Colby-Sawyer
Fall 2012

Mountain Day 1954
A Tough Place to Grow, A Great Place to Learn

The college introduces its new field study program, Alpine Communities, which takes students up into the highest peaks of New Hampshire’s White Mountains to explore the fragile flora that live there and learn about how these communities adapt to severe weather conditions and the impact of human beings.

175 Years of Teaching and Learning

The school that began in 1837 has had many names and identities, but a belief in each student’s potential and the transformative power of an education in the liberal arts and sciences has persisted.

True Tenure

Over the last 35 years, Janet Bliss and Deborah Taylor have devoted their lives and careers to creating the award-winning Windy Hill School and shaping the academic programs at Colby-Sawyer College.

A Life Steeped in History

Professor Emerita Hilary Cleveland taught history and political science at the college for 57 years, and she and a long line of her family’s ancestors have played important roles in the evolution of the college, the town of New London, the state of New Hampshire and the nation.

Wide Awake

John Pelech ’02 is intense, relentless and doesn’t sleep much. Empowered by his education in business administration, he’s found ingenious ways to recycle the unrecyclable and turn it into materials that fuel and sustain the local economy.
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While most of our students and faculty members were away this summer, a big part of the Colby-Sawyer campus was fenced off and turned into a busy construction zone. In late June, the dining hall in the Ware Campus Center was an empty shell. Soon after, a crane lifted massive steel beams into place behind the building to frame the two-story addition that will be part of a larger, light-filled dining hall and new meeting spaces and offices for students, faculty and staff.

Before moving to temporary spaces in Colgate Hall, the Student Development staff who work above the construction site in Ware were joking about the joyful sounds of jack-hammers in the morning. Meanwhile, Dining Services relocated its operations to Wheeler Hall, where Sodexo staff served three meals a day to hungry hordes of scientists on campus for the Gordon Research Conferences that took place all summer.

Nearby, the ground floors of Burpee and Abbey Halls, which housed the Windy Hill School for more than three decades, were being transformed into living spaces for the college’s growing student body. Big trucks rumbled by constantly to deliver materials and cart away rubble, while hard-hatted construction crews scurried around the sites on fast forward, laboring under a deadline they absolutely could not miss: The return of students in just eight weeks.

In a time of economic austerity at home and abroad, the Colby-Sawyer community has engaged in strategic planning, established its priorities, and focused intensely on the college’s strengths and aspirations. And after surveying the higher education landscape, we saw the need, once again, to accelerate the pace of growth and change, albeit in ways that sustain the college’s core values and identity.

In recent years, President Tom Galligan has often spoken of the college’s great growth spurt in the early 1930s, when McKean Hall, James House, Colby Hall, Burpee Hall and Page Hall were built. Even during the Great Depression, the college chose to invest in its future.

Today, as economic uncertainty has stalled so many institutions around the country, Colby-Sawyer is charging ahead, building new dining, residential and office spaces, and in a few years, a spectacular new fine and performing arts center. We are repeating our history—both of necessity and to take advantage of favorable interest rates—and once again investing in a clear vision of our future.
Environmental Studies major Laurel Bauer ’13 serves as the permaculture manager and Lauren Oberg ’13 was a summer intern working on the college’s organic garden. Over the summer they established new beds, grew vegetables for the dining hall, planted trees on campus and built a footbridge and seating area in the garden.

Lorena Pereyra, one of three teaching assistants on campus this year through the Fulbright Language Teaching Assistant program, is introduced to the faculty during the fall Teaching Salon. Pereyra is from Argentina and will teach Spanish.

Ashley Ribbans ’14 greets a canine visitor from Brinbella Kennels who was on campus for a dog-sledding demonstration on Feb. 29. Ribbans was the class project manager for this event in Assistant Professor of Business Administration Bill Spear’s Pathway class, The Iditarod Dog Sled Race: Making the Team Work.

During International Festival on April 5, students from Nepal dressed in traditional costumes and served some of their favorite foods. The students include, from left to right: Padmina Shrestha, Nishchal Banskota, Amigo Khadka, Chimney Dolkar, Sukriti Raut, Pradipti Bhatta, Bonita Basnyat, Sarina Karmacarya and Dristi Adhikari.

Left: Seniors Carly Strathdee, Matt Wahlgren and Karen Fondoules discuss “Memories of my Father,” a sculpture by Susan Azodi ’16, during the Juried Student Exhibition in March.
Wow! The publication is outstanding. Everything about this new format is perfect. The paper, layout, content, images and style get high marks!

While the publication itself may be award winning and worthy of the compliments, the reason I am sending this along is so that you will see the residual effects of your work. The placement and layout of the 4K Challenge ad caught my eye! Not only a great photo of Beth (Bryant Camp ’92) and Peg (Rogers Andrews ’85), but great layout and messaging. Couple that with the brilliant idea to insert the pledge envelope and voila—I had no hesitation in writing a check!

For a number of reasons, I feel now is the time to give Colby-Sawyer a different priority on our list. First, my experience as a student and graduate, 30 years ago. Second, as a community member who understands that our town needs the college to thrive. The social, economic and physically aesthetic benefits are immeasurable. Lastly, as a parent of a soon-to-be graduate. The new magazine was the catalyst for my reflection, a change in our commitment and this message.

Kudos to all involved and many thanks for your hard work and dedication. Your efforts and the success of the school make a difference. Congratulations!

Annie Reynolds Ballin ’82
New London, N.H.


I love the new look. I love the paper. I love the photos. I love, love, love the wow factor of the simplicity of the cover. Less is truly more.

Each time my magazine arrives, I disappear to my favorite reading spot in the house and read it from

Data Driven

100%
Pass rate of the Class of 2012 nurses on the NCLEX exam

40%
Recycling rate for college’s waste stream

19
Faculty emeriti on campus for a July luncheon

58%
Increase in total donors over last year

$326,138
Annual tax bill as New London’s largest taxpayer

$21,608,371
Economic impact per year of our students and visitors on area communities

$10.1 million
Cost of campus construction projects planned over next 2-3 years

357
Full- and part-time employees
cover to cover. All the while I’m reminiscing of my days and nights in Colby Hall and my sophomore year in Page Hall. So, quite simply, thank you.

Lori Keller Muscaro ’84
Bristol, Pa.

Heartfelt congratulations in regard to the latest issue of Colby-Sawyer Magazine! It looks, reads and feels beautiful. Classy. Elegant. It’s easy to see that a lot of hard work went into the production because it’s chock full of excellent writing, terrific photography, tasteful creative design, and a ton of clever ideas. Best wishes for continued success.

David R. Morcom
Wilmot, N.H.

I have to say that you have done an incredible job on the alumni magazine! I love it... the new design is awesome (and that comes from someone whose most recent career was marketing communications!). I love the typeface and page format! And, I was particularly struck by how vivid all of the pictures are. Well done!

Ann Lozier Rohrborn ’71
Gilford, N.H.

I received my copy yesterday, and both Rick and I were very impressed. The cover shot was absolutely amazing! The magazine was very substantive and the articles very interesting. You should take well-deserved pride in it. It certainly shows that Colby-Sawyer has a critical eye when it comes to communications. Bravo!

Anne Winton Black ’73, ’75
Former Chair, Colby-Sawyer Board of Trustees
Canton, Conn.

Kudos! Yesterday I received my copy of Colby-Sawyer. What a handsome publication! Though I haven’t had time to read it cover to cover, I did thoroughly enjoy dipping into individual articles as I browsed. Next step: I begin with the first page for a complete journey.

I think the new format is excellent—super text, illustrations and overall feel of the magazine. You’ve done a fantastic job. Now give yourself time to luxuriate in its success... before getting knee-deep into the next issue!

Dorothy “Dotty” Egan
Professor Emerita of Humanities
New London, N.H.

Absolutely love the new look of the magazine. Great finish (not glossy), articles were great, design and photos very classy. I used to work in publications for Digital Equipment Corporation years ago, so I recognize a superior publication when I see it! Keep up the good work!

Jean Warwick Osgood ’55
New London, N.H.

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On Becoming a College

Susan F. Colby was just 20 years old when she became the first principal and teacher of the New London Academy in 1838. She believed that young women, like their brothers, should have access to higher learning, and she offered a challenging curriculum that included modern languages and Latin, mathematics, drawing, science and philosophy.

The academy served as the high school for New London and the region, educating the children of rural farm families for a modest fee. The school evolved over the years, and was often rescued from financial hardship by the generosity of Susan Colby, who would marry James B. Colgate and become the academy's primary benefactor. Though the school changed its name to The New London Literary and Scientific Institution and then to Colby Academy, it remained true to its founders’ and its first principal's belief in the power of a well-rounded education to develop young women and men to their full potential. It prepared them to perform, as Principal Colby wrote, “all the social duties which arise in society.”

By the turn of the 20th century, Colby Academy's enrollment and financing, like that of many other New England preparatory schools, were on the decline due to the rise of modern public high schools. The academy had also suffered a disastrous fire that destroyed its main building—an enormous and ornate brick edifice built in 1870—on the site where Colgate Hall now stands. Miss Mary (Colby) Colgate, the daughter of Susan Colby and James Colgate, was by then the school's main benefactor, and she again stepped up to support construction of the new building, Colgate Hall, which was completed in 1912. This is the same building I call my professional home today.

A decade later, when Colby Academy students gathered in September 1922 for the opening day service, a new principal, H. Leslie Sawyer, greeted them and asked for their cooperation and guidance because just as they were new to their classes, he was new to his job. The students liked this young man with bright blue eyes behind round spectacles who "glowed with good humor and friendliness" and spoke, as Helen Kidder Greenaway '25 recalled, "without the pomposity anticipated of headmasters and who accepted us as partners rather than pupils and teacher."

These students did not know that they would be among the last classes to graduate from Colby Academy, or that Dr. Sawyer would be its 25th and last principal. Just six years later, Colby Academy would become part of history and Dr. Sawyer would become the first president of its successor, Colby Junior College, and remain its leader until his retirement in 1955.

After a year in his new role as principal, Dr. Sawyer asked the trustees of Colby Academy to consider incorporating as a junior college for women. The school had adequate classrooms and laboratories for a post-secondary school, and he suggested it would work if the college were to combine a liberal arts and sciences curriculum with professional preparation that would allow young women to gain immediate employment after graduation or continue their education at a baccalaureate college or university. So began our efforts to combine teaching and learning in the liberal arts and sciences with professional preparation—a commitment we steadfastly maintain today.
There was initial resistance from the trustees, many of whom were academy graduates, but declining enrollments and growing debt led to the plan’s approval in 1927, and the next year the academy became a junior college for women. Colby Junior College grew and thrived despite the stock market crash in October 1929, which set off an economic depression that would last a decade. In 1930, McKean Hall was the first of five residence halls built during these difficult years. Under President Sawyer’s skillful leadership, the college soon earned a reputation as one of the nation’s leading junior colleges.

President Sawyer was admired and respected at the college and in New London, which prospered along with the college. He became well known for his chapel talks and his interest in and attention to every student. “Dr. Sawyer’s belief in the potential success of the individual is his great contribution to the development of all the girls who have lived on this campus,” wrote Barbara M. Clough ’31, as headmistress of Northfield School for Girls. “And equally important, this conviction that every person may be potentially successful has contributed to the steady growth of his teachers and staff and to the community of New London.”

When President Sawyer retired in 1955, New Hampshire Governor Lane Dwinell lauded him for his “pioneering efforts to transform an academy into a college, which took courage, imagination and foresight and showed the New England…and the New Hampshire tradition of providing true leadership in the field of education.”

Colby Junior College went on to become a baccalaureate college with a new name that honors both the academy’s founding family and the college’s first president.

As the eighth president of Colby-Sawyer College, I am proud to be part of this 175-year tradition of teaching and learning. I thank all my predecessors in the Office of the President, every faculty and staff member, and every student for all they have done to make our college so special and successful. Today, as always, we remain committed to the transformative power of a liberal education and in each individual’s potential to influence their communities and the world around them in positive and enduring ways.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Galligan Jr.
President and Professor of Humanities
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Benefactor Mary Colby Colgate, daughter of Susan F. (Colby) and James B. Colgate.

Photos: Cleveland, Colby, Colgate Archives

H. Leslie Sawyer, 25th principal of Colby Academy and first president of Colby Junior College.
In a joyous event marked by frequent cheering for their classmates, 207 members of the Class of 2012 crossed the stage at Commencement on May 5 to receive their diplomas and move on to the next stage of life.

Student speaker Joseph R. Delaney ’12, a Communication Studies major from Ashfield, Mass., delivered an evocative address titled “Earning the Right.” Delaney, who earned double minors in Writing for Publication and Studio Art, participated in theater productions and many student clubs, and worked as a video assistant in the production studio, producing increasingly complex and ambitious video productions.

“When you walk on this stage with me and shake your president’s hand, you aren’t just getting a receipt confirming your college investment. You are earning the right to say something that nobody else in the world can say,” he told his classmates. “Nobody else has had the same experience we all shared. Nobody else has a home away from home like ours.”

Assistant Professor of Business Administration Jody E. Murphy was awarded the 2012 Jack Jensen Award for Excellence in Teaching, the college’s highest faculty honor. Each year the faculty award winner delivers the Commencement keynote address.

In her address to the graduating class, Professor Murphy noted that “in accounting, I frequently say ‘balance sheets must balance.’ Well, now I realize how applicable this is to real life as well. Life must balance. In the end, on average, it has to balance out—not necessarily every day, or even every week or month, but as a whole. I wish that each of you will be able to find your balance.”

To read more about Commencement 2012 and to order photographs, visit www.colby-sawyer.edu/commencement/.

Photos: Gil Talbot
As Colby-Sawyer moves closer to its goal of 1,500 students, the first phase of the college’s construction plan will transform the Ware Campus Center into a modern student center and the ground floors of Abbey and Burpee Halls into residential space for students.

The Ware Campus Center project began in February and will add 14,000 square feet to the building, expanding both the dining hall and mailroom and adding office space, seminar rooms for events or classes and meeting rooms for student clubs. The dining hall will extend its seating capacity with a series of small and large spaces that offer café style dining, private dining rooms, and indoor and outdoor terrace dining. Restrooms will be added to the ground level and a new elevator will service all three floors.

With 24-hour access to the dining hall, the center will become a more dynamic, inviting and accessible place. “The new student center will create a greater sense of community at the college. The goal is to create a place where all members of the community, including our commuter students who do not have a meal plan, can go any time of day,” says Vice President of Student Development and Dean of Students Dave Sauerwein. “There will be a variety of spaces so that students can find their own space to eat, study or relax. It will be a hub in the middle of the residence halls with entrances on both upper and lower levels of campus. It truly will turn this building into an active student center.”

Part of the new dining hall space was completed in time to welcome approximately 1,400 students for the fall semester. Construction on other parts of the building continues and will be completed by February 2013.

Shortly after Commencement on May 5, renovations began in Burpee and Abbey Halls, which returned its ground floors to residential space after housing the Windy Hill School for decades. By June the demolition phase of the project was complete and the residence hall rooms were taking shape. Twenty-two beds have been added to each residence hall, and Burpee Hall’s lower level also features a new kitchen. These renovations were completed in mid-August, just in time to welcome students to brand-new living spaces.

Webcam on Ware

Webcams have been installed in two locations overlooking the Ware construction site. Keep an eye on the progress at www.colby-sawyer.edu/currents/ware.html.
The college’s new vice president of finance and treasurer debuted early in 2012, when Todd Emmons appeared on stage at an all-campus meeting at the Sawyer Theatre. Without a script—and with a calm, reassuring presence reminiscent of his predecessor, Doug Lyon—Emmons delivered the welcome news that the college had been approved for $27 million in financing and phase one of campus construction could begin.

“It was seamless; it was simple,” Emmons says now of his transition into the new role, acknowledging that Lyon, an old friend who retired in January after more than two decades as Colby-Sawyer’s vice president of finance and treasurer, had set the scene for the college’s strong financials. The terms of the financing continued to improve, with the college locking in at a 1.9 percent interest rate, with plans to refinance before long to fuel the next phase of growth.

“With the surge of student interest in the school, we have outgrown our infrastructure,” Emmons explains. “The construction is a very visible reflection of Colby-Sawyer’s success.”

A “perfect storm of good things” brought Emmons back to New Hampshire, where he went to college, met his wife, and where their children and grandchildren live. He graduated with a B.A. in economics from St. Anselm College in 1975 before going on to earn an M.B.A. in finance at NYU and M.Sc. in economics at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Ten years later, with his wife Margaret and their four children, he left the world of high finance in New York City to return to St. Anselm as a faculty member and assistant treasurer.

Emmons fell in love with the higher education environment and the nature of his work there, and he stayed at St. Anselm for 13 years before going on to accomplish—and learn a great deal—at Daniel Webster College in New Hampshire and then Elms College and Quinsigamond Community College in Massachusetts. As colleagues in the same small New England college circles, Emmons and Lyon have been friends and golf buddies for 30 years. Emmons always thought his friend had a dream job at Colby-Sawyer, and it seemed dreamier the longer Emmons toiled at a state school with its complicated, unpredictable budget system.

“I missed New Hampshire and the small liberal arts college community,” he says. “I’ve always liked Colby-Sawyer, its image and location, and this was a great opportunity to leave the state school system. This was the first and only time my wife said, ‘I want you to take this job!’

Soon after his arrival in January, Emmons began planning for the college’s 2012-2013 budget, and he asked managers across campus to rebuild their budgets from scratch rather than carry last year’s numbers forward. His intention was not to strike fear in the heart of academia or to squeeze out more savings—though he may have. Instead, he hoped to encourage people to review each budget line and consider what their areas needed, and wanted, most.

The budgeting process, for him, is like putting the pieces of a big puzzle together, with the goal of making everyone happy. “I love what I do. I absolutely eat it up,” Emmons says, smiling. “If departments would like to try new initiatives, like introducing an international program, I want to give it a boost and make sure it’s going to work.”

Walking along New London’s Main Street, Emmons notices that strangers smile and say hello as they pass. “This is what I had in mind when I moved up here,” he says. “Everyone says hello, everyone is friendly. It’s part of the culture.”

A Perfect Storm of Good Things
by Kimberly Swick Slover

Vice President of Finance and Treasurer Todd Emmons arrived in January 2012, shortly before construction began.
New Winton-Black Trustee Named

by Kate Dunlop Seamans, Assistant Director of Communications

Aubrey K. Thomas ’09 was elected to a one-year term as a Winton-Black trustee, a position on the Board of Trustees for alumni who have normally graduated three to nine years prior to their election.

Thomas was also active in campus clubs and competed on the swimming and diving team for two years. She was a features reporter and copy editor for both the Colby-Sawyer Courier and the Wesson Honors newsletter.

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Windy Hill Is Green Certified

by Cynthia Driver ’13

The Windy Hill School has been recognized with silver-level certification in the internationally recognized Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building rating system. The certification, which includes certified, silver, gold and platinum levels, is awarded by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) to encourage and facilitate environmentally sustainable construction.

