, which was “awesome!” They were planning on buying their first house this fall. Andrea saw Robin Swanda over the summer. Robin lives in Reston, VA. She is an RN case manager for Blue Cross and also practices massage therapy in a holistic wellness center. This year, she spent time traveling in the Northwest, Navajo Land and Italy. Chris Quint and his wife, Kim, welcomed their first child, Theodora May Quint, to the world on June 17. He reports that Thea is great and he and Kim are thoroughly enjoying being parents to their beautiful daughter. You can now call Kim-Laura Boyle, Dr. Kim-Laura Boyle, as she received her doctorate in physical therapy from Duke University in May. She is currently employed by Choice Physical Therapy in both their Bristol and Plymouth, NH, clinics. She continues to keep in contact with Meredith DeCola Trudel and Jen Senesac Gagne, as well as Molly Michaels Reid ’97. Now that Kim-Laura is back in New England, she looks forward to cheering for the Vermont Frost Heeves (Vermont’s 1st ABA basketball team), enjoying the snow, which she missed while living in NC, and being back around Red Sox fans.

1999

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Hello everyone, we hope this finds you well. Just a reminder to use the Alumni Directory at www.netdirectories.com/~csc to stay in touch. Keep your contact information up to date so we can keep you in the loop. I, Suzanne Blake Gerety, had a relaxing summer with lots of beach days. Our son, Ryan, is almost 2; he loves digging in the sand and chasing the birds. My big news is that I am expecting baby number 2 in Jan. We’ll find out then if it’s a boy or girl. Ryan and the baby will be 25 months apart in age, so I’ll have my hands full, but Ed and I are looking forward to having our family grow. I, Kelley Healey Blake, and my husband, John, were blessed with a handsome and healthy son, Colin, born in Mar. 2006. I was fortunate enough to spend the entire summer with Colin, watching him smile, laugh, roll, crawl and grow. John and I celebrated our marriage in Aug. with a fun-filled reception of family and friends. I continue to work as a special educator at Canton High School, and look forward to next summer already! I’m anticipating the arrivals of Colin’s new friends and attending more friends’ weddings. Chad O’Neill still lives in Western MA; he spent the summer as a director of a camp for disabled adolescents in North Adams. He recently completed grad school with a masters of science in education and counseling. At the start of the school year he began a new job as a guidance counselor at McCann Tech, his old high school. Chad also celebrated his marriage to fiancée Katie in Aug. A bunch of CSC alumni were in attendance: Seth Hurley ’00, Nick Burchard, Frank “Rizzo” Abel ’97, Shane Hoover, Eric “Sloppy” Kreis and Beth Freeman. Chad and Katie enjoyed their honeymoon in Ireland. Congrats, Chad! Greg Hooven is living in Nashua, NH, and has been busy working on his house. He shared the good news that his wife is pregnant with their 1st child, due in Mar. ’07. Greg is starting a new position with a design firm in Manchester. Dana Bruce Carman lives in ME, where she is busy with work and being a mom to her daughters, Brooke, 4, and Carli, 2. She and her husband, Chuck, went camping with the girls in the White Mountains this summer. Dana also took a
Andrea “Pish” Peuschel Reilly ’98 of New England. She does miss the changing seasons and challenging, though she makes the changing seasons of New England. Amy Hall was married in June on a beautiful beach in ME. Jamie Gilbert ’98 was a maid of honor and Nick Burchard was also in the wedding party. Amy and her husband, Shaun, look forward to their honeymoon in Dec. once the soccer season is over. Until then they are busy with life in NY, where Amy works for CBS Radio. She spent time with fellow CSC friend Shane Hoover in June. Heather Gardiner Shupenko writes that the summer was an emotional rollercoaster for her, as she completed her nursing degree from Simmons College in May and passed her Nursing Boards the 1st time around with the minimum of 75 questions. Waiting for the results was the most nerve-racking 48 hours of her life. Heather began work as a pediatric nurse at Massachusetts General Hospital in early Aug. She and her husband, Craig, celebrated their 1-year anniversary at the end of July. Sadly, Heather’s father lost his battle with pancreatic cancer. She writes, “He passed away in July. When he 1st got diagnosed on Thanksgiving his ultimate goal was to make it to my brother’s wedding in June. He promised he would be there and he was. He died 2 weeks later. He was such a fighter and so driven, I only hope that I am as tenacious in life as he was. He made it to all but 4 of my soccer games in my 4 years at Colby-Sawyer. Unbelievable.” We are sorry to hear about your loss, Heather. Marc Harding and his wife, Giselle Beauchemin Harding, bought a house in Millbury, MA. Giselle works as an EMT and also teaches at MA Bay Community College. Marc does warehouse logistics for MHQ in Marlborough, MA, a company that builds police cruisers, fire trucks and dump trucks and outfits them with lights and sirens. Marc has also joined the Millbury volunteer fire department. Jennie Mitchell Buckler writes that Beth Freeman visited this summer on the Cape. Jennie is very busy with her 2 sons, Ryan, 2½, and Nicholas, who is 1. Katie Merrihew Ouellette writes, “I have fun working with Kelly Crawford ’05 at The Family Place in Norwich, VT. I hope she wins me something from the radio!” Josh Bailey completed his 3-month clinical affiliation in Acute Care Physical Therapy at the University of Alabama, Birmingham this summer. He will graduate with his DPT in May 2007. He looks forward to practicing physical therapy. Josh still hangs out with John Bridges, Eric St. Onge and Mike “MO” Morrison. He says, “We still feel like college roommates when we get together. Some things never change. I am hoping to get to a Reunion or hoop game at CSC when I can.” Jeff Devaney works as the director of clinical services at a medical device company in Salt Lake City, UT. He travels all over the world, to France, Italy, Spain, China, Japan, Australia, and beyond. He loves the work and has encountered some wonderful cultures and landscapes. Jeff’s daughter, Adeline, is 16 months old. He writes, “She is the light of our lives. She can say and understand so much. She looks just like my wife, thank God.” Erin Ward Maciorowski was married this summer in her backyard. After months of exhausting planning and landscaping, they pulled off a surprise wedding for their families, a very large and casual ceremony for about 150 guests! Erin said she couldn’t have done it without the help of her best friend and matron of honor, Tracey Guarda Perkins ’01. Erin’s husband, Kevin, is a golf pro at Westlake Country Club in NJ. Devin Healy is the head athletic trainer for the Bridgeport Bluefish, an independent professional baseball team, and he is finishing graduate courses toward his M.Ed. His son, Daryn, turned 5 and started kindergarten this fall. Devin still hangs out with Chris Carriere and John Eaton ’98. Alex Peak writes, “The horse world is booming and business is great. I got engaged to Stephen Moylan on June 9 on top of the Empire State Building. I keep in touch with Andrea Goupil Stone and we are both celebrating some special times in our lives!” Hilary Crane lives in Plainville, CT. In Mar. she had a wonderful time on a 10-day cruise to Aruba, Curacao, Dominica, St Thomas and Half Moon Cay with her boyfriend, Chris. In June Hilary started a new job at The Hartford, in Simsbury, CT, where she is the service specialist in the death benefit contact center for investment product services. Rose Keefe lives in Chattanooga, TN, and teaches PreK4 at Spring Creek Elementary School. Rose keeps in touch with Helen Picard Viens, who is expecting her 2nd child, a girl. Beth Freeman still works as an activation supervisor at PC Connection. In Aug. she rented a cottage in ME for a week, and then visited Jen James Ensign at her home in Bradford, NH. Beth said that Jen is doing well, pursuing her master’s degree and working at Windy Hill at CSC. Tracy Rowe Crowell was that she had an exciting summer. Her son, PJ, turned 2 in Aug. They moved into their new house in July and are excited to have their own place. Kimberly Kogut and her fiancé, Adam, adopted a cat named Mona this summer, a sweet 1-year-old tabby cat. Kim also became an honorary “auntie” again to her best friend’s 4th child, Isabelle Orion, who was born in July. Kim is busy planning her wedding, and was looking forward to attending Jayson Thyng’s wedding in Oct. Sara LeRoy still works full time as a speech-language pathologist in rehab settings and also in a day habilitation program for adults with severe developmental disabilities and behavior challenges. Kevin Pickering is working at UMass Dartmouth as an athletic trainer and living in Fall River, MA. This summer he got engaged and is planning a summer ’07 wedding with his fiancé. Congrats, Kevin! Mary Grace Nash Spalton now lives in the UK. Angela Cloutier lives in Nashua, NH, with her boyfriend, Kevin Walsh. She teaches photography and art history full time at Nashua High School. Angela had a baby girl, Aiden, in Aug. 2005. Angela spends a lot of time with Jena Van Stelten and Andrea Goupil Stone, who was expecting a baby girl in Oct.
Congrats, Andrea! Alison Gulubicki says hello to her classmates. She writes, “I miss our college days and wish we could go back! I am still living in Haverhill, MA, and working for the Massachusetts State Senate as director of constituent services for Senator Steven Baddour.”

2000

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Hi everyone, this is Tara Schirm Campanella. I am living in Newport, RI, and am glad to be closer to New London; maybe I can catch some CSC events! My hubby just returned from a year’s duty in Iraq and we are getting ready for Gianna’s 2nd birthday in less than a month. How time flies! Now that I am stateside I have met up with Maryellen Skulski Mitrano and Michele Stantial Miller to catch up on just have a few updates. Jenny Wallerstein ’01, who always has the most exciting travels to report, writes: “The month of July was insane and had everyone asking me how I still have a job. I spent the 1st couple weeks traveling many, many hours to Southeast Asia to meet up with my boyfriend. We planned a little vacation in Phuket, Thailand. We went elephant trekking, snorkeling, sea cave canoeing and spent a lot of time in the ocean and at the swim-up bar in our hotel pool. It was so beautiful! We spent the last 2 days in Singapore; it is a shopping Mecca and the nightclubs and restaurants along the river are amazing. It was so hard to come home! I was only back at work for 5 days before hopping another plane to MA to be in my big brother’s wedding. It was really beautiful. I’m back at work now with no travel plans set for the near future, except a few day trips here and there to the beaches and “lobster village” in Mexico. I’m starting to fill in my calendar with the next wave of visitors coming to San Diego. I hope everyone else is doing great!”

Cindy Bailey Mace has been on some exciting adventures. She writes: “Chicken’ a.k.a. Dan Darcy and I had to cross the country to meet up with each other! A little over a year ago I moved to Windham, NY, to further my career in sales for the ski industry. I haven’t seen Dan in about 2 years. I had made arrangements to head to OR for a snowboard camp and mentioned it to everyone, in hopes someone would join me. Well, Mister Dan decided he wanted to come, so he and I went for 2 weeks to OR. I am at the camp now, while Dan headed to WA to climb Mount Rainier. He is nuts! He and I are expecting to take a few runs together Tuesday. Hopefully by then I am not dead from hucking myself off crazy jumps. I ran into Bryan Youngs ’01 back in Stowe, VT. He is doing really well and has quite the tan lines from working. Not too long ago he was in a rail jam and tore it up; the kid is kicking some serious tail.” Cindy also met up with Michelle Berger Lefebvre, who is doing extremely well. Michelle has an adorable baby girl who is almost 1, and she is really enjoying motherhood. Jason Young will graduate from New York Chiropractic College on Dec. 2. Afterwards he plans a move to British Columbia, Canada to practice with his fiancée, Rebecca Huddleston, who is in chiropractic school with him. They were recently engaged on top of Whiteface Mountain in Lake Placid, NY. How exciting, Jason! Jill Gragnano was engaged this past May and is busy planning a wedding for May 2007. She says hello to everyone. Shannon Rowell is also excited about her wedding plans. Last but not least, my old McKean neighbor from freshman year, Tony DeTore, wrote to say, “Not much news here with me and Courtney Wright DeTore ’02. I am still working on the new house and at several jobs. I escaped Boston because the commuting was ridiculous, and now I’m the art director for Lowell General Hospital in Lowell, MA. Courtney is at Lahey Clinic where she is doing well. That’s about it from our end of the world, hope things are going well for all of you.”

Richard Blanchard ’99 left CSC Sodexho Marriot to take a new retail management position at Keene State College. Rich had been with Sodexho at CSC for over 6 years. I can’t imagine what it is like there without him. Good luck, Rich! Thanks for the updates everyone, keep me in the loop, and I hope everyone has a great fall and holiday season. Maybe I will see some of you up at CSC! Hey, everyone, this is Jen Prudden. I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer. If it was..."
anything like mine, it was filled with weddings. Getting married seems to be the thing to do these days! I am still living in the North End of Boston and teaching 3rd grade in Andover, MA. I caught up with many alumni at the wedding of Zanna Campbell Blaney on Oct. 14 in Bethlehem, NH. It was one of the most beautiful settings I’ve ever seen. Katie Sykes Follis and I were bridesmaids, and we enjoyed a fun evening with Jess Dannecker, Chris Fitzpatrick, Kate Lovell, Matt Follis ’99, Jenn Caron-Small ’01, Sarah Parent ’99, Nate Camp ’98 and Beth Bryant Camp ’92, Tracey Guarda Perkins ’01 and Keith Perkins ’99, Holly Filasky, Benny Crowell ’03, Andre Zdunczyk ’99, Jay Hauser ’97, best man Brian Morrissey and Gail Barber Sykes ’68 (mother of Katie). Everyone is well and it is great to see each other! Kate Lovell still lives in South Boston and works at Emerson College. She was recently rehearsing a community theater production of “Chicago,” to be performed in Oct. Jess Dannecker recently bought a condo in Newmarket, NH, and has been busy decorating and moving in. Zac Pinard wrote to say, “I saw Ryan Smith a couple of weeks ago and he said not many people turned out for Reunion. Too bad. I am in Minneapolis right now working for Northwest Airlines as an MBA summer intern. In the fall I will head back to Washington, DC, to finish my last year at Georgetown University. I’ll get my MBA in May. I am pretty excited about being finished with school again. In the spring I am going on a consulting trip to Vietnam, so that will be fun too. I hope to take a quick vacation in Jamaica in a couple of weeks to unwind a little. Perks of working for an airline I guess. I went to the wedding of Dimitri Tsihlis ’01 last month, which was a blast. The wedding was in Concord, NH, and it was good to be home for a couple of days.” Kaitlyn Tuite lives in Worcester, MA, and works as a behavior therapist for autistic children in Marlborough, MA. She is also working on her master’s in nursing (bit of a career change) at Regis College. She still keeps in touch with Patience Hillger Cleveland and recently spent a day at her baby shower (baby Cleveland is due on July 4!). On Aug. 12 Hayley Cozens was married to Bob Campbell in Bermuda. I was lucky enough to attend her bachelorette party in Boston in June with Kate Lovell and Katie Tirrell. We had a blast and definitely tried to pretend we could party like college again. Kristin Anderson wrote to say, “I wish I had more exciting or different news to tell you, but I am really just enjoying my summer off with a few odd jobs here and there to keep me a little busy before school gets going again.” It certainly is a well deserved rest! Carla Tornifoglio lives in Goshen, NH, and works at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center as a licensed nursing assistant. In Sept., she began her senior year at NHCTC Claremont, earning her degree in nursing. Justin Hersh wrote, “I have been enjoying yet another summer in Park City. It has been spent mountain biking, fly fishing, boating with Chris Tulloch ’97 and Brian Heon ’98 and traveling with my girlfriend, Leslie. We recently returned from a long road trip up to Missoula, MT, Glacier and Yellowstone National Park. Other than that we are just gearing up for what we hope will be another great ski season. Hope this finds everyone doing well.” I’d love to hear from more people over e-mail. Please keep passing the word along to fellow alumni so that we can keep posted on each other’s lives.