The 8,000-square foot building, completed in 2010, was the first on campus designed and constructed in keeping with the college’s commitment to environmental sustainability. Its integrated design allowed the engineers to create tight air barriers that optimize energy use and reduce the amount of mechanical equipment required to operate the building. Green-certified and recycled materials were used throughout, as were low-VOC (volatile organic compounds) paints and sealants. Low-flow toilets and sinks minimize water use, and artificial lighting is seldom needed during the day, as the windows’ large size and placement allow for “daylighting”—maximum use of natural light.

“Ultimately, a greener building creates a more healthy and safe environment,” says architect Ingrid Nichols of Banwell Architects. “This was extremely important to everyone involved in this project. It was wonderful the amount of energy and passion the administration and teachers put into making Windy Hill the best and healthiest space possible.”

The Windy Hill School was founded in 1976 as a laboratory school for the college’s Social Sciences and Education Department. Its new building, shown above, opened in 2010.

Windmill Hill School Director and Associate Professor of Social Sciences and Education Janet Bliss describes the new facility as “a wonderful tribute to the importance of young children and the people who dedicate their lives to working with them.”

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First classes are a lot like first dates—at least, that is what I tell my students as each semester begins. Initially, I opened classes with this analogy to capture the complex mixture of excitement and anxiety that permeates the air on the first day, when every new course is a question, a possibility.

Since I have immersed myself in the liberal education model at Colby-Sawyer, my opening lines have become more than just a way to ease tension. While I still believe that new classes feel much like first dates, I have come to realize that this idea underscores one of our Liberal Education Program’s key goals. Like first dates, liberal education courses are first steps on a path toward a myriad of possible destinations. By guiding students through a multidisciplinary curriculum, the program acts as a kind of academic speed dating which seeks to engage students in different fields of study until they commit to an academic major. The goal is to construct an environment in which students discover interests they never knew they had so that learning becomes its own reward. Success is the business major inspired to read more Plato or the philosophy major who can identify and analyze a Laffer curve.

As a professor, the creation and execution of successful first and subsequent class “dates” is both challenging and rewarding. The most pleasant surprise is when the incredibly difficult process of constructing effective courses escapes the professor’s control and both student and teacher are swept up in the discovery of new ideas and unexplored terrain. I consider myself fortunate to have been part of such an experience, which began in a meeting with a student in spring 2010.

The student sitting across from me that day was frazzled, the result of his decision to get up in the middle of the night so he would arrive at his classroom hours before his fellow students. Despite his fatigue, the student seemed surprisingly happy. He smiled as he assured me that his new sleep schedule was the key to surviving Colby-Sawyer’s first ever week of “Humans vs.
Zombies.” HvZ, as it is
affectionately called by
those who take part, is
essentially a week long
game of tag in which an
ever-growing number
of “zombies” attempt to
tag (and infect) an ever-
dwindling number of
“human” survivors.

As the hordes of zombies
grow and the ranks of
humans diminish, stu-
dents become ever more
creative and vigilant in
their efforts to survive the
week. As I watched this
student leave my office to
begin his perilous trek
across campus, I wonder-
ed if I had stumbled onto
a theme for a new course.
I began digging into
zombie history.

Much to my surprise and
delight, my investigation
into the many deaths and
rebirths of the zombie
uncovered a rich layer in
20th-century American
history. From its introd-
tion in the early years of
the Great Depression to its
current explosion in print,
television and film, the
zombie has risen from the
grave as a symbol of the
nation’s deepest fears,
whether of the masses of
desperate unemployed
workers in the 1930s or of
the fanatical 21st-century
terrorist.

I fell in love with the
seemingly unlovable
zombie and knew students
would, too. After all, the
zombie is the perfect
protagonist for a liberal
education class because
it crashes through
disciplinary boundaries.
Zombies have been sum-
moned by both econo-
mists who disparage the
financial institutions kept
alive by state interventions
and philosophers who
construct “philosophical
zombies” to examine
the nature of human
consciousness.

By the fall semester of
2011, I had harnessed the
zombie’s awesome power
and found myself discuss-
ing the parallels between
first classes and first dates
with the 20 students
enrolled in my first-year
Pathway seminar, lovingly
titled “ZOMBIES!!”
Many of these students
confessed that they en-
rolled in the class simply
because they love zombie
movies, yet the energy
of these students revealed
the incredible power of
student engagement. Once
shown the complexity
buried within this undead
creature, they began
making connections and
moving in directions I did
not anticipate. The dis-
covery, construction and
execution of this course
has been, by far, the most
satisfying “academic first
date” of my teaching
career.

Eric Boyer, who joined the
college in 2008, teaches
classes in government,
history and political science.
He was awarded the
Outstanding Teaching in
Postsecondary Education
Award by the New
Hampshire College and
University Council in 2012
and Colby-Sawyer’s 2011
Jack Jensen Award for
Excellence in Teaching.

“The zombie is the perfect
protagonist for a liberal education
class because it crashes through
disciplinary boundaries.”
As she strides along the sidewalk between the Washington and Lincoln Memorials, high heels clicking, Anh Nguyen ’13 looks like any young professional living and working in the nation’s capital.

“Vice President Joe Biden came to a fund-raising event I helped plan, and I got to meet him. I am not an American citizen, so I had to plan ahead and go through extra security measures,” says Nguyen, a Business Administration major and Wesson Honors student from Hanoi, Vietnam. Overhead, another plane roars into view as it takes off from Reagan International Airport. “I've met Senator John McCain, too, and many generals and other military personnel.”

Last fall, Nguyen had enough credits to graduate early and begin an M.B.A. program, but she wanted to make the most of her undergraduate opportunities and study in Europe for a semester. Then she spotted a poster for the Washington Internship Institute at the Harrington Center for Career and Academic Advising, and the promise of gaining more professional experience intrigued her. The institute is an educational nonprofit organization that matches college students and recent graduates with semester-long internships in Washington, D.C. Colby-Sawyer began an affiliation with the program in 2010, and since then 10 students have completed internships in D.C.

The college’s emphasis on combining a strong liberal arts and sciences foundation with professional preparation means that every student must complete at least one internship before they graduate. Harrington Center surveys show that 43 percent of those internships lead to job offers.

Although an internship with Ameriprise Financial Services in 2011 fulfilled Nguyen’s internship requirement and affirmed her passion for finance, she wanted to explore other aspects of business, such as marketing, business development and event planning. She signed on with the institute and secured a position as a special events intern at Hayes and Associates, a public relations firm. In her first week, Nguyen was given a cubicle and a list of VIPs to call and recruit for event sponsorships.

“It was a challenge because I was not confident talking on the phone with my accent,” Nguyen explains as she passes the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial. “My first few calls were horrible; people asked me to repeat myself a lot. I didn’t want to tell my supervisor I could not do it, so I went home and practiced in front of the mirror. The next day I did a lot better.”

It wasn’t long before Nguyen was deeply involved in planning major events, from business development and inviting the CEOs of Fortune 500 companies, to figuring out seating and registration logistics, briefing speakers and tracking media coverage. On her best days, people like the director of Texas Instruments and vice president of Apple called to accept her invitations.
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“I interacted with people from all walks of life and learned something from every event,” says Nguyen. “Team work was vital, just as it has been with my business projects at Colby-Sawyer. You have to figure out how to work together. Because of my liberal arts foundation I could discuss art, history, religion—everything that ends up coming into conversation every day—with clients, my peers and supervisors. Every class I have taken has proved helpful. I think I surprised some people.”

Again and again Nguyen heard that good grades do not guarantee a job after college—recruiters want to see relevant experience. “My internship is helping me learn what to expect after graduation. I’m gaining experience in almost every aspect of business,” she says. “I’ve had a chance to find my strengths and weaknesses. This experience has helped me define my career goals, and I have a lot more confidence now. I want to be a leader.”

Numbers make decisions, which is why Nguyen loves finance, and she wants to leverage her interests to help others succeed and sustain economic growth. “I grew up in Hanoi, surrounded by urban poverty. I watched my mother, an eye nurse, help a lot of people, not only medically but financially. It made me wonder what I could do to make people happy and struggle less,” she says. “After graduate school, I want to work in a fast-paced company while I am young and have the energy. I think my international experience will benefit a lot of organizations. My ultimate goal, though, is to create a fund and help the homeless. As long as I give my best effort to everything I do, I will have no regrets.”
Diplomacy in Action

by Kate Dunlop Seamans

Nick Ciarlante ’14 went south for spring break, but it wasn’t to relax on a sandy beach. Ciarlante, president of the Student Government Association, represented Colby-Sawyer and New Hampshire student government leaders at the American/Israel Policy Conference (AIPAC) held March 3-6 in Washington, D.C.

The conference, with 13,000 delegates, is the largest annual gathering of the pro-Israel movement in the United States, and Israeli defense and homeland security, foreign aid, the peace process and U.S.-Israel relations were on the agenda. Ciarlante was one of 217 student government presidents and 1,600 college students to attend the conference.

Ciarlante enjoyed a welcome dinner for America’s Young Political Leaders and a Student Government Presidents Luncheon, and heard from speakers including U.S. President Barack Obama, Israeli President Shimon Peres and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi and Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell, along with other government leaders and candidates for the U.S. presidency. “It was incredible to see so many people from different political parties, races, religions and ethnicities come together because of the importance of having a strong ally in the Middle East,” says Ciarlante. “I had never heard of AIPAC before I was invited to attend, so the conference was not only an opportunity for me to learn about the importance of the U.S./Israeli alliance and U.S. foreign policy, but also an opportunity to network with thousands of other college students and adults from across the United States.”

Back on campus, Ciarlante shared his experience in the nation’s capital in a presentation attended by senior staff members, faculty, staff, students and community members. “Hearing ‘Hail to the Chief’ played live and watching the president of the United States walk to the lectern was the most exhilarating experience I’ve ever had,” says Ciarlante. “This conference confirmed my interest in politics. I’ve already registered to attend next year, when we will look at the progress made and consider how we as a nation and as citizens can continue to strengthen the U.S./Israel alliance.”
The Season in Sports
Spring 2012

by Ryan Emerson, Director of Sports Information

Baseball
(20-22; 10-14 NEAC East)

The Colby-Sawyer baseball team reached the North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) East Division championship game in its first season with the new affiliation. The Chargers have reached a conference tournament in 16 of the past 17 seasons. Colby-Sawyer earned the fourth seed in the double elimination conference tournament and played at top-seed Castleton. The Chargers came away with a 7-2 upset, beating the Spartans for the first time in five tries in 2012.

The Chargers also supplied the tournament with its second upset, defeating second-seed Thomas 4-1 on the second day of competition. On championship Sunday, Colby-Sawyer met Castleton for the NEAC East title. Unfortunately for the Chargers, Castleton was able to win twice to secure the championship.

The 2012 season marked the first time since 2000 that the Chargers have reached 20 wins. In addition to setting a school record for fewest walks per nine innings, at 2.14, Colby-Sawyer led the nation in that category. The team also achieved a school record best earned run average of 3.66.

Sophomore Kevin Keith (Quincy, Mass.) was named to the All-Conference First Team. Keith set school records in wins (7) and strikeouts (56). Junior Tyler Stotz (Amesbury, Mass.) earned a nod to the Second Team. Stotz had school record totals of putouts (331) and double plays turned (27).

Senior Greg Mehuron (Waitsfield, Vt.) was the second toughest hitter to strike out in the nation. He fanned just two times in 135 at-bats and helped the Chargers go all the way to the championship game in its first season in the NEAC.

Women’s Lacrosse
(8-9; 4-2 NAC East)

In its first season with the North Atlantic Conference (NAC), the 2012 Colby-Sawyer women’s lacrosse team finished 8-9 overall and 4-2 in the conference. The team reached the postseason for the 11th time in the past 12 seasons. The Chargers fell to New England College in the NAC East Division semifinals, but continued to play after making the program’s second trip to the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) tournament. The season ended with a loss to Framingham in the ECAC first round. Colby-Sawyer finished the year ranked 20th in the nation in ground balls with 25 per game.

Colby-Sawyer was led offensively by senior Brittney Murphy (Woburn, Mass.), who became the Chargers’ most decorated player. She finished her career as Colby-Sawyer’s all-time leader in points (287), goals (200) and assists (87). In addition, Murphy broke her own single season school records in all three categories with 104 points, 72 goals and 36 assists. For her efforts, Murphy was named to the All-NAC First Team. She found herself among the best in the nation as she ranked 18th in overall points, 15th in points per game, 33rd in goals, 34th in goals per game, 25th in assists per game and 24th in assists.

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Other members of the team who earned All-NAC awards included senior defender Allie Piper (Barre, Vt.) and junior defender Amanda Murray (Norwood, Mass.), who appeared on the first team. Second Team honorees were senior attacker Molly Prudden (Andover, Mass.) and junior midfielder Kate Rial (Chester Springs, Pa.).

Men’s Tennis (9-12; 5-0 NAC East)

In its first season with the North Atlantic Conference (NAC), the Colby-Sawyer men’s tennis team went 9-12 overall and was a perfect 5-0 in conference play. The Chargers won the NAC East Division and played the NAC West Division winners, Penn State-Harrisburg, with a trip to the NCAA’s on the line. The Chargers fell 6-3 to Harrisburg, ending the season at 9-12. The Chargers, who dropped just one set out of 45 in conference play, went 5-0 to earn the top seed in the East Division. Colby-Sawyer breezed past Castleton 9-0 in the semifinals and won the East title with an 8-1 victory over Johnson.

Five members of the team earned All-Conference honors, highlighted by Co-Rookie of the Year freshman Justin Pinard (Essex, Vt.). Pinard also was named to the All-NAC First Team. Pinard and senior Jamie Thormann (Northeast Harbor, Maine) were named to the All-Conference Doubles First Team. Thormann also landed on the Singles First Team. Junior Reeve Fidler (Groton, Mass.) was the third member of the Chargers to appear on the First Team. He and freshman teammate Nolan Foley (Jaffrey, N.H.) were named to the All-NAC Doubles First Team. Freshman Clay Allen (Massena, N.Y.) earned a nod to the All-NAC Second Team.

Track and Field

The 2012 men’s and women’s track and field team had one of the best seasons in school history. A total of 11 school records were set; six on the women’s side and five on the men’s side. Several athletes qualified to compete in the New England Championships and senior Kristin Sawyer (Walpole, Mass.), freshman Jesse Socci (Wilton, Conn.) and junior Matt Van Vliet (Bridgton, Maine) competed at the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championships.

Sawyer earned All-ECAC honors after placing seventh in the hammer throw with a school record distance of 47.52 meters. Socci also set a school record at the ECAC’s. He recorded a distance of 14.35 meters in the shot put. Earlier in the year, Van Vliet equaled the school record in the high
jump on two occasions at 1.93 meters. Freshman Hayden Bunnell (St. Johnsbury, Vt.) set three records in the 1,500 meters (4:10.16), 3,000 meters (15:42.96) and the 5,000-meter steeplechase (10:18.74).

Freshman Brianne Dunn (Ellsworth, Maine) collected record setting times in the 1,500 meters (5:02.58), 3,000 meters (11:15.32) and the 5,000 meters (19:33.75). Sophomore Liz Sullivan (West Warwick, R.I.) had a school record mark of 2.45 meters in the pole vault twice in 2012. Junior Dani Perry (Charlestown, N.H.) set a record time of 1:09.50 in the 400 meter hurdles.

Equestrian

The Colby-Sawyer equestrian team, which competes in the fall and spring, had five riders qualify to compete at the Regional Championships: Krislyn Rousseau (York, Maine), Meredith Cromis (Bristol, Vt.), Abby Pinard (Tewksbury, Mass.), Lauren Oberg (Barrington, R.I.) and Katie Fife (Salisbury, N.H.). The team had a successful regular season as well, with several riders earning the top ribbon for winning their respective divisions. With just one senior on the team in 2011-2012, the Chargers are primed for continued success next year.

Men’s Basketball (20-8; 15-3 NAC)

The Chargers, who made a move to the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) in 2011-2012, reached the championship game after earning the tournament’s second seed with a 15-3 record. Colby-Sawyer fell in the title game, but reached 20 wins for the second time in the past four seasons.

The team set a school record for made three-pointers in a season with 261 and had a record 18 against Maine Maritime on Feb. 11. In addition to the team’s success throughout the season, several impressive individual accomplishments were achieved.

Senior Will Bardaglio (Wayne, Maine), who was named to the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) First Team, distinguished himself as one of the best shooters to don the Colby-Sawyer jersey. He led the team with 14.4 points per game and finished his career with 1,400 points, ranking him seventh all-time. Bardaglio became the school’s all-time leader in three-pointers made with 327 and was 11th in the nation in three-pointers per game (3.15).

He was named to the 2011-2012 New Hampshire Division III Basketball Coaches Association First Team.

Freshman Koang Thok (Portland, Maine) was named NAC Men’s Basketball Rookie of the Year. Thok, who earned multiple Player and Rookie of the Week accolades throughout the season, ranked sixth in scoring at 15.4 points per game in conference play.

Senior James Tobin (Brookline, N.H.) was named to the N.H. Division III Second Team after completing his best statistical season as a Charger. He was the only member of the team to play and start in all 28 games. Tobin averaged a career best 11.9 points per game and 5.3 rebounds. He led the team in blocks with 22 and moved into ninth on Colby-Sawyer’s all-time list with 49 for his career.

Freshman Mike Dias (Carver, Mass.) was named 2011-2012 New Hampshire Division III Basketball Coaches Association Rookie of the Year. Dias played in 26 games and
started in all but one in his first season. He poured in 12.6 points per game, which was third best on the team. He shot a team best 54.9 percent from the floor and led the team in rebounding with 6.9 per game. During conference play, Dias led the league in field goal percentage (60.6 percent) and was third in free throw percentage (83.9 percent).

Junior Corey Willis (Easton, Mass.) moved into seventh in career assists with 357.

Women’s Basketball (22-8; 15-3 NAC)

In the team’s first year with the North Atlantic Conference (NAC), Colby-Sawyer reached the championships game and played in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) semifinals. The Chargers recorded double-figure conference wins for the 16th time in 17 seasons and had at least 20 overall wins for the seventh time in the past 10 seasons.

The Chargers, who set a program single season record for points with 2,195, ranked 14th in the nation with 73.2 points per game. The team also hit a single season record 212 three-pointers, which included a single game record of 13 at Thomas on Feb. 4.

The offense was led by junior Taylor DeSanty (North Adams, Mass.), who had one of the most impressive seasons in school history. DeSanty became the first Colby-Sawyer women’s basketball player to lead the nation in a category. She finished the season with a free throw percentage of 89.9 to lead all Division III women’s basketball players.

Other accolades for DeSanty included NAC Player of the Year, NAC All-Conference First Team, D3hoops.com All-Region, ECAC Division III New England Second Team, New Hampshire Division III Coaches Association Player of the Year and NH DIII First Team. DeSanty also was named Colby-Sawyer’s Outstanding Female Athlete of the Year. She set multiple single season records in 2011-12, including points (611), scoring average (20.4), field goals (224), and three-pointers (74). She also had a record setting game at U Maine-Farmington when she scored a program best 38 points.