We want to see your face, too.

Baby photo policy:
While we love to receive photos of your adorable children, our policy is that an alumna/us must also be present in the photo in order for it to be published in the Alumni Magazine.

2001

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Hello, class of 2001! I can’t believe summer is over already! It has been so busy for me! 1st we started off with Reunion, which was one heck of a party! Those of us who attended had a great time with all the Reunion activities, despite the rain-filled weekend. Catching up with old friends and meeting other CSC alums was wonderful, and I already look forward to our 10-year Reunion. In Aug., I also attended the alumni-sponsored Red Sox game, which was a blast; there were lots of alums and I saw many friends whom I hadn’t seen in quite a while. I finally graduated from Wheelock College with my master’s in child development and early childhood education. I can officially say I am done with school! My boyfriend, Jason, and I settled in to our new apartment in Lewiston, ME, early in the summer, and we really enjoy living closer to family and friends. The summer was busy for many of our classmates, several of whom had new arrivals in their lives. Mandy Eaton Casey welcomed her baby girl, Aquinnah, to the world on Oct. 1, 2005. Aquinnah is exploring everything and enjoyed the beautiful summer in the pool or at the beach.
Noble Chipley Farrow writes, “Chad and I now have a perfect baby boy named Kieran Adare Farrow. He was born on Aug. 2 at 8 lbs 10 oz, 21” long. He put me through 31 hours of labor, only to have a c-section but TOTALLY worth it. Chad has returned to his work routine and I’m trying to get the hang of the “mommy” routine. We couldn’t be happier.”

Kelly O’Hara Johnson welcomed her newest addition, Savannah Grace, who was born on July 25 at 4:54 am, weighing 8 lbs 6 oz. Kelly writes, “She is an absolute doll and we are so happy she’s here. Nicholas and Keira are enjoying being big siblings and they like to shower their baby sister with lots of hugs and kisses.”

Michelle Opuszynski Schwenger and her husband, Chris, also had a beautiful baby girl, Olivia Ryan, on Aug. 2. Maranda Egerdahl Crockett and her husband, Heath, had their son, Payson Wiley on June 2. He weighed 8 lbs 10 oz. The Crocketts are all doing great and enjoying their new family! Everyone at Reunion had the chance to meet Conner, baby boy of Kristin Giannino Spinney and Mike Spinney ’00. He was the hit of Reunion, such a great kiddo! I heard from Jennifer Savio Smith and “Woody” Smith, who have also been busy parents. Jenn writes, “The past year has kept both of us busy and adjusting to parenthood. Our son, Noah Raymund Smith, turned 1 in April and is keeping the 2 of us in line. Recently, Woody and I relocated to Las Vegas, NV. Woody took a job transfer working with Sling It Lacrosse, and I will be a resource specialist at a local school. Time seems to be flying by with our big move and summer vacations, but we will be settling down and getting back into our family routine as the new school year begins.”

Jennie Coccihari LaBranche and family are enjoying the beauty of the southwest. Her husband was promoted to captain and is currently in AZ. Daughter Lily is already 16 months old and growing fast! Jennie enjoys every moment during the day with Lily, experiencing the true joy of motherhood. Jennie and Lily will be returning back to NH, just in time for the foliage. They received word that her husband was going to be deployed to Iraq for 1 year, as an intelligence advisor to the Iraq Army. Sarah Outton is currently the office manager of an employment law firm in NYC, and resides in Hoboken, NJ, with Hudson, her Greater Swiss Mountain puppy. Tracey Guarda Perkins has great news to share. She writes, “I am excited to have returned to work at Colby-Sawyer’s Admissions Office! I just cannot keep away from this place. Keith and I bought a home in Goshen, NH, just 3 miles from the Mt. Sunapee access road, and are happy to have 10 acres to let our “kids”—Sam, a golden retriever, and Dewey, a Pembroke Welsh corgi—have some room to run around. I am still working on my master’s degree in organizational leadership from Southern New Hampshire University, and trying to horseback ride a few days a week. I still keep in touch with classmates: Taber Lightfoot, Mandy Eaton Casey, Beth Ashley, Julie Tyrrell Olsen and Sara Christensen. It was great to see so many people at Reunion! Let’s keep the momentum going strong until the 10th!”

Taber Lightfoot writes, “Life is great here in New Haven! I’m still working at the Yale School of Management in the Office of Communications. I was recently promoted to assistant director of new media (I oversee the school’s Web site and e-communications). It’s a very fast paced environment but I love what I do. In early July, I moved in to my own place in New Haven, after living with my sister since graduation. I’m loving this no roommate thing, I often see Tracey Guarda Perkins, Mandy Eaton Casey, Amanda Ogonosky ’00 and Bonnie Belmont ’00. I have also visited with Jacki Woyda Worobel ’00 and Jesse Worobel ’01 in Guilford, CT, and met their new addition, Avery Ewa Worobel, who is so adorable! In early June, I attended Reunion, which was a blast! Even though it poured rain the whole weekend, we all managed to celebrate in good ol’ Rooke until the wee hours of the morning. It was great to see all of you who made the trek up to New London. I have some pretty funny pictures of people riding on golf carts!”

Like I said before, Reunion was a time to remember. Megan McCarthy got engaged in Mar. to Robert Brodeur and is planning a wedding for May 2007 in Southboro, MA. Sara Hammond moved back to Salem, MA, and works at the same law firm. She has 1 semester left of law school and is finally seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. I also want to extend big congratulations to Sara for her induction to the CSC Athletic Hall of Fame! Jamey D’Amato has lived in London, England, since last fall. In July Grace Gravelle caught up with close CSC friends at Chris Roofe’s wedding in Woburn, MA. Grace has moved to Cincinnati, OH, for some new adventures. Amanda Rucci graduated in May with her master’s in special education. She enjoyed working part...
Let’s Go Red Sox!
More than 100 alumni and friends gathered at Fenway Park in Boston in August for the annual Colby-Sawyer alumni night at a Red Sox game. (All photo IDs are left to right.)