DeSanty also has climbed up the ranks on some of Colby-Sawyer’s career totals lists. She ranks fourth in career points (1296), first in career three-pointers (162), and is tied for fifth in career field goals (475).

Junior Cailin Bullett (Millbury, Mass.) also garnered several accolades in 2011-2012. She was named to the NAC All-Conference Second Team and New Hampshire Division III Basketball Coaches Association All-State Second Team for the second straight season. Bullett compiled a Colby-Sawyer single season record of 197 assists and ranks fourth on the all-time list with 406. Bullett ended the season ranked third in the nation, among Division III players, with 6.6 assists per game. She ranked fourth last season with 6.4 per game.
Senior Maddy Hawkins (Boylston, Mass.) earned the Wynne Jesser McGrew Scholar-Athlete Award, given annually to a graduating female student who has made significant contributions to both the academic and varsity programs of the college.

Alpine Skiing

The Alpine ski team made its return to the Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association (EISA) after spending the past 15 seasons as a member of the United States Ski and Snowboard Association (USCSA). Throughout the EISA race season, the Chargers had impressive team results and individual accomplishments.

Senior Shawn Dunstan (Sinking Spring, Pa.), who was named Colby-Sawyer's Outstanding Male Athlete of the Year, competed at the NCAA Championships in Bozeman, Mont. Of the three programs (Boston College, Plymouth State and Colby-Sawyer) who transitioned from the McConnell Division to EISA racing this season, Colby-Sawyer was the only team represented at the NCAA Skiing Championships.

Senior Ryan Lawless (Charlemont, Mass.) just missed qualifying for the NCAAs after a stellar season that included multiple top-15 finishes. Senior Cece Andvord (Oslo, Norway) was the lone upperclassman on the women's team, leaving the team with a young talented crop of skiers for the 2013 campaign.

Swimming and Diving

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams enjoyed a season that sent 15 members to the New England Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Association (NEISDA) Championships. The men finished 10th and the women 12th in the multi-day event.

Eight school records were set on the women's side, all of which came at the NEISDA Championships. A new mark was set by the 200-meter freestyle relay team of Erin Dunican (Bennington, Vt.), Krystyna Estrada (Lebanon, N.H.), Jen Gavell (Lebanon, N.H.), and Lanie White (Bass Harbor, Maine). Dunican, Estrada, Gavell and Emily Olson (Lynn, Mass.) also set a record time in the 400-meter freestyle relay.

Dunican also set three breaststroke records in the 50-, 100- and 200-meter races. Estrada added a pair of school records in the 50- and 100-meter freestyle. White is the new record holder of the 50-meter butterfly.

Dunican, Estrada, Gavell and White also competed at the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championships in Annapolis, Md.

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Charging Ahead

by Kate Dunlop Seamans

As war horses and as Colby-Sawyer athletes, Chargers are disciplined, strong and proud. One alone is a force to be reckoned with. Together in action, they make thunder on their way to victory.

Since 1975, Charger teams have captured numerous conference championships, NCAA and ECAC playoff berths, and many of our athletes have earned regional and national recognition. In recent years, students encouraged an update to the horse logo representing the teams; many felt that a more powerful animal would better represent athletes’ accomplishments.

With the college introducing a new visual identity in its 175th year, the time was right to reinvigorate the athletic logo. Working with senior staff and college constituencies, Harp and Company of Hanover, N.H., the same firm that designed the new college logo with a modern rendering of the cupola against a backdrop of mountains, led the charge in creating a new athletic logo.

“We created the new Chargers logo in conjunction with the college’s new visual identity,” says President Tom Galligan. “There are great things happening at Colby-Sawyer and we wanted the Chargers’ logo to reflect that energy and vibrancy. The new logo depicts action and forward momentum.”

Athletic Director Deb McGrath ’68 says that it made sense to review and revise the athletic logo to incorporate more strength and power into what some called the “flying horse.” “We anticipate that alumni as well as current and prospective students will embrace the change easily, and we look to build on the excellence, strength and power of the new brand,” says McGrath.

Team uniforms will sport the new logo this fall, and

Out to pasture: The old Chargers logo.

Colby-Sawyer’s competitors will see there’s a new Charger coming their way.

Go Chargers! ✰
On Track to Win

Pat Parnell ’15, a member of the Colby-Sawyer men’s Alpine ski team and the U.S. Paralympic team from Columbia, Conn., had such an incredible first year that he was featured in Sports Illustrated’s March 26 “Faces in the Crowd” column.

Parnell, an Environmental Studies major, was born without his full left femur. He is the first adaptive skier to train with the Chargers.

Parnell is the U.S. adaptive slalom national champion, and in March, he earned a fifth-place finish in the slalom at the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) World Cup held at Winter Park Resort in Winter Park, Colo., making him the top U.S. finisher in the slalom.

Parnell told Ski Racing magazine that he believes “training with the Chargers has given him an advantage in adaptive events because the courses we train are a lot more challenging, more turny, and have more terrain in them. When I go to disabled races, the courses are a lot easier than I’m used to... What I like most about training with the team is that they motivate me to push myself harder and to ski faster because I want to be right there in the mix with those guys,” says Parnell. “They’re all really supportive of what I’m doing...they’re rooting for me.” They have a lot to root for—Parnell’s goal is to make it to the 2014 Sochi Paralympics in Russia.

Here’s what else Parnell shared with Ski Racing magazine.

As a three-track athlete, Pat Parnell carves all his turns on one ski with the support of an outrigger in each arm.

Parnell has a number of explanations he conjures up when people ask why he has only one leg, from shark attacks in the ocean to being run over by a tank. The truth of the matter is that he was born with a condition called proximal femoral focal deficiency (PFFD) that prevented the full development of his left femur, and he uses a prosthetic for walking. But because he does not have an anatomically supportive hip socket, it makes more sense in ski racing to forgo the use of a prosthetic device and to ski on just one leg. Although he has considered newer prosthetic technologies, Parnell says, “I think I’ve got a pretty good thing going with the one ski.”

At the age of 12, Parnell signed up for an adaptive race camp and was hooked on the competition by the afternoon of the first day. He has since competed in both disabled and able-bodied events including slalom, giant slalom and speed races. He has run downhill twice at U.S. Nationals and competed in super combined events as well.

Teddy Beaufaÿs, a Child Development major, teaches English, art and history at the German International School of Boston. He is passionate about teaching these subjects and about integrating technology into the curriculum, and he is dedicated to practicing the philosophy of whole-child education he learned at Colby-Sawyer.

Why did you choose to be a Child Development major?

I grew up in Bedford, N.Y., and started college in California, where I was a film major. When my family bought a bed and breakfast in Andover, N.H., I helped them get it going. I stopped by Colby-Sawyer to try to meet some people my age in the area and ended up talking to an admissions counselor. One thing led to another, and I enrolled as a Communication Studies major. I tried to keep my focus on film, but it wasn’t the same, and I nearly went back to film school. I was working at The Windy Hill School, though, and Professor Janet Bliss had a huge impact on me. She had been after me to consider education as a career and I finally decided, yes, I’d like to be a teacher.

I earned a certificate to teach in New Hampshire but found a job three weeks after graduation teaching at the German International School of Boston, a private Massachusetts school.

I’m glad I found Colby-Sawyer; it was a great experience. I keep in touch with my professors and have come back to campus to be on alumni panels because I want to give back to the Child Development Program. Everyone who goes through it has such a great opportunity.

What is the most important thing you learned at Colby-Sawyer?

The biggest thing I learned at Colby-Sawyer is the idea that you’re teaching the whole child. A kid is not just your student in English class. He’s also part of a family; he’s a big or little brother, or someone whose parents aren’t together anymore. There’s a whole life behind that student in your classroom. We need to understand who the kids are, what they need, what engages them in class, and especially what excites them to learn. When you study child development and education, what you’re really studying is developmental psychology.

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Colby-Sawyer’s Child Development Program teaches the constructionist approach, in which students construct their own education. I use that approach as much as possible now by having my students work independently and with others, aside from teachers. That’s putting the trust in the student.

What kind of professional preparation did you receive at Colby-Sawyer?

Many Child Development classes at Colby-Sawyer come with a practicum, just like a science class has a lab. The college is unusual because it has its own early childhood laboratory school right on campus. Windy Hill offers the opportunity to do real, practical work with toddlers and kindergartners instead of just learning about what a classroom would be like.

By the time I graduated, I’d completed three practicums and been in two public elementary schools.

My student teaching experience was significant in helping me understand how to be a teacher. I don’t think I would have been able to find a full-time job right out of school without it. That wouldn’t have made sense, actually. I student-taught in a second-grade classroom right in New London for half my senior year. It’s an awesome public school, and I was in the classroom working with the kids every day. I got to know them and give lessons and learn about classroom management as well as teaching. Now I have student teachers in my classroom!

What makes a good teacher?

I think most of it’s in your personality. You have to be a people person. A lot of people go into teaching thinking they won’t be dealing with people, and they’re completely wrong because kids are little people. You have to be outgoing, be able to talk, be able to punt if things don’t work. We have to be flexible. We need teachers who are motivated to learn and grow and participate in their own education so that they can pass that enthusiasm on to their own students.
Educators often cite helping students become lifelong learners as their highest goal, and this is especially true at a teaching college like Colby-Sawyer. As faculty, we must also commit to continuous learning, not only in our fields of study, but also in pedagogy—the art and science of teaching. The classes we teach today differ dramatically from those we experienced as college students, and thus it is vital for faculty to integrate the best new research, methodologies and tools into our teaching practices.

In fall 2009, the college initiated the Teaching Enrichment Center (TEC), which supports the faculty’s professional development activities through funding from the Davis Educational Foundation. The TEC’s primary goal is to enhance student learning through the support and development of excellent teaching practices. We achieve this goal by bringing faculty together to share successful teaching techniques and to brainstorm innovative ways of approaching teaching or learning challenges—such as facilitating effective class discussions or designing new courses. Our faculty members also participate in workshops led by colleagues or outside experts and often visit one another’s classrooms to learn from each other.

Each academic year now begins with two major TEC initiatives, which reflects our commitment to excellence in teaching and engaged learning. In the four-day New Faculty Orientation program, our new full-time faculty members learn about the college and discuss teaching and learning issues and practices, exploring topics such as how to develop learning outcomes for courses, effective learning assessment practices and ways to encourage active learning strategies among students.

The Teaching and Learning Salon is a mini-conference in which faculty and academic staff discuss topics such as integrating Process Oriented Guided Inquiry Learning (POGIL) activities or peer review of writing into the classroom. These sessions are augmented by poster presentations that highlight research on teaching and learning that faculty members have presented at professional conferences, with recent topics addressing the use of concept maps in courses and ways to integrate quantitative literacy across the curriculum.

Throughout the academic year, TEC programs facilitated by faculty and staff include “coffee, tea and conversations,” reading groups and learning communities that extend our focus on teaching and learning. We discuss or read about topics such as integrating undergraduate research throughout students’ experiences, developing effective group assignments and designing an inclusive classroom.

While each TEC opportunity is valuable, the collective impact on our teaching and learning environment has been positive and powerful. I use new classroom assessment techniques every semester and recently adopted some POGIL activities in my biomechanics class, in which I provided pictorial descriptions of four different velocity and acceleration scenarios.
Students were then able to write the mechanical principles that guide understanding of velocity and acceleration, and successfully solve some biomechanical problems.

Sharon Beaudry, a new faculty member in Business Administration who began teaching through lectures and PowerPoint slides, says the TEC programs have helped her be “more thoughtful, creative and courageous” in the classroom. “Last semester while teaching business law, I used techniques such as debates and case studies to encourage student discussion,” Professor Beaudry says. “Over the course of the semester, even the quietest students began to share opinions. The outcome was a very lively and engaged class, even at 8 a.m.”

Assistant Professor of Social Sciences and Education Eric Boyer was a self-proclaimed “Luddite” who “feared all things technological” when he arrived at Colby-Sawyer four years ago. Through the New Faculty Orientation and other TEC activities, Professor Boyer says he “slowly made peace with technology.”

“The Teaching Enrichment Center has been a fantastic ally for me as I attempt to convert my teaching philosophy into effective teaching practices. Nowhere was this more apparent than in the realm of integrating technology into the classroom,” Professor Boyer explains. “I am now bringing online simulations into both my face-to-face and virtual government classrooms.”

Professor Boyer has had success in experimenting with team-based learning strategies and in engaging his students in the subject matter of his courses through interactive technologies such as wikis and blogs. His effectiveness as a teacher was recognized twice—in 2011 with the Jack Jensen Award for Excellence in Teaching—Colby-Sawyer’s highest teaching award—and the New Hampshire Excellence in Education Award for Higher Education in 2012.

It has been my privilege to be part of this initiative and to work with faculty and staff colleagues who challenge and assist each other in their quest to create meaningful and stimulating learning environments. Our faculty from all disciplines and with all levels of experience are sharing ideas and strategies, knowing students will be the ultimate beneficiaries.

Professor Jean Eckrich directs the Teaching Enrichment Center. She is an expert in the role of exercise in lifelong health, the mechanics and development of human motion, the changing role of women in sports, and appropriate principles and practices for coaches.

At the 2012 Teaching Salon, Assistant Professor of Humanities Mike Jauchen leads a discussion with faculty about of “The Pedagogy of Peer Review: Challenges and Methods.” He says that running sessions in which students review each other’s work can be difficult and a waste of time and energy, and offered possible techniques for making them more effective for students. Faculty engage in the conversations, offering ideas on what works—and what doesn’t—from their own teaching experiences.

Harvey Pine, assistant professor of Natural Sciences, takes time to work with students in small groups and one on one in the classroom.
Welcome in Every Language

by Cynthia Driver ’13

Students cannot miss the massive “Welcome” sign, designed with soothing blues, as they enter the Baird Health and Counseling Center’s comfortable waiting room. In its sleek black frame mounted at eye level, the sign expresses the word “Welcome” in 20 languages spoken by Colby-Sawyer students.

Graphic Design major Karen Fondoules ’13 designed the poster. “Since this poster was created for the waiting room in Baird, it was meant to give a sense of comfort to all students who enter the office. The objective was to make all students feel welcomed by recognizing their own language,” says Fondoules.

The idea for the sign was initiated by Family Nurse Practitioner and Nursing Manager Leslie MacGregor. “I was looking for a student who could help celebrate the diversity of languages spoken on campus,” she says.

Associate Dean of International and Diversity Programs Pamela Serota Cote says that signs like this are symbolic enhancements to our message of who we aspire to be as a community—diverse and inclusive.

This fall, Colby-Sawyer welcomed 41 international students from 14 countries, including new representation from Macedonia, Mozambique and New Zealand. In addition to the sign, international flags are displayed again in Colgate, adding a “beautiful celebratory display that honors the nations represented in our community,” says Serota Cote.

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Professor Greenman came to Colby-Sawyer in 2004 with a Ph.D. from the Loyola University of Chicago. His teaching and research interests are grounded in contemporary continental philosophy and the history of philosophy, and include aesthetics, social and political philosophy, and applied and social ethics. His fiction has been published in the Potomac Review, PANK, Grasslimb and other journals, and has been nominated for the Pushcart Prize and Best of the Web.

Two pieces by Assistant Professor of Humanities Mike Jauchen were published in The Rumpus, an online magazine focused on culture. “Speech Fever,” a book review of Ben Marcus’s novel The Flame Alphabet, was published in January and can be read at therumpus.net/2012/01/speech-fever/. Professor Jauchen’s essay “The Last Book I Loved, Miss Lonelyhearts,” was published in July at therumpus.net/2012/07/michael-jauchen-the-last-book-i-loved-miss-lonelyhearts/.

Professor Jauchen joined the faculty in 2009. He holds a Ph.D. in English from The University of Louisiana-Lafayette and his teaching and scholarly interests include creative writing, American literature, film history, modern British and Irish literature (especially Joyce and Beckett), contemporary experimental fictions and poetries, interdisciplinary approaches to textual creation and criticism, and autobiographical writing.

Two alumni memoirs chronicle the authors’ efforts to overcome difficult life events with faith and determination. Diane Tefft Young ’61 was diagnosed with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis in 2005 and received a life-saving lung transplant five years later. Her 58-page book, Humbled by the Gift of Life: Reflections on Receiving a Lung Transplant (Create-Space), explores her journey and the spiritual growth she experienced as she battled a terrible disease.

For Whitney McKendree Moore ’67, the disease that threatened to tear apart her family was alcoholism. In Whit’s End: The Biography of a Breakdown (WestBow Press), she shares a deeply personal story of the mental anguish she suffered, and how the uplifting power of faith helped to keep her family together.

Eibhlin Morey MacIntosh ’71 has published a how-to guide, The Content Curation Handbook (New Forest Books), which is available for Kindle. “I love curating content,” writes MacIntosh. “It’s always an adventure!”

The online world has pitfalls, of course. Business owners trying to avoid foolish Facebook posts and terrible tweets might want to look at Navigating Social Media Legal Risks: Safeguarding Your Business (Que Publishing). Co-author Eric Garulay ’96 describes it as “the first comprehensive social media legal guide for business.”

Send news of your literary, musical or other artistic accomplishments to kslover@colby-sawyer.edu.
Who We Are, What We Stand For

by J. M. Clark ’11

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The Diversity Council is a new student organization that seeks to engage the campus community in diversity issues. Although Colby-Sawyer is seeing a greater enrollment of international students, the majority of the student body has typically been from New England. As the campus continues to grow, one of the council’s goals is to strive for as inclusive a community as possible while hosting events and programs that encourage diversity. Pamela Serota Cote, associate dean of International and Diversity Programs, created and oversees the council, which began its work in the fall of 2011. After its first year of events and campaigns, Cote says the group is ready to dig deeper.

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Student and faculty volunteers maintained an “I Stand For” table during meal times and invited people to fill out a form stating what they stood for. Participants were photographed and their images paired with their statements. “Having a face to accompany the words was critical, as it made it much more personal,” says Serota Cote. It also helped to bring more attention to the project, since the photographs were developed throughout the day and people kept coming back to check the growing collection of friends and colleagues.

More than 300 people participated in the event, with statements ranging from specific, such as gay rights, to more broad ideas, such as everyone’s right to be happy. Taking a step back from the many photographs and statements, it is easy to see the gap bridged between people of different backgrounds uniting on the same causes or issues. “I have always held to the belief that a diverse community is a strong community,” says Bernard Botchway ’15, a member of the council who was born in Ghana and lived in England. “There is so much to be gained from different ideologies, cultures and experiences.”

The Diversity Council is moving into the 2012-2013 academic year with more ideas and projects to increase understanding of and celebrate diversity. One idea first applied to a sociology class this past year that proved effective, is to have the first year class take part in a sort of “speed dating” activity that encourages students to get to know as much about a person as possible within a set time. The winner is the one who knows the most about everyone in the room. Professor of Social Sciences and Education Joseph Carroll, was pleasantly surprised by how engaged his students were in this activity that helped them realize how much diversity was within one small class. One result, he said, was that many students felt inspired to travel more after their conversations.

It is activities such as this, and creative campaigns like “I Stand For,” that continue to push the Colby-Sawyer community toward different ways of thinking, seeing and understanding with a global mindset.

The “I Stand For” campaign can be viewed in the Cleveland, Colby, Colgate Archives upon request.
To become involved with the Diversity Council, contact Pamela Serota Cote at pamela.serotacote@colby-sawyer.edu.
In a magical revival of a tradition created decades ago by the late Professor Emeritus Don Coonley, Windcrossing: A Festival of Sight and Sound was launched in April and featured students’ Capstone videos and independent short films written and produced by alumni. More than 300 of Professor Coonley’s former students, colleagues and friends—along with current students—flocked to Sawyer Theatre for the festival.

Professor Coonley, a filmmaker, writer and educator who joined the Communication Studies Program in 1989, founded the college’s video production program and Festival of Lights, which each semester offered a venue for students’ video productions. After the professor’s retirement in 2008, video production courses continued at Colby-Sawyer, but the festival faded away.

When Coonley died in June 2011, two former students, Mike Mooney ’02 and Will Peters ’06, began discussing ways to celebrate their mentor’s life work and engage current students in the art form he loved and nurtured on campus. Mooney and Peters, co-founders of Vermont-based Hammer & Saw Films, conjured up an idea to bring a film festival back to campus: They would lead the effort for two years, directing the films and coordinating casts and crews, and then pass it on to current students and faculty. The idea was embraced by Associate Professor Donna Berghorn, Coonley’s friend and former colleague in Communication Studies (now Media Studies).

The new festival premiered two independent films, “It’s Not Not Safe” and “The Check Up,” that were adapted from 10-minute plays written by Mooney and Peters respectively. Current students, alumni, staff, faculty and community members made up the casts and crews. The festival also featured a Hammer & Saw short film, “Exit 7A,” written by Asher Ellis ’06, another of Coonley’s former students.

It was an exhilarating experience for Mooney and Peters—and for many others. “As independent filmmakers we rely strictly on what we can do ourselves,” Mooney says, “but with the additional firepower and young minds behind ‘The Checkup’ and ‘It’s Not Not Safe,’ we were able to put together two short films. That couldn’t have happened without everyone involved, especially Donna Berghorn.”

The audience was locked in—laughing, gasping, clapping—throughout the films and lingered afterward to talk to the directors, actors and writers. Professor Berghorn still hears from students and alumni in person, on email, on Facebook and on the phone. “People are genuinely excited,” she says. “It was wonderful to see so many students interacting with alumni. There is so much energy going forward; students will pass on their excitement to our new students.

Following the films, Communication Studies graduates Will Peters ’06 (left) and Mike Mooney ’02 came on stage to answer questions from the audience. They directed the festival’s short films and are the co-founders of Hammer & Saw Films.
Hopefully, that joy in creating projects will be self-sustaining as the years go by.”

Joe Delaney ’12, who worked as a writer and editor for the festival as part of his Capstone project, described it as an amazing and unique opportunity to work with professional alumni. “I learned so much from everyone involved,” he says, “It wrapped up my Colby-Sawyer experience better than anything else I can imagine.”

Professor Coonley’s wife, Nancy, was both impressed and overjoyed with the festival. “Don would be so proud that his former students are acting as mentors to current students, and especially at this self-organized cohort of local filmmakers and film students,” she says. “He loved nothing better than building community, and his greatest satisfaction came from seeing his students become colleagues and friends. The camaraderie of the film crews was evident in their interactions on stage and, of course, everyone who attended the first festival remarked on the high quality of the productions coming from this collective. This is a wonderful legacy.”

For next year’s festival, Mooney plans to do something different. “Now that this program is off the ground, I want the students, professors and other alumni to share their ideas and help shape [the next] festival. That is what this is all about,” he says. “As for what’s to come, well, you’ll just have to come and see. But I can assure you, it will be good.”

The next Windcrossing Festival will be held May 4, 2013 at the Sawyer Theatre.

Photos: Gil Talbot
Sense of Place

This black-and-white photograph shows Colby Academy students at the top of Mt. Kearsarge on Mountain Day in September 1906. From the photography album of Edith Goodhue, Colby Academy Class of 1907.
The school we know as Colby-Sawyer College has had many other names and identities in its 175-year history. It began as New London Academy and evolved into the New London Literary and Scientific Institute, Colby Academy, Colby Junior College and Colby College-New Hampshire before settling into its current identity as a comprehensive coeducational college.

Across the centuries of changing identities, this institution of teaching and learning has had a single educational philosophy that has endured: A belief in the potential of each student and the power of a student-centered education in the liberal arts and sciences to prepare them for productive careers and rewarding lives.

This, along with a strong attachment to their home-away-from-home on a windy hill in New London, N.H., is the common thread that runs through students’ experiences, whether they attended Colby Academy in the 1880s, Colby Junior College in the 1930s, or Colby-Sawyer College today.

Colby Junior College’s international students posed for a photograph on campus in 1948. The student second from the right is Hazel Wong of Trinidad.

A hill town in New Hampshire in the year 1835 was a small world in itself... People lived on their ancestral acres, which hard labor had won from the wilderness, and they never went far from home...

The New London ministers were believers in education. The convergence of... interests brought about the organization of the New London Academy in 1837. The Legislature was asked for a charter and it was granted to eleven citizens of New London as incorporators... The Academy building which was erected was unpretentious, as befitted a village whose dwellings were modest.

The education that the school would give was far more important than the external equipment.

— From The First Century of Colby by Henry K. Rowe

The Academic Experience

In the academy days, just as it is at Colby-Sawyer College today, student life was characterized by small classes and close relationships with the faculty. Students could...
choose from three core curriculums, the first of which was the College Preparatory, or Classical Course, that prepared them to meet the entrance requirements of New England colleges by concentrating on Greek, Latin and mathematics. The Normal Course prepared students for the teaching profession and qualified them to teach in local schools. The final specialization, the Ladies’ Collegiate Course, offered the most varied curriculum and gave students opportunities to study mathematics, science, English, religion, Italian, ancient history and government. Despite its name, this curriculum was not restricted to female students.

Settled deep in the woods and foothills of New Hampshire, the small town of New London may not seem like a prime destination for study abroad, yet Colby Academy hosted international students beginning in 1891 and has offered many programs over the years to connect its students with the larger world. In the academy days, students came from as far west as California, as far east as Nova Scotia, as far north as Montreal, and...
as far south as Mexico City. By the time it closed its doors, Colby Academy had also welcomed students from Uruguay, England, Puerto Rico and Greece.

In 1928, Colby Junior College took the rigorous curriculum of the academy days to the next level. Students’ education was built on a broad foundation that included courses in art, music, literature and science as they worked toward associate degrees in areas such as Secretarial Science and Medical Technology. Even then, students had opportunities to complete internships and summer programs both in the United States and abroad. Colby Junior College students graduated after two years prepared to join the workforce or to continue their education.

International students continued to come to Colby Junior College, and our students also sought professional opportunities overseas. In the 1960s secretarial science students went to Kenya to teach skills to students at the University of Nairobi, and there were also opportunities to study abroad.

The same marriage of liberal arts and sciences programs with professional development continues in a Colby-Sawyer education today. Students in every major gain a solid foundation in the liberal arts, and a number of academic programs such as athletic training, business administration, environmental science and nursing prepare them to enter specific professional fields upon the completion of their baccalaureate degree. Internships are required for every academic major today, enabling students to acquire professional experience and skills in fields of study prior to their graduation. Today, Colby-Sawyer College has more international students than ever, nearly 140 students from 32 countries, and our students have opportunities to study or participate in field research programs abroad.

**A Look at Student Life**

Life outside of their studies was important to academy students and Colby Junior College students, just as it is for Colby-Sawyer students. Whether through athletics, clubs or individual pursuits with friends, our students have always been energetic and resourceful in pursuing their extracurricular activities. The specifics of their endeavors have changed over time, but the spirit of exploration, connection and growth has carried on from the academy days to the present day.

The staff of the Blue Quill literary magazine gathered for a meeting in 1939 or 1940. They included (from left to right) Joyce Wamsley, Peggy Valentine, Charlotte Cuddy, Reid Francis, Priscilla Mayo and Eloise Gedney.

**In 1900, Academy Row included the Academy building (not shown), Heidelberg (ladies boarding house), a gymnasium and Colby Hall (men’s boarding house.)**
Clubs and Organizations

The largest diversions for academy students were literary societies, which offered the opportunity to write, debate and enjoy lively conversation. The largest men's societies were the Euphemian Society and the United Friends, which later merged to become the Philalethian Society. Smaller men's groups included Epsilon Pi Delta and the Granite Debating Society. Women participated in the Ladies' Literary and Missionary Association or in the smaller D.G.V. Gesellschaft and the Euphorbian Society.

Literary societies were essentially social organizations whose activities included debating topics of the day, writing essays and poems and collecting a library. These organizations are the precursors for many of the clubs and organizations that emerged at Colby Junior College and Colby-Sawyer College. Examples of literary pursuits that have arisen in later years include the Blue Quill and Solidus, an online literary magazine. Debates continue in the Student Government Association and departmental organizations like the Biology, History and Philosophy Clubs.

Music has also been an important part of our institutional history. The academy had student-organized singing groups that faded in and out of fashion depending on the trends of the time. Music clubs arose with the start of the junior college, and music would become even more important at Colby Junior College with choir, glee club, orchestra and later, with the organization of the Buzzin' Dozen and the Monotones. Today, the musical tradition continues at the college with the Colby-Sawyer College Singers, a choir composed of college and area community members, and The Voices of Colby-Sawyer, a student-led gospel choir.

Written and photographic expressions are also honored Colby-Sawyer traditions. The first student newspaper, The Colby Voice, served as a local newspaper, school newspaper and literary magazine. The format and name of the student newspaper has changed over the years but other than a few dark years, a student newspaper has been published from 1889 until 2005. The current newspaper, The Colby-Sawyer Courier, became an online publication in 2011, a long way from the thick booklets of the academy days.

The other major publication was The Colbyan, the yearbook that documented the life of students on campus for nearly 100 years. Originated in 1918, The Colbyan was published until 2005. Although it is no longer in publication, students have since celebrated their classes in video yearbooks and in other electronic formats in keeping with the spirit of The Colbyan.

Alumni exchanged reminiscences whenever they met. Some of them thought it would be enjoyable if they met oftener and proposed a regular reunion in Boston as well as at Commencement in New London. As a result the New London Association was organized by one hundred and fifty alumni gathered in the Thorndike Hotel on the 13th of May, 1890... The Association thus inaugurated continued to hold annual reunions in the same place for a number of years.

— From The First Century of Colby by Henry K. Rowe
Colby Academy Class of 1918

Walter T. Moreland '18
“Dad”

Epping, N.H.

President Class (4); Vice-President Class (2), (3); President Y.M.C.A.; Manager Voice (3), (4); Vice-President Y.M.C.A. (3); Varsity Football (2), (3), (4); Captain Varsity Football (4); Manager Varsity Football (3); Class Basketball (4); Prayer Meeting Committee; Chairman Y.M.C.A. (1), (2), (3); Head Waiter (4) Scholarship Medal (1), (2), (3).

The luckiest captain that ever lived. He won every Toss in football and led the greatest gridiron team in Colby's History.

From The Colbyan

The Colbyan debuted in 1918 and was “published annually in the interest of the senior class” until 2005.

Sports and Athletics

In the early academy days, exercise for young men was limited to outdoor play and chores like working in the woodpile in winter and the garden in summer. In that era, young women playing baseball or basketball would have been shocking. But the Civil War brought with it two kinds of exercise: military drills and baseball. Baseball became popular in the army camps, and after the war the soldiers brought it back to villages across the country.

Eventually, the academy expanded beyond these two pursuits and the trustees authorized construction of a gymnasium. The first floor was intended as a dressing room, for Indian club practice and a bowling alley; the second floor was designed for the use of bars and for baseball practice. Polo and track athletics also became popular among the men, and croquet and tennis among the women. Later, organized sports at the academy included baseball, football, hockey, basketball and track for men and field hockey for women.

The formation of Colby Junior College brought an explosion of women's sports. Students joined the Athletic Association and played field hockey and basketball, with residence halls pitted against each other. Horseback riding was particularly popular, as it continues to be today at Colby-Sawyer.

For lighter recreation, a toboggan chute with a 20-foot high steel tower was erected in the rear of Colgate Hall. Organized sports went beyond field hockey to include cheerleading, skiing, volleyball, tennis, badminton and basketball. Students also were required to take a physical education class and many students enjoyed spending time outdoors cycling, skiing and snowshoeing.

When male students returned to Colby-Sawyer in 1990-1991, they brought with them soccer, basketball, baseball and track and field, many of the sports that were originally played by men at Colby Academy. The college now offers nine varsity sports for men. Women's sports have also continued to flourish, with 11 women's varsity sports including skiing, equestrian,
lacrosse, volleyball and soccer. In addition to varsity and recreational sports, Colby-Sawyer offers club sports such as rugby, golf and floor hockey.

Traditions and Events

Some of the traditions and events that current Colby-Sawyer students enjoy today originated in the academy’s earliest days. The best known is Mountain Day, the annual fall hike up Mt. Kearsarge, which may have begun as early as the 1850s. The first official account of the event was published in The Colby Voice in 1893. Enthusiasm for this old tradition was revived in the early years of Colby Junior College and continues to attract hundreds of Colby-Sawyer College community members every year.

Other traditions, like Winter Carnival, have evolved but remain a part of the college’s culture. Winter Carnival began at Colby Academy in the 1920s as a way to energize the student population during the long winter months. Winter Carnival has been held every February, with the exception of a brief hiatus in the early 1970s. The earliest carnivals included snowshoeing and skiing races as well as shows or films.

Colby Junior College took Winter Carnival to a whole new level with skiing, tobogganing, ice skating, dances, casino nights and even baseball.

Colby Junior College Class of 1930

Marian Cushing Bailey ’30 “Mam”

Kingston, Mass.

President Student Government (1); French Club (1); Glee Club (1) (2); Y.W.C.A. (1) (2); Hockey (1); May Queen.

“I know what pleasure is, For I have done good work.”

“Every time she opens her mouth she puts Her foot in it.”

Versatile she was indeed; an enhancing May Queen, the Belle of the Balls at New Hampton, Tilton, and elsewhere, and a most efficient leader.

Of Student Council in our freshman year. Eager to help, courteous and genial, what more could we ask?

From The Colbyan
Colby College-New Hampshire Class of 1973

Elizabeth Burkham “73  
“Libby”

St. Louis, MO

Colgate Hall
Ruby Jane—“Lucy”—our New Hampshire drives—snow shoes—wall hangings—fun—wheels—la shier—Becker...

As games played on snowshoes. One of the biggest events of the carnival was the snow sculpture contest. Each residence hall would carefully craft a snow sculpture based on the year’s theme.

Today, Winter Carnival continues in the spirit of its predecessors. The college still hosts a variety of activities including comedians, films and dances. In recent years, the college community has collaborated with New London to incorporate a Jack Frost dinner during which students and community alike can sample local fare while on skis and snowshoes.

Past to Present

As Colby-Sawyer celebrates its 175th anniversary, it is a time to explore and embrace our long and proud tradition of teaching and learning. Our history of constant evolution seems unsurprising, considering that the college once again finds itself in a period of rapid growth in student enrollment, the size of the faculty, academic programs and campus facilities. Our history has been one of continuous change—in response to our students’ needs, to economic realities and to current trends in education.

As the college moves ahead, it is re-introducing itself with a new set of strategic themes and a bold new visual identity. And yet, our new direction stems in large part from the college’s traditional strengths—in engaged learning, commitment to our environment, and interest in connecting to the larger world. Most importantly, the academy, the junior college and the baccalaureate college have built a tradition of excellence in teaching and learning, which revolves around and exists for our students’ benefit.
Academy Row

In its early days, the campus was called Academy Row and was comprised of the Academy building, where classes were held; Heidelberg, a boarding house for women; Colby Hall, the men’s dormitory; and a gymnasium. These buildings were located on what is now known as Sargent Common. Only the Academy building remains, and it now serves as the New London Town Offices.

The Academy building had four classrooms upstairs and a library and chapel downstairs. In 1870, as the student enrollment grew, a much larger brick Academy building was constructed on the site of what is now Colgate Hall. This building burned down in 1892 (see From the Archives, p. 117) and was replaced by Colgate Hall in 1912.

Building Boom

By the late 1920s, public high schools were attracting more local students and the decision was made to transform Colby Academy into a junior college for women. The size of the current campus hadn’t changed since 1912, other than the addition of a new gymnasium in 1927. The first Colby Junior College students lived at the New London Inn and in homes throughout the town, and the college was in dire need of more space as enrollment grew quickly.

From 1930 through 1940 eight buildings were built near Colgate Hall, including six new residence halls: McKean Hall, Shepard Hall, Burpee Hall, Abbey Hall, Page Hall and Colby Hall. With these additions, the center of the campus moved from Academy Row to the top of Colby Hill. The old buildings were rarely used and were torn down or used for other purposes.

A Growing Campus

Following World War II a revival in building projects on campus ensued. In 1949, the Commons-Fernald Library (now Ware Center) was built to house the dining hall and library. In the 1950s, Best Hall was constructed, along with a new arts center (Sawyer), a health center (Baird), a science center (Reichhold) and an exercise complex (HESS, now known as Mercer). The old gymnasium was renovated to become Austin Hall.

The Drought

The 1970s and 1980s were financially difficult for the college, and construction gave way to renovation projects. Buildings refitted during this period include Seamans Alumni House, James House and the Caretaker’s Cottage. The biggest project undertaken was the renovation of three pre-Civil War barns into the Susan Colgate Cleveland Library/Learning Center.

A Resurgence and the Future

The college began building again to accommodate the new male population and the overall growth in enrollment in the 1990s, with construction of the Dan and Kathleen Hogan Sports Center, Lethbridge Lodge and two residence halls, Rooke and Lawson. The Commons-Fernald Library was renovated as the Ware Campus Center and the Colby Homestead Annex was transformed as the Cleveland, Colby, Colgate Archives.

In the 2000s, Colby Homestead became the new home of the Advancement Office and the Curtis L. Ivey Science Center and a new residence hall, Danforth Hall, were built. In 2010, windy Hill was completed, providing a permanent location for the college’s laboratory school. In spring 2012, renovations began on the Ware Campus Center to expand the dining hall and turn the building into a true student center. A new arts center and other projects are also in the works as Colby-Sawyer College continues to grow.
A Life Steeped in History

by Ruth Graham

“I really enjoy teaching,” says Professor Emerita Hilary Cleveland, sitting in her sunny living room in New London. “I found that out five years into teaching, and never wanted to do anything else.” It’s easy to believe her. Cleveland spent 57 years teaching history and political science at Colby-Sawyer, retiring in December at 84.

Cleveland didn’t set out for a career in teaching, or for a life spent in one small New Hampshire town.

She grew up in New Jersey and Andover, N.H., graduated from Vassar College, and then traveled to Geneva, Switzerland, for further study at the Institute of International Relations. “I wanted to be a diplomat,” she says, explaining that her dream had always been to serve in an ambassadorial role in a far-flung nation. “I certainly didn’t expect to live in New London, New Hampshire, or to teach.” But meeting her husband changed her plans.