Kate Rocheford ’04, Matt Ferguson ’03, Erik Rocheford ’01 and Brian Ennis ’01.


Anne Coulter ’05, Karen Kotopoulos ’02, Mary Ann Prescott ’04, Tia Holt ’04, Debbie Panza ’02, Karen Salvo ’04 and Lauren Palma ’04.

Mike Carbone ’06, Jessica Underhill ’05, Lauren Kochakian ’05 and Emily Horvitz ’05.

Kirsty McCue ’02 and Debbie Panza ’02.

Beth Norris ’07, Becky Jones ’06, Jamie Coan ’06 and Amara Spang ’06.

Lauren Palma ’04, Ryan Willis ’04 and Heather Billings ’02.


Cameron Steese and Christian Burkey ’02.
time at Mt. Sunapee this summer and was planning to move in with her boyfriend in Manchester, NH, at the beginning of Sept. She hopes to find a special education teaching job. Curtis “David” Collins writes, “I am living in Atlanta, GA, and working for Collins Brothers Produce Company in the buying office. I got married 2 years ago and Anne and I are very happy together. We have no children yet. I enjoy riding dirt bikes and working 70 hours a week. We are planning a trip to see my wife’s family in Brazil next summer. I really miss Colby-Sawyer, and wanted to attend our 5th year Reunion but I had to work. Thank you for trying to keep in touch with everyone.

My phone # is (404) 775-5202, my work # is (404) 363-4711 ext. 7712, and our address is 703 North Ave, Forest Park, GA 30297.” Jorden Blucher lives in Salt Lake City, UT, working as an events manager and graphic designer, and planned to be married on Oct. 7 of this year.

Jenn Caron-Small writes, “Things are going well. I just went to Zanna Campbell Blaney’s ‘00 beautiful wedding! Had a chance to catch up with the crew: Jen Prudden ’00, Jess Dannecker ’00, Katie Sykes Follis ’00, Kate Lovell ’00, Fitzy, etc. Our new house in Portland, ME is fantastic. Hope all is well with everyone!” Brian Kerkhoven still lives in Washington, D.C., and works for Congressman Walsh. Kristin Ozana Doyle worked all summer at her office job, and returned to Raymond High for her 6th year in the fall, teaching new classes. Kristin had a great time this summer running a volleyball camp for the high school girls. She has changed her graduate major to school administration and supervision at UNH. Kristin and her husband, Brian, bought a home in Pembroke, NH, which has been their project since moving in on New Year’s Eve. She writes, “It’s been completely remodeled, inside and out, and we’ve really enjoyed it. We’ve already had Jennie Cocchiaro LaBranche and Sarah Lloyd up to visit. I’m looking forward to going to Sarah’s wedding next July with Jennie.”

Ero “Roula” Iordanou writes, “I was married on July 29, 2006. Jonah Neagle and Stephanie Bither Brown were 2 of my very pretty bridesmaids. I just returned from my honeymoon, a 9-day tour of Italy (Rome, Pisa, Florence, Verona and Venice). I loved it! Rome was my favorite place. I’m still in NH, working at Liberty Mutual as a business analyst. Now that the wedding is over, I’m focusing on applying to graduate school for the spring 2007 semester. I’m looking forward to getting my masters in communications management.” That is all I have received for updates this time around! Please make sure to keep the Alumni Office posted when you change your address. You can send me updates any time during the course of the year and I will make sure they are added to our notes! I hope you all have a wonderful fall, and I look forward to hearing from you soon! Take care.

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As always it was great to hear from everyone who responded to share the updates in their lives. Erin Slavin and her fiancé, Jon, recently purchased a house in Chelmsford, MA. The couple will be tying the knot in Sept. Erin
A picture is worth a thousand words.

Send us yours.

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Digital photos must be roughly 3”x5” in size and have a resolution of at least 300 dpi (dots per inch). E-mail your photos to alumni@colby-sawyer.edu

continues to work as an account executive for Mars, Inc. Katie Lynch is settling into her new job with Ferraro and Frobes, a company that sells and fits orthopedic braces. She is also busy planning her June 2007 wedding to Erik Rocheford ‘01. Randi Everett is in her 2nd year of teaching at Canajoharie High School in New York. Erin Slavin, Katie Lynch, Jenny Buck and I, Nikki Fowler, along with our fiancés, made a trip out to the Everett farm over the summer which was a blast! We make an effort to see each other as much as possible. Jenny Buck and Brendan Carney have a new addition to their family, a Chesapeake Bay retriever named Abby. She’s beautiful and very well behaved. Randi Everett and I have also gotten together with Missy Brown ‘01 and Karen Kotopoulos in NH. We had a great weekend of campfires, s’mores and tubing. What more could you ask for? Karen Kotopoulos continues to enjoy working for FitCorp. She participated in the Muddy Buddy race this summer and had a blast. If you don’t mind a little workout and a lot of mud, I’m sure she’d love to have a partner next year! Heather Billings has moved into a new apartment in Brighton, MA, and continues to do early intervention. She had a wonderful time at Debbie Panza Brenner’s wedding, seeing a bunch of fellow CSCers, including Brad Bennett. Heather was looking forward to the Sept. wedding of Andrea Chula and Eric Emery’04. Speaking of Brad Bennett, he is still hanging out in Seattle, working as a buyer for REI and generally loving life. Matt Sweeney still works at North Suffolk Mental Health while pursuing his master’s in social work. He will be completing an intern-

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Beth Burnham ’02

Since June 2005, Beth Burnham ’02 has been a Peace Corps volunteer, serving in Guyana, a tropical country on the northern shoulder of South America. In this Q&A, she shares a bit about her experience.

What led you to the Peace Corps?

My father introduced me to the idea of Peace Corps while I was in college. Then I went to the job fairs and met with Peace Corps representatives and talked with them about their experiences to see if it was really something I wanted to do.

What is your current assignment, and how long have you been serving?

I am currently serving in community development, HIV and AIDS education, and am also a literacy volunteer assigned to Sans Souci Primary School on Wakenaam Island. I have been in the country since June 2005. After receiving instruction in safety and security, cross cultural training, as well as religious, health and educational training, my service officially began in July 2005. I will finish my service in July 2007.

What was your initial reaction to Guyana? What have you learned about the country and the people since you’ve been there?

When I got off the airplane and was on the bus on the way to the hotel, I cried the entire time! I was so scared and was saddened by the living conditions that I had seen upon arriving. I had never been exposed to such poverty on this level. Since my arrival I have learned not to feel bad for people who live in such conditions, but to celebrate what they do have. These people have nothing, yet they never complain about their circumstances.

How has your experience been? What sort of contributions do you feel you’ve made as a volunteer?

My experience here has been very difficult at times. Peace Corps is not a vacation. It is difficult in ways that I never thought possible. Trying to fully integrate into a community as the “white girl” is difficult. Some of the biggest obstacles have been understanding and living a completely different lifestyle, as well as compromising the morals and values that I have lived with my entire life.

My contributions include the work I have done in HIV/AIDS, reading programs, individual tutoring, and a summer camp to promote cultural understanding among youth of Guyana. My greatest accomplishment is tutoring a 33-year-old adult, who did not know how to read or write.

What do you miss most about home?

What I miss most about home are the comforts that we live with. Washing machines (I hand wash all my clothes); electricity (I have electricity from 4 p.m.–8 a.m.); running water (I have to carry my water from a rain tank, one bucket in each hand, in order to do my dishes or take a bucket bath); transportation (to get off the island means a 3:30 a.m. ferry ride for 1½ hours to the mainland, and I walk or ride my bike to school). I miss not having to sleep in a mosquito net or worrying about malaria. I miss being healthy and working out, and not having to worry about being attacked or targeted because of the color of my skin. I miss driving a car. I miss things that work on a consistent basis, like telephones. I miss my family and friends, who all have been extremely instrumental in my experience here. I miss the seasons; it is either really hot or raining here.

When you walk away from this experience, what’s the most important lesson you’ll take with you?

Life is short, so embrace people and love them with all that you have, regardless of how they treat you. Have confidence in yourself. Be proud of who you are. Admit when you are wrong. Be patient. Care for others who can’t take care of themselves. Don’t assume. Ask questions. Take notes. Walk often. Enjoy your solitude. Read. Take challenges. Learn from others. After this experience, these are certainly the lessons I’ll carry with me every day.

What advice would you give others who are considering the Peace Corps?

Volunteer because you have a genuine interest in the needs of others. Check the Web site (peacecorps.gov) for more information; it is very helpful.

What are your plans when you return to the States?

Peace Corps, international development, teach English as a foreign language...there are so many options; I just haven’t decided yet.
As part of the job, Christine takes on the position of head athletic trainer for Timberlane Regional High School in Plaistow, NH. In addition, Christine was excited to begin school in the fall at Bay State College in Boston, where she will study to become a physical therapy assistant. Cheryl Lecesse and her boyfriend, Randy, moved to Acton, MA, in May. She still works at Community General Hospital in Lincoln, NH, as an adult case manager, which allowed for a great tan this summer. She is living with Addie Goff (once a roommate, always a roommate!). Katie works at Seacoast Mental Health Center in Exeter, NH, as an adult case manager, which is challenging but rewarding. Addie Goff is working at Harbor Schools in MA and fitting in fun everywhere possible. Kate Leber excitedly shares that she is getting married! That’s big news! His name is Paul Caddy and he is a coach at UConn. He proposed at a vineyard in CT during a picnic and they are planning a May ’07 wedding in Charleston, SC. Congratulations, Kate! She also writes that she and Paul started a LLC with 10 employees. Lily Mills still lives in FL. She says, “I am grateful for having the summers off as a teacher and took time to go up north to see my family. I also traveled to see Steph Roy in ME. It was great to see her and catch up on all the CSC memories that I had pushed to the back of my mind. Even though our lives have changed, we both realized that the memories we carry from school will always be the same and never be forgotten. I’m now going into my 3rd year of teaching reading for 8th grade. I’ll be starting in early Aug. and hopefully it will not be as active a hurricane season as it has been the last few years. Hope everyone is doing well and I enjoy reading about how everyone is doing since graduation.” Pilar Bescos Brackett is happily living in Greenland, NH, with her partner, Jenny, who is full time at UNH. Pilar still loves her work in early intervention with the birth-to-3 age group. She now works with Kathryn Brett and Nicole Sheppard ’03. “Our office has some great grads working for them.” Lisa Farina says there is no big news from Chicago for her or Casey Mitchell, but they both still enjoy the area and are having fun. I wouldn’t expect anything less from either of them! As for me, Nikki Fowler, I have been working at Hudson Valley Community College for most of the year and am really enjoying it. My fiancé, Ben, and I recently purchased a cute brick cape in Albany, NY. We really love the area and are planning to stay for a while. We have also been busy planning our wedding in the Bahamas, which is coming up in Feb. Please continue to share your updates and exciting news! Everyone would love to hear about your travels, engagements, weddings, jobs, babies, houses and whatever else you want to share, so make sure to keep e-mailing me or Cheryl. Don’t forget that our 5th Reunion is right around the corner! Hope that everyone can attend!

**2003**

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Editor’s Note: Special thanks to Tim Ingraham for his service as class of 2003 correspondent. And a warm welcome to Lisa Noyes, who has volunteered to take over as class correspondent.

Hello all, I hope everyone is doing well and that you enjoyed the last that summer and fall had to offer. These past few months have flown by and it is amazing that 2006 is almost over. Not much has changed around New London, besides of course the closing of the Jiffy Mart and Wildberry’s. The sad truth is that Dunkin’ Donuts has replaced Wildberry Bagel. I still have a Wildberry sandwich card with 10 stamps on it in my wallet, holding out for its return, I guess. I received a letter from Chris Russell’s mother this summer letting me know that Chris is continuing on the path of law enforcement. He has completed many months of basic law enforcement police training at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro. Chris

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also continues to work for the Kennebunk, ME, police department, where he has been an officer since 2004. All those nights of sober hosting in Rooke led him to his calling of keeping everybody safe! Micah Lashar continues to coach skiing in the east, although he is now coaching at Green Mountain Valley School in Waitsfield, VT. Micah spent a couple weeks this summer in Europe skiing with his athletes. Nick Salter recently left for CO, where he continues to work for Volkl and Tecnica. A couple of days before he left we threw a big going-away party for him at Ben Crowell’s house. Micah, Topher Plimpton ’04, Alex Darrah ’04, Zack Hawson ’00, Ramsey Hoehn ’02, Matt Hagerty ’02 and some other CSC alumni I am drawing a blank on were in attendance. I met up with Corey Felton this summer in OR a couple times. He is doing well and plans on spending another winter in Jackson Hole, WY. Scott Bailey continues to work for Dunkin’ Donuts and, from what I hear, has been working his way up the corporate ladder. As for the gals in Boston: Sarah Cailler and Wendy Theall just moved into an apartment together, and Meghan Andersen, Margaret Lambert and Lindsey Micarelli ’04 moved into an apartment together, too. They all continue to do well and still see each other as much as possible. As for me, sadly, this is the last column that I will be writing, as I have become too busy. I continue to work for Fischer Skis and love every minute of my job. I spent the summer at Mt Hood, OR, and was able to ski, golf and fish as much as possible. Lisa Noyes will continue to write these columns up, so please send her any updates or news for the class of 2003. Good luck to you all, and keep on trucking, Tim Ingraham. I hope that everyone survived this crazy weather that we had this spring and into the summer. As for me, Lisa Noyes, I have been busy with work and wedding planning. On June 17, 2006, I was a bridesmaid for Natasha Deane O’Donnell as she married her high school sweetheart, Gregory O’Donnell. They had a gorgeous day surrounded by family and friends in Randolph, MA. CSC alums included maid of honor Kayde Czupryna and bridesmaid Courtney Stevens ’04, along with Meghan Oriel Wallas, Jenny Woodbury ’04, Tina Burnell ’04, Maggie Warner ’04, Mary Lougee Lambert ’04, Meredith Buzzi and Mike “Tiger” Ricker ’04. Following the wedding, Tasha and Greg took a weeklong honeymoon in HI, and are now making their home in Weymouth, MA. Michelle Labrie Strand and Matt Strand also celebrated their wedding on May 6, 2006, in Boxborough, MA. Brian Schrader ’04, Justin Barker, Mark Miller ’02, Lindsey Wright Miller, Becky Boardman ’06, Lida Vanasse, Tara Strand ’00, Melissa Labrie ’00 and Stacy Leughmyer Drozell ’01 were there. Michelle writes, “We had such a great wedding and were so happy to have all of our CSC friends and family in attendance.” Michelle and Matt have been living in Grafton, MA for the past 2 years and are both doing well. They also see their friends very often and were looking forward to their annual CSC camping trip in Aug. Kelly Raiano Maccioli and Kevin Maccioli ’02 bought their 1st home this May. It is a 3 bedroom cape in Nashua, NH, and they have spent most weekends strippering wallpaper, repainting the walls and settling in. Kelly still enjoys her work as a graphic designer in Cambridge, and she says that the commute is not so bad. She also couldn’t wait for dance classes to restart in Sept. so that she could begin teaching dance to little girls ages 2½ to 7. Meghan Oriel Wallas works as a customer service representative for the Glens Falls Civic Center. She just moved into a new home with her husband, John Paul, and she writes that their 1st year of marriage has been incredible! Jon Dufort moved to Clearwater, FL, and works in the admissions office at Florida Metropolitan University. When he is not working he hangs out with his girlfriend, Ari, and spends weekends at the beach. Michelle Greim started a new job this past April at the Hyatt Regency Boston as the executive assistant to the general manager. She still lives in Providence, RI. Jenny Tooley writes that her days as a professional student are over as she graduated with her master’s in physical therapy this spring. She was starting a job in Sept. at an