The roots of James Colgate Cleveland’s family tree are entwined so deeply with those of New London and Colby-Sawyer that it’s difficult to tell them apart. The names Colby, Colgate and Cleveland emblazoned on various buildings on campus all appear in the family’s history, starting with New Hampshire governor Anthony Colby (1792-1873), who was born in New London and lived in the Colby Homestead on Main Street. Several generations later, Cleveland’s parents moved into the homestead and gave Hilary and her husband the house she lives in now, just down the road. When her husband’s parents died, Colby Homestead went to the college, which currently uses it to house the Office of Advancement. The property’s barns became the Susan Colgate Cleveland Library/Learning Center.

James and Hilary met in the summer of 1950, and married at the end of the year. They lived in the house on Main Street until James was sent to Germany during the Korean War. They left as newlyweds who only used a few rooms in the house, and returned to the house as parents. They eventually had five children. James, a moderate Republican, served in the New Hampshire Senate between 1951 and 1963, and then ran successfully for U.S. Congress, where he held his seat until he retired in 1980. He died in 1995.

After settling back in New London, Cleveland got the idea that she’d like to try her hand at teaching. When she first inquired, Colby Junior College (as Colby-Sawyer was then...
known) had no room for her, but she helped Professor James D. Squires with his work on a history of New London, and eventually he hired her.

“In those days, there were six teaching days,” Cleveland recalls. Classes were held Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings. When Cleveland began teaching, she was given five courses to teach during the six-day weeks—an unimaginable teaching load these days. That first semester she taught classes including international relations, European history, American government and comparative government.

“I had never taught,” Cleveland remembers with a laugh. “The first class—this is typical of any teacher—I had all my notes written out in desperation. They were 50-minute classes, and I figured it would take 45 or 50 minutes with discussion.” Instead, overcome with nerves, she raced through her presentation in 30 minutes flat, and no one had any questions to help her prolong it. “It was a disaster!”

By necessity, her teaching style quickly evolved to incorporate more class discussion than traditional lectures. With such a heavy course load, “it was just foolish to try to know everything,” she explains. “My teaching style is much more throwing out topics and giving some background to it, and getting the students involved.” Early on, Cleveland got into the habit of rising at 3 a.m. to prepare for classes, a habit she keeps to this day.

No matter the subject, she wanted her students to be able to make connections between history and current events. “Everything is connected, and if you can get the students to see that, you’ve done your homework,” she says, using the example of how current issues in Iran can be traced back to the country’s colonial era. “They don’t remember a lot of facts and dates,
and neither do I. So why emphasize those?” Her favorite classes to teach have been the ones in which she learned. A course on Far Eastern history, which pushed her to delve into Chinese and Japanese culture and history, remains one of the most memorable for her.

The school’s campus has changed significantly since her arrival, too. Students used to eat in Colgate Hall, she recalls, and there was no Sawyer Fine Arts Center, no Baird Center, no Ivey or Reichhold buildings. The campus then was charming and small, essentially just Colgate Hall and a circle of dorms.

Cleveland says she misses some of the old routines on campus. Back when students attended a mandatory chapel service at First Baptist Church on Main Street, most of the faculty would gather in a “butt room” in the basement of Colgate to have coffee, pick up their mail, and chat with each other. Nowadays, most departments have their own administrative assistant and coffee area. “I don’t know the teachers in the art department or exercise and sport sciences department,” Cleveland says. “The only people I know in the college are the people in my own department. It’s a shame. You lose a collegial atmosphere.”

Cleveland’s niece Page Paterson led the charge to end that mandatory chapel requirement in the 1960s, a time of many other significant changes to campus culture. It was a time of protest and unrest at many campuses across the nation, and institutions were engaged not just with issues of national importance like the Vietnam War, but with the question of whether colleges had the right to act in loco parentis—in the place of a parent.

In the 1950s, students had curfews every night. Each dorm had a faculty resident who kept tabs on students, and required they get their parents’ permission to go out of town. Only seniors were allowed to have cars, and only in the spring term. The all-female student body had a dress code that included skirts, sweaters and Colby Junior College blazers, which they wore with knee-length socks and moccasins or Oxford shoes. “Students came to class looking very proper and usually very neat,” Cleveland says. By contrast, students in her morning classes in recent years often arrived wearing pajamas, topped with a parka in winter.

Cleveland isn’t sentimental about the restricted lives of young people, particularly women, in the 1950s. Many women were sent to the two-year junior college, as opposed to a four-year institution, because their parents didn’t see the point in sending a young

Hilary Cleveland (at right) is shown with her late husband, James Cleveland, and some of their children in their yard in 1956. James was a legislator in New Hampshire before serving in Congress for nearly two decades, and Hilary was appointed by President George H. W. Bush to serve on an international commission.
woman to school for so long. Bachelors’ degrees were for young men, while young women should finish in two years and “then go off and be a secretary or get married.” The positive side of that, she notes, was that Colby Junior College attracted many brilliant women who nowadays would likely head to the Ivy League.

At the same time, however, she sees students today struggling with the broad range of freedoms they have been granted. “There seem to be more students who are psychologically upset at Colby-Sawyer now, given all of these freedoms and then some of the bad results,” she says. “Some 17- and 18-year-olds are just not equipped to handle it.” Academically, things haven’t changed quite as much. “I’ve always had some excellent students, some very poor students, and the large majority, from the beginning to now, are ‘medium’ students, but ready to be awakened,” she says.

Cleveland has worked under all eight of the college’s presidents, starting with H. Leslie Sawyer, who was in his final year of leadership when she began teaching in 1955. She admired Eugene Austin, president from 1955 to 1962, who involved Colby Junior College students in the wider world by hosting forums on current events. (“In those days he could require the students to attend, so they were pretty well attended,” Cleveland says wryly.) She has warm memories of many other administrators, particularly an early dean and English professor named Eleanor Dodd. “The dean had very little praise for anyone, and when she said, ‘Good job,’ or ‘I like that,’ it just meant all the world because she was chary with her praise,” Cleveland recalls. “She had very high standards for faculty, so I admired her tremendously.”

The town of New London has evolved since Cleveland arrived. Then, about 1,300 people lived in New London, though the population swelled in the summer with the arrival of visitors from Washington and Philadelphia who traveled north to escape the heat. “What I see is much more sophistication in New London,” she says now. “It’s not a little farm town anymore.”

Despite her busy teaching schedule, Cleveland always made time for public service. She campaigned for her husband’s political career, but she also served as New London’s town moderator for many years, and accepted an appointment by President George H.W. Bush to serve on the International Joint Commission, a body that helps Canada and the United States negotiate boundary water disputes. When she switched her allegiance to the Democratic Party in 2004, the news made national headlines. This year, she is supporting President Obama and New Hampshire gubernatorial candidate Maggie Hassan.

Cleveland officially retired in 1991, but she continued teaching classes until December of last year, which she considers her real retirement. Did she expect to be at it this long? “Oh, good heavens, no,” she says with a laugh. “I didn’t expect to live this long!” She says she kept teaching for so long for a simple reason: She loved it. “I know some people don’t and they can hardly wait for retirement,” she explains. “But I happen to like students, and I happen to like their different backgrounds and points of view. I love thinking that maybe they’re getting interested.” Once in a while she received letters from former students saying that her classes inspired them to be curious about history or government for the first time, and those letters kept her going.

Even in retirement, Cleveland remains active and connected to the college. She’s involved with the adult-education program Adventures in Learning, which she helped to found. With the help of a student intern, she is also beginning to organize and box up her papers, which she will donate to the library named for her husband’s family. Always self-deprecating, she calls the papers “junk.” But for Colby-Sawyer, Cleveland’s papers—and memories—are an invaluable record of many decades of history.

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College seniors may feel like fixtures on campus by the time they graduate, but they’ve got nothing on two faculty members who recently celebrated 35 years at Colby-Sawyer: Associate Professor of Social Sciences and Education Janet Bliss, who founded and still leads Colby-Sawyer’s early childhood laboratory school, Windy Hill, and Academic Vice President and Dean of Faculty Deborah Taylor.

Professor Bliss’s true tenure on campus stretches back even farther: She earned her associate’s degree from Colby Junior College in 1971, an era when streaking was popular on campus and professors used to smoke cigarettes in class. During the war in Vietnam, students protested on the quad. “It was exciting because people cared,” Bliss recalls. “It felt like people really paid attention to the news, and to what was going on in the world.”

“Children matter,” Associate Professor of Social Sciences and Education Janet Bliss said at the dedication of the new Windy Hill School in 2010. “Provide children with interesting and provocative materials and they will construct understandings and become confident in their own abilities to reason and think autonomously. Trust that children are indeed competent and when given appropriate guidance and challenges will indeed become the competent industrious beings we want.”
After completing a bachelor’s degree in elementary education at New England College, Bliss and a friend started their own school in the basement of a church in New London. Fortuitously, Marc Clement, who then led the college’s new Child Study Program, enrolled his young daughter at her school. Over the course of that year, Clement convinced the college administration that the new program needed a laboratory school where Child Studies majors would gain direct teaching experience, and with that, Bliss’s school moved to the college and became the Windy Hill School in 1976.

Although the administration was willing to give Bliss and the school a chance, they were skeptical. She recalls that the college president decided to err “on the safe side” by paying her half of the tuition raised, instead of a normal salary. To his surprise, the school was an instant success. “By the end of the year they didn’t want that arrangement anymore,” Bliss says with a laugh. “Gosh, I wish I still had that deal today!”

Windy Hill opened on campus as one large room in the basement of Abbey Hall, a space the children and teachers shared with resident students. If students had planned a party on a weekend, the school had to put all of its supplies away. While teaching at and directing the Windy Hill School, Bliss earned a master’s degree in education at Wheelock College. She learned more about the constructivist learning theory in education—in which teachers serve as guides for children’s self-directed learning through active play and project-based social interaction—and began to incorporate this approach at Windy Hill.

The school soon expanded into another wing, then the entire floor, and finally, took over the basement of nearby Burpee Hall as well. In October 2010, Colby-Sawyer dedicated a new light-filled building for Windy Hill on a grassy hill with views of Mount Kearsarge.

Over the years, Windy Hill School has evolved not just architecturally, but technologically. When Professor Bliss began teaching, the school had no computers, and she had never even used one until she arrived in her office one day to find a Macintosh sitting on her desk. Dismissive at first because, she says, “I thought in my advanced age, in my 40s, it would be a huge challenge,” she quickly embraced it.
Windy Hill students also embraced computers, along with smart boards, digital cameras and other technologies, as tools they can choose to use in projects and to make their own discoveries.

Professor Bliss plans to retire after this school year, and though it will be difficult to move on from the little school that started out in a church basement, she is proud of what she’s leaving behind. “What’s inescapable is that the [new] building speaks to the importance of young children and the people who work with them,” she says. “When I leave, I’ll think ‘Yes. It’s on the most beautiful site on campus. How fitting.’”

Enduring Values Amid Constant Change

Vice President Taylor arrived on campus in 1976 to join the Psychology Department, soon after completing her doctorate at Rutgers University. After rising within the department, she became dean of students and vice president for student development, and then returned to serve as chair of what had become the Social Sciences and Education Department. She became academic dean in 2001, and four years later she took on the role of academic vice president and dean of faculty.

Taylor remembers the college’s decision to become a coeducational institution as a time of particular upheaval during her tenure. Enrollment had been dropping throughout the 1980s, and remaining an all-women’s school simply wasn’t feasible. But that pragmatic change wasn’t easy for the students who had chosen Colby-Sawyer in part for its single-sex atmosphere.

The college announced the decision a year before the male students arrived, providing time for discussion and planning. There were disagreements among faculty, staff, students, administration and alumni along the way.
It was a difficult year,” Taylor recalls. At one point, students held a sit-in in Colgate Hall, preventing faculty and staff from entering the building. “It was all very peaceful, very appropriate and very heartfelt,” she says. “It was an expression of how strongly the students felt that they were getting a really marvelous education and wanted things to remain the same.” In the end, however, most parties understood the institution was doing what it needed to do to survive. The first class including male students arrived in the fall of 1990.

Taylor echoes Bliss in noting the dramatic technological advancements at Colby-Sawyer in the last three decades. She looks forward to related changes ahead, including the college’s plans for expansion.

“We’ll continue our pattern of growth and evolution,” she says, adding that distance education plays a role in current planning, although it’s difficult to predict exactly what it will look like. “If anyone has a crystal ball and can predict the direction that will take, that would be amazing,” she says with a laugh. “One of the things that makes our work particularly exciting and particularly complex is the fact that we’re preparing students to graduate into a world that’s changing at such a rapid rate that we don’t know what careers or grad programs are going to be like in five or 10 years.”

Colby-Sawyer has grown and changed significantly since the 1970s—professors no longer smoke in class—but both Bliss and Taylor see a certain abiding institutional character. “The basic values have remained the same through a lot of changes,” Taylor says. “We’re very individual in the way we approach our students, and that fundamental value has remained the same.”

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John Pelech '02 couldn’t sleep. The Business Administration major owned a 75-employee commercial finance company he’d started four years earlier at age 22, and banks across the country were starting to fail. He was involved in hotel and resort financing and had 15 stories of concrete and $20 million poured into a Manhattan hotel chain project that was quickly becoming a bona fide disaster. All that would be enough to keep anyone’s wheels turning, but that wasn’t why Pelech was staring at the ceiling late into the night.

His finance work had expanded into renewable energy. For a recent project, Pelech had raised $252 million and managed to pull off a bond rating of triple B- to fire up a 55-megawatt power plant in Minnesota that ran on poultry litter. After that he started working on a wastewater treatment project at a paper mill in Cheboygan, Mich. It was the mill that was keeping him awake.

The mill owner had been hydropulping paper to recycle into toilet paper and pumping the waste water into the Great Lakes. The paper industry in general was hurting as the effects of the internet hit home, and the owner needed $25 million worth of gear to clean up his act and keep his business alive. He was better off than a lot of others in his industry, though—you can’t digitize toilet paper.

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“Okay. Can’t afford it. Come with me.”

In an airplane-hangar-turned-giant-fire-hazard, the mill owner had stuffed 100 million pounds of the dried out, poly-coated junk. If Pelech could sell it for just a penny a pound, he realized, there was a million dollars sitting there in front of him. That was enough to keep him wide awake thinking of the possibilities.

In a stroke of good luck and good timing, Pelech sold his finance company soon after that conversation in the hangar. He spent $10,000 to send Cheboygan sludge samples to every plastic manufacturer, paper mill and broker he could find. “I’ve got poly,” he told them, and that’s when he found out there are more than 80,000 types of plastic out there, each with its own melt index, and 75,000 of those plastics begin with the word poly. The plastic guys
Wide Awake

looked at the samples and told him there was too much paper contamination. “Forget it,” they all told him. “This is trash.” But there was no way Pelech could forget that mountain of waste—or its economic and environmental ramifications.

Backyard Experiments and Plastic Baloney

Pelech’s wife, Jenna, watched from a window as a breeze kicked up and thousands of tiny balls of plastic took flight in their backyard in Portsmouth, N.H. John was out there again after yet another night thinking about all the waste destined for landfills, the nation’s recycling situation in general, and opportunities he could see but not quite grasp.

For weeks he’d been experimenting with the Cheboygan sludge in their clothes dryer, trying different water pressures, temperatures and drying times. Jenna could tell from his satisfied look and the finally quiet dryer that he’d had a breakthrough.

Pelech had managed to get the paper content in the plastic to less than a quarter of a percent. When he sent out these new samples, the plastic guys were ecstatic and said they’d take all they could get. Pelech hired an engineer to recreate on a massive scale what he’d done in his backyard. He wrote a business plan that would charge the paper mill half of the “deal” they had in place to buy the sludge, run it through his system, dry the plastic and extrude curb stops and plastic bags, and sell the paper pulp back to the paper mills. It was a genius plan, and he spent two years developing the technology. But he needed $5 million to get the full-scale business off the ground.

With half of that funding in place and a “backyard” education in polymer science, Pelech founded Poly Recovery two years ago as a sustainable recycling company based at the Pease International Tradeport in his hometown of Portsmouth. The sludge that inspired the business was still in Cheboygan and on Pelech’s back burner.

Colby-Sawyer taught me so much. I can honestly say I would not be half the person I am today without that education.
and his sleepless nights weren't over. Along the way he'd discovered the plastic world's equivalent of baloney, and he was sure he could figure out a way to recycle it. There's a thing called cornerboard that covers the edges of pallets of products at grocery store distribution centers so they can be stacked and shipped without being crushed, and it intrigued Pelech. Technically plastic, it's made in China out of everything swept off the factory floor and has no identifiable polymers. It also includes wood and hard metal contaminants.

Professor Tony Quinn, Leon Malan … Colby-Sawyer’s Business Department is second to none. It’s hands-on and you can’t get lost in the numbers. There was serious, real critical thinking. They pushed us to find ourselves. Colby-Sawyer gave me the ability to say, you know what, I can do anything. I have the skills; I’ll bump shoulders with anyone. I got into plenty of other schools but choosing Colby-Sawyer was hands down the best decision I ever made. Hands down. I wouldn’t change a thing. If you told me I had a free ride to some Ivy, I’d tell you to stuff it. I couldn’t be happier with my education.
The average food distribution facility puts around 200,000 pounds of this product into a landfill every month.

Pelech’s experiments resumed—this time in his own lab instead of his backyard. Finally, at two in the morning of another sleepless night, he and Mike Mooney ’02, Poly Recovery’s general manager, had what Pelech calls their eureka moment. They added a few more things to the baloney plastic—yogurt cups, shopping bags, stretch film, automotive bumpers—and were able to extrude a uniform product that is now used as a longer-lasting alternative to petroleum-based rubber curb stops and speed bumps. Poly Recovery was poised on the cutting edge of recycling’s possibilities.

**Cradle to Grave to Cradle**

There are seven categories of plastic. Water and soda bottles are in category 1, and according to Pelech, America recycles them at a rate of 20 percent. Milk jugs and laundry detergent containers fall into category 2 and are hot commodities because they can be turned back into bottles, carpet, pipe or any number of products.

Then there are the 3-7s, a smorgasbord of polymers, and the majority of what fills America’s recycling bins.

“Category 7 is the greatest challenge to recycling because it includes everything from dashboard plastic to bullet-proof glass, which is polycarbonate,” says Pelech. “Some of the items are worth huge money, but we send 99 percent of them to Asia on container ships. They actually burn those plastics for fuel because it’s cheaper than oil and gives a higher BTU per dollar, which is a disaster.”

Instead of letting plastics sail off to the other side of the planet or end up in a landfill because it “can’t” be recycled, Poly Recovery conducts recycling audits for businesses and looks for opportunities to turn their waste into new products. These days, manufacturers are calling on Pelech to recycle their paper and plastic waste at Poly Recovery with the promise that it will travel no more than 100 miles to be turned into a new product. With 100-plus clients, among them seven of the region’s 10 biggest manufacturers, it’s a promise that resonates with companies who are increasingly aware of sustainability issues and their impact on the local economy, and who don’t want to pay a trash hauler to dump their waste in a landfill.