Colby-Sawyer friends celebrating the marriage of Eric Emery ’04 and Andrea Chula Emery ’02 in September included (l to r) Kate Rocheford ’04, Heather Billings ’02, Andrea, Eric, Erica Reeder ’04 and Matt Ferguson ’03.
outpatient orthopedic facility in Brunswick, ME and in the meantime moved home to Camden, ME, to study for the national licensing exam. Her plan is to gain experience at the facility for a few years and then work as a traveling PT. Jenny is still skiing, has taken up road biking and hopes to complete a sprint triathlon this spring. Good luck, Jenny!

Sara Murphy recently got a job as a graphic artist at a firm in northern NJ, and is really excited to be relocating with her boyfriend.

Shelby Curran moved to Portland, OR, where she works as a supervisor at a school for emotionally disabled youth. She says that the northwest is beautiful and not nearly as rainy as rumor has it. Congratulations are in order for Andrea Lyle and Adam Dubois! They were engaged in Feb. 2006 and are planning a 2007 wedding. Andrea recently became a quality control lab tech at Stonyfield Farm dairy, and Adam has been busy managing Quizno’s Subs. They are also in the process of opening their own business. Marc Bourget moved to Derry, NH, last year and also took a job at Charles River laboratories in Wilmington, MA. Marc writes, “Charles River labs is the largest producer of knock out mice for biomedical animal testing in the world.” He works in the health monitoring department and does necropsies on animals ranging from mice to 30 lb. rabbits. He also identifies parasites and collects abnormalities and lesions on organs. Marc is also starting to apply for medical schools. Keep up all the busy work! Well, that is all the updating that I have. Congratulations to all who have married, moved or taken new jobs. Please keep in touch!

2004

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Hey, everybody! I hope this edition of the magazine finds everyone doing well. Stephanie Hicks writes that she has moved again. After spending almost a year in CT, she and her boyfriend, Anthony, have moved back to NH and are living in Littleton with their dog, Quincy. Steph says that she has finally found a job that utilizes her degree! She is a reporter for The Courier, Littleton’s weekly newspaper. If anyone would like to check out her work, go to www.courier-littletonnh.com. James Blundon wrote to say that things are very busy for him. He only has 3 semesters left at the University of New Haven and is looking forward to becoming a police officer in the next year! This summer he worked as a security director at the Cooperstown All Star Village, which is a summer camp where children play baseball in a tournament setting. Stacey Fraser writes that she still works at Summit Educational Group in Watertown, MA. She is the assistant director of tutor services and the SES coordinator, managing the free MCAS tutoring programs for low-income families. Stacey planned to take the GRE in Aug. in hopes of getting into grad school. Good luck! At the end of Aug., Stacey planned on moving...
to Lexington where she grew up, bringing her closer to her sister, brother-in-law and her 6-month-old baby nephew. Stacey recently saw a bunch of alums. In April, Caron Barber held a surprise party for Justin Hall in Portland. It was an '80s theme night and a lot of fun. There, Stacey saw Caron Barber, Justin Hall, Jason Feitelberg, Tim Morin, Lois McKnight, Jamie Irving, Jeff Wetherby, Thom Neff '01, Megan Thayer and Ben Watts. At the end of April, Stacey went to a party in Plymouth held by John Marsh and his girlfriend, Katie, where she saw, among others, Jason Feitelberg, Tim Morin, John Marsh and Erik Metcalfe. Tamsen Bolte writes that she, Cecily Danver and Ali Quinton get together quite often for nights out in Manchester, Portsmouth and the good old Sunapee area. Tamsen lives on Rocky Bound Pond in Croydon, continues to work at Stryker Biotech in West Lebanon, and often visits New London to play tennis. Tamsen says that Ali recently moved to Dover and loves living in such an active community. Ali spent the summer lounging by the pool, getting together with friends and teaching early literacy skills to incoming 1st graders. She was looking forward to returning to teaching 1st grade in the fall. Cecily Danver enjoys keeping people fit as the fitness specialist at the Elliot Hospital in Manchester. Cecily recently got together with Liz Joseph '03 and Kelli Converse at a Dave Matthews concert. Cecily is renting a condo in Goffstown and stayed busy this summer water skiing and training for the CIGNA/Elliott Corporate Road Race in Aug! Jolene Rackliff '03 joined Tamsen, Cecily and Ali at a recent Red Sox game. Ethan Nosel lives in Stamford, CT, where he works at Vineyard Vines, an online clothing company. Nina Lavigne writes that she has moved to upstate NY and is the marketing coordinator for a company called Home Bistro Foods. She recently got engaged to her high school sweetheart and is planning a wedding for Sept. 2007. Congrats, Nina! She has been talking a lot with Krista Lind and is planning on having Krista as the maid of honor. Nina had many busy weekends this summer and had the chance to spend some time with Krista, Amanda Githens, Sarah Crete, Jessie Price and Debbie Panza Brenner '02. As for me, it was quite a busy summer. I spent the majority of it finalizing my wedding plans and was married on Aug. 27! It was very exciting and fun and it was a good time to get everyone together! Other than that, I caught up with a lot of friends at a gathering held by Maggie Warner. I saw Mike Ricker, who recently became a paramedic in NJ, Adam Therrien, Tina Burnell, Kelly Bateman, Jon Evans, Kim

Lougee/Lambert Wedding

Mary Lougee Lambert '04 and Nate Lambert exchanged wedding vows in York, Maine, in August.