A resin that Poly Recovery produces, for example, goes into flower pots made in Massachusetts; paper and cardboard go to a partner in Fitchburg, Mass., and is turned into game boards and the backs of legal pads; another material travels 11.8 miles down the road and is extruded into polyester fiber that is spun into car trunk liner and brand-name performance wear.

“I’ve said it from the beginning, it’s our waste,” says Pelech. “Why do we want to ship it somewhere else? We created it. Let’s keep it here, let’s keep the jobs here. That adds so much more to our social and economic sustainability, never mind our environmental sustainability portion of it. We could make a hell of a lot more money if we just sent stuff to China, but I don’t want to do that. If I keep the stuff here I’m different from everyone else. We are plastics processors and we are good at it. We are damn good at it.”

They are so good that Pelech is running a second shift and production line now; he expects nearly eight million pounds of waste to flow through Poly Recovery this year on its way to reincarnation.

Early nights and enough sleep aren’t necessarily part of the future, though, because Pelech is running high on passion and is just getting started.

“I’m working on Styrofoam next,” says Pelech. “It’s tough. The largest densified Styrofoam buyer is China. Let’s keep it all here. I don’t know why more people don’t do it. There should be a Poly Recovery every 200 miles. That would mean no landfills… Imagine that!”
A Tough Place to Grow, A Great Place to Learn

by Kimberly Swick Slover

On a warm and bright morning last October, 12 Colby-Sawyer students and two professors prepared to set off for a four-day journey into the high peaks of the Presidential Range in the White Mountains National Forest. Dressed in layers, they strapped on backpacks stuffed with sleeping bags, warm jackets, food and other supplies and hit the Tuckerman’s Ravine Trail for an ascent into the alpine zone.

The students—mostly junior and senior biology, environmental studies and environmental science majors—were part of Associate Professor of Natural Sciences Laura Alexander’s Alpine Flora Communities course. In the previous month they had learned about the fragile ecosystems that inhabit high-altitude alpine regions, where plants are buffeted by high winds, heavy snow and extreme cold. Field guides close at hand, the students were anxious to find and identify these plant communities in the wild and experience the environment to which these species have adapted.

The course includes a few day hikes and this longer expedition marked the addition of a new Alpine Communities Field Studies Program. It is the fourth field study program to be added to the curriculum, after Desert Communities (in Arizona), Marine Communities (on Martha’s Vineyard) and River Communities (in the Colorado River Basin).

The hike began at about a 2,000-foot elevation and quickly turned rocky and steep. Professor Alexander kept the group focused by making frequent stops to point out plant communities along the trail and reminded students to keep an eye on how species appeared and disappeared with changes in elevation. She prodded them with questions: When did the hardwood forest transition to a spruce fir forest? Which plant communities should we be seeing now? What are the major impacts on the flora in this area?

The next day, the group climbed up Tuckerman’s Ravine on the way to Lakes in the Clouds and Mt. Monroe. The trail grew narrower and more arduous, but the views were stunning. When the group took a break, Harvey Pine, assistant professor of Natural Sciences, explained the geological origins of the amphitheater that surrounded them. Like an impassioned preacher, he raised his arms and voice as he described how hundreds...
Professor Laura Alexander helps students Bailey Allard and Jon Wylie identify alpine flora on the Boott Spur Link trail.

As students take a break on the steep hike up Tuckerman’s Ravine, Professor Harvey Pine explains the ravine’s geological origins 325 to 400 millions years ago, when an alpine glacier began to cut into metamorphic rock to create this huge amphitheater.

Right: Professor Laura Alexander, Jess Chickering and Adam Wilson head to the Hermit Lake Shelters at the base of Tuckerman’s Ravine with provisions to stay and learn on the mountain for four days.
of millions of years ago a vast alpine glacier began to cut into the metamorphic rock that eventually carved the ravine that is now a popular, though dangerous, place to ski.

In the Zone

As they reached the high elevations of the alpine zone, students began to see some more familiar plant communities growing along the trail, between rocks and behind boulders. They pulled out their field guides and huddled around the plants to try to pinpoint the species, the beginning of a friendly “name the species” competition.

As the group reached the top of the ravine, they were pummeled by cold winds whipping across the alpine garden that stretched out before them. The students pulled on their wind jackets and walked through the garden in awe of the beauty and resilience of the flora around them.

A small sign that read “A Tough Place to Grow” reminded the hikers of the flora’s fragility and to stay on the trail. Professor Alexander noted that one-quarter of the U.S. population lives within a day’s drive of the White Mountains and it’s extremely important for students to recognize the negative impacts that humans can have on the flora.

“These plants are like little heroes—they hang on no matter what—but by stepping on them, hikers loosen their roots and they just blow away,” she said. “I want students to get that message to stay on the trail and take the knowledge they learned in New Hampshire’s White Mountains to other environments. That’s the framework for many of our courses: Let’s go in and understand a place, what grows here and what the impacts are on these plant communities, and let’s educate people and protect these environments.”

After some long days of hiking, the students were excited to talk about their latest adventures in learning. Adam Wilson ’12 had participated in the River Communities trip in spring 2011 and said field experiences provide the “best classroom.” “There’s really nothing like it—the learning environment is just incredible,” he said. “I may be biased, but I think the best way to learn is to actually live it. You can’t really learn from a book in the same way.”

Fellow Environmental Studies major Laurel Bauer ’13 also took part in the River Communities course, but she found this trip to the alpine zone “really special.” “It’s definitely a course that can’t be taught just inside the classroom. You need to be out doing the work and seeing, feeling, smelling and touching,” she explained.

By journey’s end, the students knew that not only is the alpine zone a tough place to grow, it is a great place to learn. ♦
Let the 175th Anniversary Fun Begin

Join us for a weekend of fun and camaraderie—Friday, Oct. 12 through Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012—as the Colby-Sawyer community gathers to celebrate Alumni Fall Festival and the college’s 175th anniversary as an institution of teaching and learning.

Renew ties with old friends, explore the Colby-Sawyer of today, and join the college and local communities to celebrate our remarkable shared history and our promising future.

Visit www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni/fallfestival to see the full schedule of events.

Save the Date for the next Alumni Fall Festival: Friday, Oct. 4 – Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013

The 4K Challenge —We Did It!

Thanks to the generosity and collective effort of alumni, trustees, parents, colleagues and friends, we have succeeded in meeting the 4K Challenge, earning an additional $200,000 for the Colby-Sawyer Fund. Ultimately, the college received support from 4,329 donors, 3,021 of whom were alumni, resulting in a one-year increase in alumni participation from 17 to 24 percent.

Your support of Colby-Sawyer College truly makes a difference, and we want to thank each and every donor for helping us cross the finish line.

New Alumni Directory

The 175th Anniversary Edition of the Colby-Sawyer College Alumni Directory is in production and will be shipped in January 2013 to alumni who purchased the book. Many thanks to all our alumni who updated their information.

Travel with Colby-Sawyer

The Alumni Travel Program is pleased to present an extraordinary adventure in Spain from May 20 – 30, 2013. Alumni, family and friends are invited to join President Tom Galligan and his wife, Susan, along with Professor of Social Sciences and Education Randy Hanson for an educational and cultural tour of this magnificent country. To learn more, please contact Holly Walker at Compass Travel at (603) 526-9600 or holly@compasstravel.net.

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A new center for the arts is the college’s highest master plan priority. The college will begin construction when 75 percent of the construction costs ($16 million) has been funded by private gifts and grants. More than $5.2 million is currently committed. The college is very grateful for this support, and looks forward to continuing the momentum this year.

To learn more about the arts at Colby-Sawyer and the importance of this building, or to request additional information, please call Advancement Officer Allison Faccone at (603) 526-3441.

Architectural rendering provided by The S/L/A/M Collaborative of Glastonbury, Conn.
In their 61 years of marriage, Gwenyth “Gwen” Hall Dunbar, who entered Colby Junior College with the Class of 1950, and her husband, Jim, have consistently relied on their experiences to inform their decision-making. In 1948, Jim was a student at Proctor Academy, and Gwen was eager to find a school near her hometown boyfriend and some of her girlfriends. Colby Junior—now Colby-Sawyer—fit the bill.

Jim went on to Babson College and then Nichols College, and the couple married the day after he graduated. At age 26, Jim started his own company, Dunbar Armored, Inc. The company is now the largest independent armored car company in the United States. Their business success has provided the Dunbars an opportunity to reflect on the things most important to them and to support those priorities.

While Gwen says she was blessed to receive a scholarship that allowed her to attend Colby Junior, she did not take her studies seriously enough to receive the same scholarship a second year, and she was unable to return and graduate. She made certain, however, to teach her children and grandchildren the importance of education.

Jim and Gwen invested in their children’s education and made it possible for their grandchildren to attend private schools and colleges. Gwen takes pride in being able to help young people get a good start in life, and Jim agrees. “We spend a lot of time letting our family know how important education is and how far it can take you in life,” he says.

In addition to providing opportunities for their own family, Gwen and Jim have made important investments to help other students by supporting their own schools and a special scholarship fund at Towson University named for their late son James “J” L. Dunbar Jr.

At Colby-Sawyer College, the Dunbars have recently made a significant estate provision as well as a current gift to help support the construction of a new fine and performing arts center. To recognize their arts center support, a Graphic Design Studio will be named in their honor.

For Jim and Gwen, their support of Colby-Sawyer is motivated by personal connections. They are pleased with the college’s leadership and enjoy a friendship with President Tom Galligan. “Colby-Sawyer is very fortunate to have Tom Galligan. He’s a brilliant man and an outstanding executive and teacher,” Jim says. Gwen adds, “Even with his brilliance and dedication, he’s so down to earth and friendly and easy to know. That’s important for a college president. [Advancement Officer] Beth Camp is very important, too. She has the same personality. We may not have made a gift without her.”

For Gwen, college friends also remain important. Through the years she has stayed connected and enjoyed outings to alumni events, golfing and visiting with women she met more than 60 years ago. “We are honored to support Colby-Sawyer,” Gwen shares. “I’m sure the school is on the right track, and the main reason is the people.”
Debbie (Bray) and Bill Mitchell have a partnership. They believe it is important to support the places that are important to them, and feel a responsibility to make a difference. For Debbie, who was deeply involved with the organizations that affected her children as they grew up, now is the time for Colby-Sawyer. Bill is 100 percent behind that decision.

Bill has supported his own schools, Dartmouth College and Phillips Exeter Academy, and has become increasingly involved. “I believe we have to keep our country competitive by helping education,” he says. “Giving students an opportunity to learn outside of the classroom with adults and peers is useful to creating the team players our country needs. Colby-Sawyer and Dartmouth both support so many ways for students to interact with each other. That training differentiates our alma maters.”

Debbie explains that over the past 10 years, as her four children finished school and moved away from home, she has had time to think about the places most important to her. She joined the President's Alumni Advisory Council in 2008, and in doing so came to know President Tom Galligan.

“Colby-Sawyer’s leadership is amazing,” she says. “Tom Galligan’s enthusiasm is infectious and you can feel it everywhere. I like the direction the college is going. It’s staying small and also modernizing.”

As Debbie has become more engaged, she has reconnected with classmates and reflected on some of the teachers who most influenced her. She recalls Dr. Margaret “Marnie” Kurtz, who helped her understand that a young woman could be a wife and mother and also have a career. “She changed my thought process,” Debbie says.

The Mitchells have always been loyal supporters of the Colby-Sawyer Fund. In recent years, they have also provided leadership support to the turf field project, and made a decision to include the college in their estate plans. As Bill says, “You have a chance to be directional about where your life savings go by making bequest provisions. We felt it was important to carve out support for the institutions important to us.” Debbie agrees, noting that their planning has the additional benefit of making it easier for their children to settle their estate.

Debbie and Bill like to support athletic programs and have done so throughout their married life. When Athletic Director Deb Field McGrath ’68 was heard musing about someone to match her own gift to help the college build a turf field, the Mitchells saw a chance to “double” their gift. They wanted to help Deb McGrath achieve her mission of giving students the best possible experience at college. Debbie said she looks to the college to determine funding priorities, and is happy to help make them possible.

“Giving is easy, it’s fulfilling, it feels good and it makes a difference,” Debbie says. Bill agrees, adding that, “It’s never too late to get actively involved with supporting your college. It’s a great way to reconnect with people and pass along value and experience to the next generation. If everyone supported their own college, our country would be in great shape!”

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Judy Verrette Christiansen in NC no longer plays golf but does play a great deal of bridge and enjoys walking. U of NC, Wilmington, is nearby and offers symphony and theater programs. Her traveling days are a memory, but she had some wonderful trips to Australia, NZ, South America, Peru, Japan, China, Russia, Egypt, Greece, Turkey and all of Europe. Harriet Tillinghast Fuller is still living in her own home in West Hartford. She enjoyed visiting the campus last year. Peg Van Duser Hurlbut and Jeanne Schwob Homer keep busy at their retirement homes in FL. A note from Dwight Anderson, husband of Marguerite Goodwin Anderson, says Peggy is housebound and doesn’t go out. They live in Ann Arbor, MI, and have one child, 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. You will all be saddened at the news of Jan Canham Williams’s death last Jan., and remember the wonderful times we had with her on Ragged Mountain when we returned for reunions. She always had a cute poem to send out and wrote a cheerful note even when she could hardly see.

She was our class finance chairman for many years and always very helpful in sending me news of classmates for this column. She will be missed. As for me, I keep busy with church, bridge and friends, and am looking forward to seeing my 3 great-grandchildren at my cottage in Canada this summer. I would love to hear from more of you.

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1942

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We had a great response this time around. Judy Lind Williams is in good health, although at 90, she wonders for how long. She still bowls, sings in her church choir, and volunteers at a nearby hospital. She enjoys Bible study and frequent lunches out. Recently her granddaughter was married. Always a happy occasion! A note from Terry Allen Caldwell reports they had a 7th generation grandchild on their family farm. She also reports life on their acres is thriving. Pigs are growing, hens are laying, pullets are putting on pounds for someone’s oven, and the fields are filling with fresh veggies all for a growing list of csa (community supported agriculture). She writes, “John and I just sit on our front porch rockers and watch our eager young farmers work from the early dawn until after dark. They love it and we love their strength.”

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Terry Allen Caldwell ’42
We celebrated Dave’s 90th birthday with a party of 85 people.

Bobbie Boyd Bradley ’42

What a wonderful life, Terry. Connie Rudd Cole sent a long letter saying that she saved all of her news after 70 years of ignoring my pleas! After CSC she went to Connecticut College and then mastered in nursing at Yale. She then married, had 2 boys, followed by twin girls and stayed home until they were in school. She worked for 20-odd years in nursing education. She is a volunteer for prayer fellowship, and is part of a small group of women who write to prisoners, encouraging them, praying for them, and letting them know there are people who care. She writes to about 30 men who have turned their lives around and are determined to make it once on the outside, accepting responsibility for their actions. Connie has 3 of her 4 children, 3 of her 6 grands, and all 3 great-grandchildren nearby, so she gets to see them often...lucky girl! Sally Bishop Douglas has been a Navy wife, so traveling is a very familiar way of life for her. In spite of that, her fond memories of Colby and her friends in New London are still very much with her. She will be at our CSC reunion in spirit only. A note from Betty “Liz” Wells Monroe was so welcome. We haven’t heard from her in years. You will all chuckle when you hear why. Seems there is a Betty Wells in California who has been receiving my pleas for news. That Betty wrote, “I am not a Colby alumna. I have never attended the school and never been to New London, NH.” So Betty, we now have your correct address in South Yarmouth, MA. From now on you have no excuse for not responding! Your life sounds similar to ours: independent living in a retirement home, no driving and very little walking. Nancy Bowman Rutherford is still in her home, but has a grandson nearby. She talks with Mary Reed Cody and they try to get together on the Vineyard every summer. Mary has moved to Newton, MA, from Mexico to be closer to her children and to be healthier. Winter weather seems to be the healthiest for her. She goes to the Vineyard with family in the summer. All in all, a very happy move for her. She enjoys having more time to read, as she found it difficult to find English books in Mexico. Connie Colby Shelton lives at Fox Hill in Newton, MA. She is happily coupled with Milt Schmidt, a former Bruin, so hockey is a big part of their life. Connie has 2 granddaughters: one has just passed the Bar in RI and MA and is lawyering at the Supreme Court in RI, the other has a year to finish at Northeastern in the nursing program and was inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau international honor society of nursing: A real honor. A note from Edie Doe Ballard reminded me of the happy days we had at Colby! We were so lucky! The memories are so special. Jane Knowles Webb loved her days at Colby. She has let us know that she now lives in HI. Virginia “Ginny” Newins Blondell and her daughter, Carol Blondell Tuttle ’75, visited campus in June. Ginny’s entire family rented a house on Lake Sunapee to celebrate Ginny’s 90th birthday. Ginny let us know that Marion “Hug” Huggins Brown also turned 90 at the end of June. As for the Bradleys, I have recently spent too much time at the doctors and not enough time having fun. Dave and I are both dependent on walkers, but we manage to go on most
of North Hill’s adventures, so we live a pretty good life. We really love it here. No grocery shopping or cooking, wonderful staff and residents, and lots of extra activities and events. No wonder we are happy campers! We celebrated Dave’s 90th birthday with a party of 85 people, including our 4 children and 1 grandson. It was a hat party, so all of the guests came with silly hats. Made for a lot of fun. You should have seen all the elderly partying! Again, my thanks for all of your responses. It looks like ’42 will not have any attendees at our 70th Reunion this year. Dave and I don’t drive and have given our car away. Sadly, we must miss it, too. If you know anyone going from this area, let me know, as we’d like to hitch a ride.

1943

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Jean Marquier Molloy ’44
MT is still in Scottsdale, AZ. She enjoys aerobics, hiking, visiting interesting sites, going to the symphony and having frequent lunches, dinners or movies with friends. Last summer Jean’s daughter retired and moved in with her. Jean writes, “In Nov., son Michael and his wife, daughter Nancy and I traced the route Mike had taken during the Battle of the Bulge in 1944. We then did a river cruise from Paris to Normandy and met a granddaughter for more touring of Paris. We were home to enjoy Christmas with the family here. Since that includes a 1-year-old, it was a real celebration.” She started the New Year by falling, and now enjoys the help of a pacemaker as well. She adds, “Since Nancy is secretary for the Quarter Horse Assn. for West TX, I find it fun to tag along and revisit both our TX homes for 20 yrs.” Jean spoke with her roommate, Mary Percy Vaughan, in Dec.; her husband, (Dr.) Bob, had recently died. Mary still goes to ME in the summer, according to her daughter, although she uses a walker.

1944

Editor’s Note: Thank you to Jeanne “Penny” Losey Bole ’44 for sharing the following news.

Mary-Jane Neidner
Fletcher Mason is living in a retirement home in New Britain, CT, near her son Craig and his family. She seems happy there, loves the views with lots of bird life, and enjoys not having to cook meals again! I think all of us at our age would love that, but as for me, I still manage to deal with the kitchen and meals. Sadly, Mary Jane’s son Bruce died at age 60 before Christmas. I recently spoke with Jane McCabe Kelly, who lives in a retirement facility near Philadelphia and still has their summer home on Lake Winnipesaukee in N.H. Hopefully, Dick and I will be able to scoot up there sometime this summer to have a visit, if everything is on target for all of us. She lost her husband, Tom, this past year and as we all know, this makes a vast difference in our lives. Dick and I had a wonderful winter in Dunedin, FL, this year—probably the icing on the cake as far as the weather went. Now, we are back in Shelburne, MA, at our old farmhouse. We keep busy with volunteer work (Salvation Army for Dick) Hospice and the local hospital for me, plus the food pantry in our hill towns. As we age, our ole bodies move a mite slower, but the spirit still seems willing!

1945

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Hi, all! Gus and I just returned from a great 15-day cruise from San Diego to HI and back. Jean Morley Lovett and her hubby, Bill Roney, were on a cruise early in the year to Venice and were planning to cruise from NY to Montreal. They spend half their time in Holderness, NH, and the rest in FL. Jane Seecombe Rice in Cupertino, CA, was preparing to move while recovering from knee replacement surgery. She was eager to get back to her genealogy study. Suzanne Needham Houston has moved to

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Jane McCabe Kelly ’44
Wake Robin Acres in Shelburne, VT, overlooking Lake Champlain. She keeps busy painting and flower arranging, is well, and has her wits and driving skills. Eileen Lutz White is enjoying life in a retirement community on Hilton Head Island. Her grandkids are all through school, one interning at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, one in San Francisco, a 3rd receiving a master’s degree in environmental studies and one in NY. Rosemary Beede Fournier is retired and living in Penacook, NH, and is lucky enough to have her 4 children and their families nearby, including daughter MaryJo Fournier Bergeron ’69.

Gloria Well McCready lives in a retirement community at North Hill, Needham, MA. She has 4 daughters, 9 grandchildren and 16 greats! Shirleyann Fuller St. Pierre and her hubby have moved to an assisted living complex in Danvers, MA. At this rate she thinks she might hit 100! Nancy Teachout Gardner went on a family reunion cruise to the Western Caribbean.

Elizabeth Bryant Parker is still living in Windsor, CT. She’s had 3 mitral valve surgeries, but is very active in DAR, Republican Town Committee and church. Most of her family lives in Keene, NH, and the remainder in CA. Her career is Home Maintenance Engineer. I love that term… will adopt it! Doris Peakes Kendall says Cape Cod rocks. She’s still upright and volunteering. She enjoys entertaining the family and planned on spending summer in Seattle to celebrate her kid’s 60th birthday. She loves Fenway Park. Irene Bartholomew Brower still has parents! They’re in a skilled nursing facility in Brandon, FL, and she and her sister manage their affairs. Emily Morgan Clemmer is in Sarasota, FL, busy volunteering at the Women’s Exchange Store, and going to jazz events, plays and concerts. She has 2 great-granddaughters, Emma and Addison. On a sad note, Judith Allen Lawrence passed away in Jan.; our condolences to hubby Bob. Nancy Dean Maynard sent me the neatest book called The Dorm and Me, about a retired school teacher who took a job as “housemother” at a girls’ school. Names were changed but it was CJC before “coed.” The town was New London and the dorm (I think) was Burpee. I loved the read and sent it to Shirley Glidden Splaine. She’ll be happy to send it on if you contact her via email (garden775@meterocast.net) or contact me at the above address.

President Tom Galligan and Dorothy Wallsten Drake ’46 at the Governor’s Residence in Ohio.

1946

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Class correspondent Ramona “Hoppy” Hopkins O’Brien reported to the Alumni Office that she had hip replacement surgery in March. She had a few setbacks following the procedure and unfortunately, was not able to write the class column for this issue. She apologizes and promises to catch up next time.

Dorothy Wallsten Drake attended a Colby-Sawyer alumni luncheon at the Ohio Governor’s residence in Columbus, OH, in early June. Her grandson Tyler attended with her.

1947

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Some letters arrived too late for the last magazine so I will start with them. Kirsten Henriksen Fjellheim is glad for contact with her friends from CJC. She and her husband are in good health and happy to have 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. She enjoys studying Italian. She writes, “We
Joan Watson Krumm '47

have had many wonderful trips in Italy, France, Spain, Portugal and, in June, Iceland!” Julie Loeffell Hughes has loved living in Prescott, AZ, since 1994. Her daughter lives with her and they both sing in the choir. Bridge and being an active Art Docent keep her busy throughout the year, and she still loves to travel. Jane O’Neil Auby says, “I am not doing much but keeping my 3 dogs happy...American Cocker Spaniels. Two are AKC Champions; one of the 2 is an International Champ. Besides the dogs I’m an avid bridge player.” Betty Funk Smith’s days are filled from early morning to evening with exercising, reading, church activities, bridge, experimental cooking, grandparenting, get-togethers with family and friends and, twice a year, 6-week classes at a local college. A favorite time for her is long distance phone visits with her roommate Grace Greene Williams. While playing bridge, someone mentioned being in FL and meeting a friend of hers: “Jean ‘Je Je’ Harding Pierce! Eleanor Murray Wiggins is still enjoying retirement from teaching elementary school. She was able to teach in NH, FL and OR during her nearly 30 years in the classroom. Joan Watson Krumm had quite a year with blizzards, an earthquake and eviction because of Hurricane Irene. Polly White Phillips is still enjoying life in Auburn, ME, seeing family often, including her 1st great-grandchild born on Christmas Eve. Her 2 grandchildren will be heading off to college in the fall. Several postcards asking for news were detached en route, returning blanks to me. I have tried to call people from the return addresses. I found Lynda Childs Fritz; she’s living in downtown Manchester. Her son is happily married and living in FL, and he visits often. Her granddaughter, Jessica Anne Fritz, graduated from UCLA’s Film School in 2011 and is living in CA. Claire Couble O’Hara lives at Linden Ponds in Hingham, MA. She has friends who graduated from CJC: Barbara ‘Bobbie’ Tinkham Conant ’43 and Nancy Dunn Lenahan ’52. Marjorie ‘Jerrie’ Lanz Parker in Palm Harbor, FL, still enjoys walking and playing bridge and has not seen any Colby gals for a long time. (So come to Reunion!) One grandson is at Brown and 2 granddaughters might consider Colby-Sawyer. As of May, Martha Turner Klenk was with Acorn Manufacturing Company for 45 years. Jean ‘Je Je’ Harding Pierce enjoyed Easter brunch at the Gasparella Inn and Club on Boca Grande with many friends and family. There she met Ruth Richards Lovingood-Finke ’52, a Colby Jr. grad from Dayton, OH. Her son Fred and his wife Julia, who live in New London, bought a house on Boca Grande last Nov. Priscilla ‘Kit’ Dobbs Ritz writes “After leaving Colby Jr. I worked, saved money and took off alone at 21 to go to Dallas. Worked at the Dallas Morning News and then was promoted to work for the Sunday Editor for 5 years. Then married, had 2 children and lived in Larchmont, NY, for 40+ years. Now retired and loving it in Saugerties, NY.” Alice Hubbert Forbes is moving back to NH to be with kids and grandkids after 35 years in Seattle! Cornella Fay Rendell-Wilder in Delray Beach, FL, is wondering whether she should remain near the ocean or pull up stakes to live near family. Shirley Holmes Dunlap spends winter in Siesta Key, FL, and summer and fall in Hopkinton, NH. She has 4 children and 10 grandchildren ages 4 to 37. One son is a former CSC Trustee; 2 sisters are CJC grads, with possibly more family to follow. She’s looking forward to seeing everyone in Oct. for our 65th. As for me (Nancy), I remain in touch with Claire ‘Nuge’ Nugent Sullivan; keeping up with her and Henry in FL, at sea and in Newport, RI, is a challenge. They’ll be attending Henry’s Boston College reunion on their return to RI. Sadly, another friend, Dorothy ‘Dorsi’ Brooks Tately, lost Harold. We spent a great weekend at their home in East Harwich along with the Sullivans one summer a few years ago. Nancy Wiggins McVickar is living in Northfield, VT, near her son Gifford. She’s happy to be a great-grandmother of 2 little girls, Chloe and Addlyn LaBonte. Virginia ‘Ginny’ Horton Adams hopes we’ll have a big turnout for our 65th. This is our time of year to see more family, thanks to Little Lake Sunapee. Bud and I are so lucky to get to know our 2 great-grandchildren, 1 1/2-year-old Judah and his little cousin, Camryn Joy, 13 mos. Best wishes to you all.

1948

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We have had many wonderful trips in Italy, France, Spain, Portugal and, in June, Iceland!

Kirsten Henriksen Fjellheim ’47
In the past 10 years there have been 5 new great-grandchildren.

Claudia (Clara) Lisai Wylie '49

...before it was sent to Colby, so she shall be known as co-class correspondent. Many thanks for your contribution, Margot. From Sally Woodbury Handy in Lyme, CT, we hear that 5 fabulous daughters surprised her and Parker with a wonderful 60th anniversary celebration. Sally’s many diversions include a Bible study and book group, as well as discovery of the Met in HD. Age has slowed this pair down, so there’s been no quail hunting, an activity much anticipated for the past 25 years; however, they’re both in good shape. Julie Hamm McDowell has curtailed traveling due to some health challenges. She’s talking periodically with Jane Coulson MacDonald, who has news of Nita Michelin White, Betty “Pepper” See Hill and Sarah Shove Edwards’s husband Bud. Sadly, 2 others, Fran Comey Reid and Sarah, who were in this group, have passed on. Julie’s summers are spent in the Finger Lakes area but Bonita Springs, FL, is where she serves on the board of her condo association, participates in book study groups, does regular walking and volunteers for her church. Reunions are seldom since children are scattered in Seattle, Chicago and Boston and her grandchildren chose the west coast and NYC. Pauline “Pommie” Dunn Lanata and Jean Bryant Meyer combine varied activities. Both are members of the Westwood, MA, Women’s and Garden Clubs, where they co-chair several committees. They take advantage of a Council on Aging as well as an exercise program. Jean visits frequently with Priscilla Allen Walton, and Pommie keeps in touch by phone with Raemah Gooley Williams and Mary Ann Hamilton. Each Christmas, Pommie eagerly awaits a family portrait of close to 25 members from Sally Jenkins Kimball, who looks great. Perhaps Sally will send one to the alumni office for our publication. Jean’s husband, Harry, passed on very suddenly in 2003. When Annabelle Gates Broderick retired in 1994, she relocated to Marco Island, FL, for 8 months, then escaped the heat at a lake in CT, but now FL has become permanent. Though most family members are in New England, Annabelle and Bill have 2 daughters residing in FL, plus 15 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. She’s a dedicated painter whose surface of choice is gourds, and is a member of the Naples Decorative Artists Society. Pat Hammond, a writer, created a New England aviation magazine called Flying Yankee. She retired 6 years ago as a reporter for The NH Union Leader after 25 years of covering politics and government. Now, reading, her dog and sunrises over the mountains east of Orford, NH, fill her days. A note from Hope Cushman Cisneros’s husband of 17 years informs us she is unable to correspond because she’s an Alzheimer...
patient at Emeritas, an assisted living facility for seniors in the Denver area. We send them our fondest regards and are pleased he informed us of her condition. After raising 3 children, Doris Semisch Shearer returned to an 8-hour workday in the Hematology lab at Harrisburg Hospital, and soon became Educational Coordinator of the School of Medical Technology. Remarriage, a move to Hershey, PA, and wintering in Hilton Head Island, SC, as well as trips abroad, completed a happy life until her husband’s death in 2005. Doris is now living in Masonic Village, a retirement retreat in Elizabeth, PA, where she has found exciting activities and people who brighten her life. After retiring as Operational Manager for a French textile firm, Helen Casciani “glimpsed 75% of the world” after 15 cruises and numerous trips including Australia, South Pacific, Scandinavia, Russia, the Pacific Northwest and 4 visits to the Far East. In 2011, Ann Poindexter Ives and John, in Gainesville, FL, celebrated 60 years of marriage. Their daughter, a Colby-Sawyer graduate, has passed on, and their son and his wife in Gainesville, FL, have produced 2 grandsons and a great-grandson. Ann volunteered at many hospitals before John retired after 40 years as a hospital administrator. She and John continue as golf officials. Margot Hageman Smith lives in a condo in Burlington, VT, near a daughter and her family. Margot has traveled to Italy, France and England, where she visited daughter Anne and her British husband. She has a daughter in CA and a son in Costa Rica. She’s involved in needlework, reading, ‘computering,’ calligraphy and a book group. Shortly after our 50th Reunion in 1999, Verna Lou Williams Siedensticker and Bob, Pat Jaffer Ellis (now Russell) and Bill, and Jim and I decided we would all return for our 60th but prior to that we would meet to spend a night and see a play in NYC. Then we learned Bill and Bob had cancer. Jim’s was discovered later. Sadly, all 3 are now gone from us. In 2011 Vern took son, Bob, and daughter, Liz, and their families on a Baltic cruise out of Copenhagen. Jane Coulson MacDonald enjoys the warmth of Lake Park, FL, in winter, leaving Marion, MA, behind her. At the home of a mutual friend, Jane saw Betty See Hill and her husband, John, last summer and she said, “Matriarch Betty looked great.” Jane also keeps in touch several times a year with Julie Ham McDowell, who lives in Bonita Springs, FL. When she lived in Manchester-By-the-Sea, MA, 35 years ago, Jane often saw Nita Michelini White, but has not been in touch with her for 3 years. A great-grandson joined Jane’s family last Nov., in Durham, NC, adding to 2 daughters and 7 grandchildren. Claudia (Clara) Lisai Wylie’s granddaughter-in-law reports that Alzheimer’s prevents Clara from keeping touch. In the past 10 years there have been 5 new great-grandchildren. Clara’s husband died in 2003. Despite her disease, she is smiling or laughing and thrives on being with family and friends, yet forgets later that they were there. Betsy Dorrance Daly and Bill live in Skidaway Island, GA, and rent in Wolfeboro, NH, on Lake Winnipesaukee for 3 to 4 weeks every summer. But now Bill is living in a retreat with dementia; Betsy visits every day, rejoicing because he recognizes her. The Dalys’ 4 sons live in Portugal, Italy, France and England, and found bridge as her salvation. Along with 3 daughters, one of whom attended Colby-Sawyer, Pat traveled to New London for our 60th Reunion and was impressed with the college’s growth, but was disappointed to find only Sally Randall, who lives near campus, on hand to celebrate. Pat’s 7 grandchildren range in age from 16 to 32. She enjoys watching the youngest play varsity soccer and basketball nearby. Raemah Gooley Williams and her
husband, Bob, live in a condo in Norwich, VT. Both engage in water aerobics 3 times a week and when away from the gym, Raemah volunteers at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and her church. She’s a member of the International Women’s Club and Hanover Garden Club. They snowshoe for added exercise. Their family consists of 5 children, 10 grandchildren, 2 great-grandbabies and Mona and Lisa, their 2 Manx cats. I never did connect with Joan Trainer Kirsten and Ken after our 1999 Reunion. Joan has kept in touch with Jean Larkum Hardcastle. Joan and Ken have done considerable traveling, including Bermuda, Russia, France and many other European countries. This year, they plan a round-trip from Barcelona to Monaco, Rome, Portofino, Tunis and Carthage. Close to home, the Kirstens are entertained at the Morristown Performing Arts Center. Whenever needed, Joan volunteers at the Great Swamp Watershed Assn. Two children live in MI and FL and there are 2 grandsons and a step-grandson. Bobbie Laurie Prescott loves her new location in Rockport, MA. The water, she says, “Has life of its own and never ceases to be interesting.” Florence “Florrie” Tornquist Tuthill still resides in Hinsdale, FL. For 22 years they have resided in the oceanfront community Sea Oaks, where they’re active with the chorus until they leave to spend the summer months in Avon, CT. We had lunch, and I found that Jean had lured Donna Oosting Muenzberg and Joan Hamilton Sweetland to the Oaks, where they are quite content. For years, Mimi Coffin Ragsdale and her husband spent time at the theatre, traveling and spending summers at their home in Mattapoisett, MA. She decided to continue this way of life after his death, from Alzheimer’s, 2 years ago. Last year she and her daughter took a Metropolitan Museum tour to Cambodia and Vietnam. In Mar. they took a trip on Sea Cloud 2 in the Caribbean Windward Islands. She continues to schedule museum exhibits and the theatre in her routine.

Over Mother’s Day Bobbie Fetzer Herbert and her daughter drove to Washington, DC, to stay with her granddaughter. While there, she had lunch with Gloria Demers Collins and Priscilla Johnson Greene. Bobbie’s oldest granddaughter was featured on the cover of the Christmas issue of In Jersey magazine. She’s modeled for the magazine several times. Their home in Red Bank, NJ, caught fire and was a total loss, but they’re currently rebuilding. Bobbie recently returned from a week in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, with 3 friends, and was heading to AZ to visit her son and his wife. Jane Grayson Slover is leading an active life in spite of some health issues for both her and her husband. Their youngest son, Tom, now 45, is married for the 1st time to a girl named Chun. They

I will never forget my experience at Colby Jr. College. Those 2 years were so special, they will never be forgotten. They helped to shape my life that lay ahead.

Mary Jane Critchett Lane ’51
have a new baby boy, so at age 81 Jane’s a new grandmother. They live nearby in Dallas. Jane plays bridge, belongs to several book clubs, drives for Meals on Wheels and does several volunteer jobs at her church. The one she likes best is to take communion to shut-ins.

Bobbie Bishop MacLean thought the new look of the Alumni Magazine was truly fantastic! Phil and Bobbie returned to Bridgton the 1st week in Apr. after spending the winter at their condo in Portland. Their son Andy and his wife, Michele, are into marathons.

Members of Andy’s and Scott’s families planned to run the Bridgton 4 on the 4th. Gloria Demers Collins reports that before Mother’s Day, Bobbie Herbert drove down from NJ with her daughter. Gloria and Priscilla Johnson Greene met with her for lunch. Gloria meets with Priscilla, who lives in Springfield, VA, about once a month for lunch. Gloria’s husband just had his 91st birthday, and he still plants a beautiful garden. Grandson James was studying in Tokyo for 3 months before returning to James Madison U.

Their son Sean continues working in the missile defense field. Gloria still works as a hospital volunteer (now 30 years) and gives an exercise class at the Senior Center twice a week. Nancy Frost Smith and her husband took a 15-day cruise to HI, and in Feb. they went to Jamaica for 2 weeks.

In the summer Elaine Wahlstad Littlehales’s kids and grandkids come for an extended visit. Elaine is half of the bookkeeping team at church and teaches a ladies’ Bible study. At the end of Mar., she went with a few friends on a 10-day trip through Israel.

Nancy MacCalla Bazemore in Traverse City, MI, keeps busy in her gardens. It has been a sad year with the loss of her Lab and 3 best friends. A cottage lovingly call Skunk Cabbage Cottage on the Manistee River is a wonderful getaway and supplies interesting cuttings and materials for an Ikebana group Nancy joined. Her daughter Kimberly has redone an old dry cleaning building and opened an art gallery and studios. Nancy is the official sitter. Last year Pat Day received the volunteer of the year award from Morton Hospital in Taunton, MA.