Alumni friends celebrating the Lambert marriage included (front row, l to r) Christian Berkey '02, Adam Therrien '04, Mike Sullivan '04, Mike Ricker '04, Jon DeYoung '04, Jon Evans '04, (back row, l to r) Tina Burnell '04, Jessica Murray '04, Maggie Warner '04, Mary Lougee Lambert '04, Kelly-Ann Bateman '04 and Kim O'Connell '04.
O’Connell, Mike Sullivan, Jon DeYoung, Jen Dube, Jen Allen and Kelsey Nadeau Reed ’05. I recently went to a goodbye dinner for Sarah Southworth Stanley with Jenni Mongeur Campbell and Ginger Matson. It was fun but also sad to see Sarah move off to AZ for school. Well, I hope everyone is well! Keep sending notes and pictures!

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Adam Naparsteck claims his life after graduation hasn’t been too exciting. He did some traveling, spending a couple of weeks making his way around Peru, eating, hiking, sightseeing, and more eating, and he also spent a month vacation in the Philippines.

Adam works in Chicago as a recruiter for a staffing firm. He’s been there about a year and really enjoys his position, though a major drawback to being back in the Midwest is that he doesn’t get to see CSC friends as often as he’d like. Since graduating he’s made it out to RI once, to visit Andrew Williams and Liz Blackman for a mini yellow house reunion. He saw Kolbe Fitzgerald for a quick second, when Kolbe came out to visit some friends in Chicago, and saw Micah Mitchell, who was passing through on his way to start life as a ski bum in Utah. Kate Provencher is about to make the move to Bristol, RI, to work on her master’s in forensic psychology at Roger Williams University. Best of luck to Kate! Libby Bent recently started a new job at the Hartford Courant newspaper in Hartford, CT, as an ad compositor, doing graphic design work and making other ads. She is looking for a place to move with her boyfriend and has also started riding at a local barn. She gets together with Caitlin Radke, as they only live 20 minutes away from one another. Trevor Dorian completed his 1st year of grad school at Springfield College, where he worked as a teacher/research assistant and spent extra time working in the weight room as strength and conditioning assistant coach. This past summer he worked for the Cincinnati Reds organization as the strength and conditioning coach for their rookie ball affiliate, the Billings Mustangs in Billings, MT. Mike Croatti finished an internship with the Patriots and in Sept. was headed down to Annapolis, MD, to start a graduate internship at the U.S. Naval Academy. He will be an assistant to the AD and a graduate assistant baseball coach. He’s obviously been busy attending Sox games and e-mailing Terry Francona, telling him how he is a horrible manager and how he could do so much better. Mike played in a memorial golf tourney for Rian McCarthy’s brother with Rian, Justin Litchfield ’04, Kev Moran ’04 and Timmy Beaton. He’s also been honing his mini golf skills down the cape with the honorable Christopher M. Woods ’04. Karen Tryon has had an exciting year. Last Feb., her boyfriend, Robert Hoey, proposed at the Venetian in Vegas. They were on a gondola ride when he popped the big question. Her fiancé, whom she graduated from high school with, owns a construction company, Silver Lake Construction. The big day is planned for May 17, 2008. As for Stephanie Gehlbach, she has recently started at GE Healthcare in Burlington, VT, as an installation consultant. She loves the position so far, mainly because she gets to travel all over the country. Emily Horvitz moved back to New London with Lauren Kochkian in Jan. Emily is working at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in the Intensive Care Nursery. Hanni “Maria” Lincoln has been spending lots of time with CSC alums. She still works at State Street Corporation in Quincy, MA, as an accountant, and in Sept. was moving in with friends on Beacon Hill. Justin McIver has become part owner of his family’s electrical company and is building his own new house. Deanna Burt is keeping very busy. She is currently teaching dance in Elmira and Watkins Glen, NY. She’s the director of the competition team at the Leslie School of Dance and is also

Dan DeWalt ’04, Neil Rawling ’04, Joe Caforia ’04, Julian Frey ’05, David Fitzpatrick ’06, Liam Breslin ’05, Justin Jaundoo ’03 and Ben Barr ’04 spent the 4th of July holiday on Lake Sunapee.
choreographing 2 productions for New Heights Dance Theatre, “Nutcracker in Motion” and “Walking on the Horizon.” And she just moved into a new apartment in Elmira Heights. Deanna says she misses everyone at CSC but loves the real world.

Jaime Peterman and Emma Harlow are still living in Key West, FL. They both work at the Naval Air Station in Key West, Jaime as the sports coordinator and Emma as the rec track manager. Marissa Zinsser does marketing for an upscale insurance brokerage firm in Greenwich, CT. She also just recently bought a condo in Stamford, CT, with her fiancé. And speaking of fiancés, Megan O’Rourke and Mark Kischko were recently engaged and are planning a Sept. ’07 wedding. Jess Gillen is another lucky gal who said “yes” this year. Clayton “Chip” Fisher and Jen Dube are engaged and will be married in fall 2007. Congratulations to all of you and best of luck! Speaking of weddings, Becca Bailey Wright was married Oct. 22, 2005, to Shawn Wright at the bottom of Mount Sunapee. They bought a house in Rock Hill, SC, and moved there right after the wedding. They are expecting their 1st child this spring! Becca works as a counselor at a home called New Hope Carolinas, in a female unit with troubled teens and abuse victims. Every day is quite the experience, she says! Things are going very well for her, and while she misses New England and CSC, the life she has now is everything she had hoped for. A dream job, house, husband and now family! Meaghan Smith and her boyfriend, Brendan, just bought their 1st house together. She’s still at Plymouth, finishing her master’s in school counseling. She’ll have her practicum this fall, internship in the winter, and will graduate in the spring; then she’ll look for a guidance counseling job close to home. Congratulations and good luck to Meaghan! Danielle Hilton Clay has had a very busy year full of excitement and fun! She bought a house in Loudon, NH, with her husband, Jon Clay ’04. They tied the knot on May 13, 2006, and had a wonderful wedding attended by a lot of CSC alums. Danielle is a kindergarten teacher and assistant director at the Early Enrichment Center in Concord, NH. Gwen O’Neil and Chris Beaudet were getting married on Oct. 14 in Sunapee, NH. They planned a small, beautiful wedding with family and friends present. Jim Blundon ’04 was a groomsman in their wedding. Aaron Cinquemani lives in Boston, where he is the director of a tutoring center owned by The Washington Post. He sees about 250 kids a week between the ages of 4 and 14, and likes the mix of education and business. Melissa Berry Pollman and her husband are living in England. She works at the youth center on the base, with children aged 5–12. She loves it and says the kids are great. Melissa and her husband recently found out they are expecting their 1st baby in Mar. They are both very excit-
ed and were hoping to visit the States sometime around Oct! Congrats! Angela Shaw is working at Flash Photo in the graphics department, doing layout design and other graphics. She also does freelance photography and graphic design on the side.

Vanessa Mitchell started attending Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine in late Aug. Allison Kelly says there is never a dull moment at the Yale-New Haven Children’s Hospital in Hamden, CT, where she has been working as a child life specialist for the past year. She can’t believe how fast time has gone by, saying she misses her friends and family from back home. However, she does enjoy meeting new people and spending time with her co-workers and boyfriend, Casey. Besides working full time, Allison has vacationed in FL, attended friends’ weddings and family reunions, and explored the CT beaches. Over the week of July, Ali Natowich spent time with her during a gathering at Allison’s house. Allison says, “It’s strange not living with her after 4 years in college...but we keep in touch quite often.” Kelsey Nadeau Reed was married in June 2006 to Joseph Reed, and many CSC alums attended the wedding. The newlyweds went on a cruise for their honeymoon. Tara Pannell recently moved back to NH. She still works for TD Banknorth but has transferred to the Amherst, NH office. Jen Haagensen is living in CT and teaches classes at Teamwork Allied Health Academy and Co-operate, a temp agency for dental hygienists and assistants. She also volunteers at The Westerly Hospital ER in RI, continues to ride horses, and is applying to medical school. She is, of course, spending tons of time with her 1-year-old puppy, Colby (yes, named after CSC). Lauren Hallworth lives in Ipswich, MA, where she has been very busy running the River Gallery, which she bought in Mar. 2006. As for myself, Cody O’Leary, I recently moved to Boston with my boyfriend, Scott, and work as an event planner for a consulting firm. In May I went on a 12-day trip to Ireland with my dad, which was amazing, and we’re planning on going again in Feb. with more family. Besides traveling about once a month, I’m enjoying the new city and going to Red Sox games as often as I can. My co-class correspondent, Monica Michaud, is leading a busy life! She still works at a special needs preschool as a head teacher and is also coaching field hockey, cheering for the younger kiddos around the area and volunteering at a local high school drama club as their choreographer. She’s also been busy with the new addition to her family, a Jack Russell Terrier puppy named Murphy! She saw Kelsey Nadeau Reed and Jamie Pagurko White over the summer at their respective weddings and they try to get together as often as they can despite their busy schedules.

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Abby Roach moved to Arlington, VA, in late July with her boyfriend, Jason. She recently began an administrative assistant position at Jones Lang LaSalle, a real estate services and money management firm located in DC. In her spare time Abby has been busy getting the apartment set up as well as taking many trips around the city. With a new pull-out couch, she’s ready for some cold New England ocean. She regrets to report that she has absolutely no natural talent in either of these pursuits, but is having a cathartic and humbling time trying. Allison Stacey lives in Clarendon, VT, and works as an admissions counselor for the College of St. Joseph in Rutland, VT. Since her fall travel territory is ME, NH and Eastern MA, she has been able to stay in touch with and sometimes visit her Colby-Sawyer friends from time to time. Krystal Heins teaches 7th grade language arts at Merrimack Valley Middle School in Penacook, NH. She is very excited to be living on her own in Pembroke, in a studio apartment that she describes as “a little dorm-ish.” Nicole Eaton recently got a job as a production assistant at Center Point Large Print Publishing in Thornton, ME. Allison Pyles is studying contemporary jewelry design at the prestigious Alchimia, a school in Florence, Italy. She is enrolled there for the 2006–2007 academic year, and will be returning home to MA in late June 2007. She then plans to live in Portsmouth, NH, and attend classes with the NH League of Craftsmen in Hanover, adding to her jewelry design knowledge.

Women’s volleyball alumnae gathered on campus in April for their annual match versus current players. Former players participating in the match included (back row, l to r) Becky Schafer ’06, Anne Coulter ’06, Ashley Lorance ’06, Kathy Couture ’06, Sarah Blume ’06, (front row, l to r) Karen Kotopoulos ’02, Sara Hammond ’01, Kristin Anderson ’00 and Amy Tarte ’06. Not pictured, but present at the event, were Mary Ann Prescott ’04 and Karen Tryon ’05.

Congrats! Colby-Sawyer College:减速率
On October 8, 2006, the college held the inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. The event honored seven people and celebrated their athletic abilities, outstanding accomplishments and noteworthy contributions to the ongoing success of the Colby-Sawyer Athletic Program. Following are excerpts from the inductees’ plaques, which are affixed on the Hall of Fame wall in the Dan and Kathleen Hogan Sports Center.

**Tyler Blout ’99** was a four-time letter winner in soccer and baseball. He was captain of the soccer team in 1999 and the baseball team from 1997 through 1999. In 1998, Tyler was a New England Intercollegiate Baseball Association First Team selection. He was a member of three Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) championship teams; soccer in 1997 and baseball in 1998 and 1999. He was First Team All-CCC in baseball three times. In 1998, he was CCC Player of the Year and Colby-Sawyer Male Athlete of the Year.

**Sara L. Hammond ’01** was a two-sport athlete in basketball and volleyball, was twice selected as the Colby-Sawyer Female Athlete of the Year and twice selected as the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) Volleyball Player of the Year. She was an All-New England Women’s Volleyball Association player in 2000, and, upon her graduation, she was the all-time Chargers’ leader in both kills (1,358) and digs (1,222). Equally gifted in basketball, Sara was the CCC Women’s Player of the Year in 2001, and she was chosen for the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association District I First Team. Sara scored 1,104 points during her career.

**Laura D. Danforth ’83** is the epitome of the multi-talented sportswoman. She was Colby-Sawyer’s first three-sport, four-year athlete, and she is the college’s only 12-time letter winner in three sports—soccer, lacrosse and basketball. Laura was selected as an alternate on the United States Women’s Lacrosse Team. Upon graduation, Laura’s 58 career points and 24 career goals ranked her as the all-time leader in both those categories in the Colby-Sawyer Women’s Soccer record book.

**Patricia “Pat” Driggs Kelsey**’s generosity to Colby-Sawyer’s academic and athletic programs is legendary. The Kelsey Athletic Fields and the Patricia D. Kelsey Tennis Courts are among the most beautiful in New England. A great athlete in her own right, Pat was the New Hampshire State Women’s Amateur Golf Champion three times. She serves the college as a trustee, is a founder of the Chargers Club, a recipient of the college’s Town Award and was fittingly honored with the college’s highest tribute, the Susan Colgate Cleveland Medal for Distinguished Service.

**Beth Chartier Tower ’97** was a four-time women’s basketball team Most Valuable Player and captain of the team for three years. She twice received the Colby-Sawyer Female Athlete of the Year Award. In 1996, she was a Columbus Multi-Media All Region First Team selection and an Honorable Mention All-American. In 1997 Beth was the Commonwealth Coast Conference Player of the Year and a GTE Academic All-American District I Second Team selection. She also was the 1997 recipient of the Eastern College Athletic Conference Award of Valor. Beth is Colby-Sawyer’s all-time leading scorer with 1,514 points.

**Janet “Jen” Ellis ’85** was a four-time letter winner in women’s tennis and was co-captain of the 1985 team. She was also the recipient of the college’s prestigious 1985 Scholar-Athlete Award. As a staunch and enthusiastic supporter of Colby-Sawyer athletics, Jen has been the president of the Chargers Club from 1992 until the present. In 2001 and 2002, she coached the women’s tennis team, and she has been the director of the Chargers Classic Tennis Tournament since 2001.

**T.J. Gondek ’95** was a rare big man who was also a devastating three-point threat. He was a 1995 National Association Basketball Coaches All-American, the Columbus Multi-Media Northeast Region Player of the Year and a College Sports Information Directors Association Academic All-District I player. He was twice on the NABC All-Northeast District First Team and the Eastern College Athletic Conference New England All-Star First Team, and was twice honored as Colby-Sawyer College Male Athlete of the Year. T.J. set many records on his way to becoming the college’s all-time scoring leader with 2,164 points.