Margery Atherton and Sel enjoyed the 60th Reunion festivities last fall. The Athertons went on a cruise along the Norwegian Coast in June.

Eleanor Merklen Cambrey writes, “I take one day at a time and keep busy since Dick passed away 2 years ago. I do a lot of volunteering at my church, garden and play golf as much as I can. My youngest granddaughter graduated from U of SC last year. My oldest granddaughter finished her
1st year at the Berkshire Hills Music Academy. My oldest grandson is in his 2nd year at USC, and the youngest will be a senior in high school. My sister (Virginia Merklen Hutchins ’53) and I went on the Colby-Sawyer trip to Italy in 2010. I’m now taking classes in stained glass.” Marguerite Cline Almy went to the MA Democratic convention in Springfield June 2 as a delegate for Elizabeth Warren, who is opposing Scott Brown. As for me, I’m riding my bike often and am kayaking every sunny day. I recently spent time with my grandson in Boston, who’s planning to get his doctorate in math and wants to be a professor. I spend as much time as I can with my children and grandchildren. Savannah is home for the cold months and the rest of the year I am home in Nonquitt, MA. Hope everyone is well. Ruth Gray Pratt enjoyed a wonderful 2-week vacation in FL on Manasota Key in April. During the trip, family and friends gathered in celebration of Ruth’s 80th birthday. Her most memorable gift was a parasail ride over the Gulf of Mexico! Ann Houston Conover and her husband, Roger, attended the party. The Conovers winter in Venice, FL, and the Pratts see them again in Brewster, MA, on Cape Cod in June. Ruth is still playing bridge every week with Mary Louden Eckert and Joan White Snively. Mary’s husband, Pete, died in Jan. Mary Jane Critchett Lane is fully retired from teaching in both Merrimac, MA, and Rockport, MA. She and Charlie celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last September. For 18 years they have spent their winters in Clermont, FL. She writes, “We have enjoyed our trips for many years and Disney World has been a favorite place of ours over and over again. Such fun! Our travels have also included many cruises and special trips to Europe. Our 6 children are very well and our family now includes 11 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. This large family keeps us happily busy and we are blessed.” Mary Jane’s passion is attending painting classes, working with acrylics and mixed media. She belongs to the Rockport Art Association and enjoys the extra time she is able to devote to learning to paint. “I will never forget my experience at Colby Jr. College. Those 2 years were so special, they will never be forgotten. They helped to shape my life that lay ahead,” shared Mary Jane. If anyone is near Rockport, MA, Mary Jane would welcome visitors.

1952

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Mary Lanius gave a lecture in Bangkok for the Museum Association of Thailand and then went to northeastern India for 15 days in Nagaland and Assam. This summer she worked on a preservation project of the Hotel de Paris, (circa 1870), a privately owned and supported museum in Georgetown, CO, that was the subject of her Bangkok lecture. Richard and Sally “Itchie” Hueston Day and their son Mark flew to Anchorage then drove to Denali National Park, where they saw a show of the Northern Lights. They returned from Anchorage to Vancouver on the Inland Passage Cruise for a visit with their granddaughter and husband in Bellingham. Then it was home to SC, where they adopted a black Lab pup. Last fall I met roommates Elizabeth “Betty” Carlson Salomon and Nancy Angell Turnage at grandchild Bev’s condo in Portland, ME. For 3 days we hiked along the shore, climbed a high tower, toured Longfellow’s house, saw a Hopper exhibit at Bowdoin and ended with a dinner of fresh lobster off my son-in-law Jeff’s boat. After her usual winter in Man-O-War Cay in the Bahamas, Joanne “Judy” Fowle Hinds returned to NH to resume her hospice work, sing in a 200-member women’s choir and attend her granddaughter’s graduation at Bowdoin. Judy is looking forward to Reunion. Sylvia “Dickie” Cookman Hnat of Naples, FL, is active in several local organi-

Sally “Itchie” Hueston Day ’52 and her husband, Richard, at Denali National Park in Alaska.
Our whole family got together for my 80th birthday and went on a cruise out of Miami over Christmas to celebrate.

Betsey Borgerson Stevens '52

accompanied by son Wyatt, who completed his 11th consecutive year. Polly Black Koerner is very sorry to miss Reunion, but her family has planned a celebration of her 80th birthday that weekend. From Chatham on Cape Cod, Betsey Borgerson Stevens writes, “Our whole family got together for my 80th birthday and went on a cruise out of Miami over Christmas to celebrate. There were 15 of us: 4 adult children, 7 grandchildren and a couple of spouses. A great time for all to be together, as the family is spread all over the country.” Betsey hopes to be at Reunion to see all the changes on campus. And finally, another news flash from your Reunion Committee (Sae, Shum, Nat, Noel): “By now you’ve read the 1st news flash about our 60th Reunion Oct. 12-14. We hope you are as excited as we are about our housing plans. Our class will be staying at Twin Lake Villa on Little Lake Sunapee in a brand new lodge with a bazillion bedrooms and bathrooms and lots of amenities. More details will follow soon. So mark your calendar and plan on a stupendous weekend with your old Colby friends. And remember we will be guests of the college for lunch and the banquet on Saturday.”

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Carole Binney Haehnel ’55
MT in VT took a cruise to AK about a year ago and traveled through beautiful country. She has 4 great-grandchildren, ages 1 to 2 ½ yrs. old. Carole has one daughter now living near Keene, NH, and she’s also in the process of mak-
ing a move, Joan Durkee Reed writes, “Still living in the Bethlehem, NH, area, although we sold the big house and moved into a condo for easy living. We spend a couple of winter months in FL visiting 5 of our 10 grandchildren and our kids along the way. The other 2 children live in VT, so we go to many concerts, graduations and sporting events.” “I am sad to report of the passing of my husband, Jack, after 57 wonderful years,” writes Carol Nelson Reid. “I live at Brooksby Village in Peabody, MA, where I enjoy activities, going on trips and meeting many friends.” She’s been enjoying lunches with Nancy Paige Parker. Carol traveled to London to visit her son and his wife, who will be living there for 3 to 5 years. While there she took the Eurostar train to Paris for 2 days. Carleen “Sunny” Madsen Dukstein and her husband have lived in a Sewickley, PA, retirement community for 8 years, where there are many activities to keep them busy and active. Her husband is an artist and spends most of his time in the studio. Sunny has started working with color pencil. They try to get to ME every fall, and have stopped at CSC campus a couple times on their way. At Christmas, she keeps in touch with Frances “Fran” Moody Bacon, Carol Myers Ditmore and Barbara Frank Ketchum. Barbara Knight Price ’55 MT, who lives in CA, loves having her family around her, including Ivy, the black retriever. That includes children and grandchildren who returned home to assist with her care due to changes in her health. Nancy Brown Cummings says summers are spent at the family cottage on Newfound Lake, NH. Their daughter Eleanor Cummings Bowe ’74 and Jerry Bowe live in a cottage nearby, and the Cummings have a condo where family and extended family come and go all summer. Christmas 2011 found them in Miami at their son Richard and Marcia’s home. On Dec. 5, 2011, great-grandson number 3, Ross Gerald Tornabene, arrived to join big brother, Graham and cousin, Grant Ullman, both now 2. In Mar. they flew to Tahoe to see daughter Eleanor and husband’s new ski house. Then it was on to their home to see granddaughters Stephanie and Gretchen and their growing families. Daughter Andrea and Will are still nearby in Manchester, NH. Andrea is working with special needs kids in the Manchester Schools. Granddaughter Ashley graduated cum laude from UNH in May 2011. Zachary is finishing his 2nd year of college. Eleanor and Dick are comfortable and happy in W. Lebanon, NH. From West Ossipee, NH, Ann Rosenbach Scott writes that she and Roger celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary in Sept. 2011. In Apr. she and one of her granddaughters, age 7, went on a 4-day cruise on the Disney Dream Ship out of Port Canaveral. Future plans included a spring trip to Nassau for a weekend with her son and daughter-in-law and their 3 children. “Bill and I spent 6 weeks traveling from ME to NJ to FL, stopping along the way,” writes Shirley Wright Cantara. “Our 1st stop in FL was a visit with Percilla “Per” Horridge Savacool and her husband, Ron, on Pine Island on the Gulf. We spent 2 weeks in Ft. Lauderdale, a week in Daytona Beach and Easter week in NJ with daughter Laura, Mike and grandchildren Cameron, 14, Jordan, 15 and Brandon, 17.” Joan Potter Nelson’s son and grandson started their college years at Keene State College in NH, and moved on to engineering schools. Emily Spencer Breaugh lives in Traverse City, MI. She and Neal celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on Aug. 25. Margot Thompson planned to be on Cape Cod in Aug. In Sept., she was looking forward to a cruise on the Dalmatian Coast from Croatia to Greece. She is a gardener when not traveling. From her summer home in Wellfleet, MA, Barbara Frank Ketchum writes, “This past fall I took one item off my bucket list: My daughter, Sarah Ketchum Reilly ’85, and I flew to Churchill, Canada, and then boarded a bus and went out on the tundra in the Hudson Bay area. Our mission was to see the polar bears. Bears we saw, and many other

I’m still teaching Special Ed. at Legacy Elementary School ... I have 6 grandkids and one great-grandchild and am loving life!

Doris Gustafson Baran ’54
animals that make the tundra their home.” Barbara’s winter home is in PA. Virginia Sbarra Boeck writes, “I am a library trustee and very busy now since our director has resigned and we have begun the search for a replacement. We also have a new dog—a Westie!” Glencie Hobbs Harmon and Vic went from NH to AZ in Apr. for a family gathering. In May they visited their oldest daughter and family in Austin, TX, where they went on a tour of Lady Bird Johnson’s Wildflower Center. As for me, Jim and I celebrated our 29th wedding anniversary last spring. We enjoy discovering unusual and interesting places, including historical sites along less-traveled roads. We watch for markers, museums, old inns and meeting houses. We both have enjoyed the outdoor life and have a special interest in preserving the forest and clean water sources in NH. When at home we grow some vegetables and what isn’t cooked up, served and shared, we freeze for winter meals.

The last issue of the Colby Sawyer Alumni Magazine was spectacular, I thought. Rosie Carhart Keenan had a wonderful vacation visiting her son Mark and his wife in Clearwater, FL. She was able to visit the surrounding areas of St. Petersburg, Treasure Island and several of the beaches. Rosie is busy now helping to arrange her high school class reunion in the Fall. Marcia Symmes Harmon and her partner Norm spent part of the winter in Boynton Beach, FL, taking a trip to St. John and then to St. Croix during their time in the South. Marcia’s grandchildren are world travelers as well: One spent time in London, another in Greece, a 3rd went to Costa Rica, and a 4th took her spring semester in New Zealand. After a river cruise from Switzerland to Vienna, Marcia and Norm planned to spend the summer in ME, where they would catch up with Nancy Petke Silverstein and her husband. Mary Jane “Mimi” Downes Watson and her husband spend time between Medford, MA, where her husband is a professor at Tufts U, and Harwich, on Cape Cod. Mimi has her own tax preparation business now, after having spent the majority of her professional life in healthcare. She and her husband married late and have no children, but are enjoying being surrogate grandparents to Joan Banning Cassel’s son, and Joan Nichols Rizzo’s son, as well as her nephews! Mimi fractured her hip in the fall at a wedding reception, but is recovering well. Joanne Holden Miller and her husband, Jim, are almost finished restoring their 1803 house in the historic district of Canaan, NH. Joanne enjoys hooking rugs, a craft she’s been involved in for the past 27 years. Stephanie Brown Reininger is a member of ILEAD, a volunteer organization in Lyme, NH, where she lives with her husband, Rob. Stephanie takes classes there, and also teaches a watercolor class. Her website is theplayfulpainter.com. Irmeli “Imie” Ahomaki Kilburn gets up to Hardwick, VT, to visit some close friends once in a while. Imie has 2 grandchildren graduating from high school this year, and a granddaughter who is doing research on “far-off continents” for a year, having received a Watson fellowship when she graduated from Amherst last year. Imie adds that she thankfully has 2 VT grandchildren who are still in elementary school. In the Adirondack Mountains of NY, Alethe Laird Lescinsky and her husband are taking advantage of the various outdoor opportunities that region offers: hiking, canoeing, cross-country skiing, etc.

They’re also very involved in doing volunteer work in their community of Lake Placid. Their 3 sons are married, each with 2 children, the closest being near Columbus, OH. Their other 2 sons married Australian women and are living there. Trips Down Under have been many, and Lethe claims that she and her husband have actually seen more of Australia than they have of their own country. For their 50th wedding anniversary, the whole family gathered for 2 weeks of fun in the sun. Lethe looks forward to our 60th Reunion! Jan Saylor Turney in Arroyo Grande, CA, and her husband are now retired after working for many years primarily in the commercial and residential design field. She’s now involved with some of the outreach programs in her town, as well as singing in her church choir. She looks forward to getting back in touch with many of the Class of ’55! Chris Huckel Kinnamon had a hip replacement in Mar., spending just 2 days in the hospital before going home, with the assistance of the visiting nurses and physical therapy. Her husband, Tom, is back to playing golf after having both hips replaced, and is now in good health. Their oldest son, Tim, is doing well after having been diagnosed with Stage IV prostate cancer. The doctors
feel that he’s progressing very well, with many more years ahead of him. Life in Barnet, VT, for Ken and me has come to a close, as we are moving back to St. Johnsbury. We’re looking forward to this, as we both travel into St. Johnsbury almost daily, whether to do errands, attend meetings, or—for Ken—to teach a class at CCV.

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Had a wonderful visit with Nate and Marsha Smoller Winer, who were in Brunswick to celebrate our husbands’ 55th Bowdoin reunion. The Winers had just returned from France and England, where they celebrated Marsha’s 75th birthday. One of the youngest in our class! Another CA gal, Arlene Annan DeMoss, called and we had a nice chat. She reports that all is well in San Diego. Received a nice note from Edith Braman who lives in Middletown, RI. She stays in touch with Barbara McIntire Haskins. Gussie Crocker Stewart and Dick spent Christmas with her daughter, and Gussie’s son and his family. They were also together for Gussie’s birthday in December. Betty Boyson Tacy and Steve headed to their home at Goose Neck Rock’s Beach, ME, on Christmas afternoon. Sorry we couldn’t deliver Christmas snow! Betty commented on our 55th in 2011. She said, “WOW! Where did the years go?” M. J. Gilchrest is still working part-time and living in South Hampton, NY. Ruth Rissland Kreuter was in Cape Cod twice last summer (2011), but did not get to ME as expected. They still have their Christmas trees starting Thanksgiving weekend. Sally Marker Hayward and I have exchanged cards since our days after CJC. WOW! I always look forward to her cards with news. She and Don are both well but will not be heading to NE this year. Marcia Copenhaver Barrere’s Christmas letter is fun to read and newsy. They are on the Intracoastal Waterway where the boat traffic picks up in December, and as they say, the rich and probably famous head South on their beautiful yachts! Marcia’s children are well. One of them worked at the Super Bowl and will be working at the London Olympics. A wonderful Christmas in Texas with all their children gathered together was a real gift to Sarah Rudy Terhune and Frank. Sarah said it hadn’t happened since 1984. WOW! All is well health wise. I tried to call you, Sarah, when Ed and I (Nancy L.) were in Gettysburg, but no luck. Now, I know where Hanover, PA, is! It is nice having Nancy Morris Adams and Peter so near to us in Brunswick. We had a very enjoyable dinner with them in early June. Hope to get several classmates together for “lobster” soon. Ed and I (Nancy Hoyt Langbein) celebrated our 50th with a 3-week trip to NY, PA, VA, and DC visiting friends (Ed’s classmates, relatives and military buddies). Great time everywhere we went. We drove to Niagara Falls to begin the trip. I had never been and it is really an awesome sight. Lynn Millar Cash and Bill had a 50th anniversary that was spread over the entire summer (2011) from NC, to NY, to VT with family and friends. The trip to VT was a bit scary as they were ahead of hurricane Irene, had an earthquake in VA, and a few days after arriving in VT they experienced the massive flooding that followed Irene. Lynn says VT will be recovering from the destruction for years. Our prayers are with their son, Will, who had spinal surgery. All other family members are well and enjoying life. Thanks to everyone for your Christmas greetings and notes. Love to hear from all of you!

1957

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Mary Knox Tatnall and Frank still live in Radnor, PA, and continue to be involved with non-profit organizations. She currently serves on the board of Surrey Senior Services, often driving clients to doctors’ appointments and on grocery shopping trips. She’s also active in sports at the nearby Merion Cricket Club. For 25 years they’ve spent their winters at Sea Pines, Hilton Head Island, SC. Mary’s daughter Eddythe, her husband Mike Polley and granddaughter Lydia live on a 21-acre farm near Peachtree City, GA. Daughter Pegge Nelson teaches math and science at an inner-city school in Seattle. Mary occasionally gets information on her former roommate Eva Lorange Mitchell from her husband, Mitch, in NC. Robin McDougal flew to Quebec City in July for an Elderhostel. She’s been riding her bike about 50 miles per week. She planted orange and white fibrous begonias in the front beds and the back of her garden is ablaze with yellow and pink roses and red Valerian. She wishes everyone could see her garden! Robin is really looking forward to seeing
I have great photos and delightful memories.

**Judy Morrison Gentry ’57**

and say it’s a great town in which to retire. Katie has 2 children, 3 grandsons and 6 step-grandchildren. She gave up skiing last year as she was afraid she was getting too old. Unfortunately, Katie has lost touch with all her Colby-Sawyer classmates, and hasn’t been back to NH since her son graduated from Dartmouth over 25 years ago! If any of you are planning a trip to Bozeman, Katie hopes you’ll be in touch with her. Phyllis Goldfine Berenson sends her regards to all classmates. Her volunteer activities include serving as a Docent at the Taft Museum of Art, preparing salads at the Sycamore Senior Center, Alzheimer’s Assoc., and working at the gift shop of the Evergreen Retirement Community. In May she and her husband participated in the Escape Route Tour of John Wilkes Booth, a 12-hour event from D.C. to VA. Their grandson, Jacob has completed his 2nd year at Kalamazoo College in MI and interned at the Holocaust Museum in D.C. this summer. He is planning a 9-month stint in Ecuador for his 3rd year of college. His sister, Emily completed her 1st year at Rhodes College in Memphis, TN, and was a counselor at a camp in Ashville, NC, for kids with autism and other learning problems. Harriet Fiorito Kelly wrote me, “Seeing your email address makes me wonder if you are somehow working in photography, which has become my passion! After all, Grandma Moses took up painting quite late in life!” Harriet has started a photography committee in her garden club and it has become extremely popular. She has been singing with a group called the Hudson Bells for about 30 years. The group recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. The Hudson Bells originated as a project of the Junior League of Westchester-on-Hudson in 1962. They sing 4-part harmony at nursing homes and hospitals at least once a week. “It’s a little like The Buzzin’ Dozen,” Harriet says! The grandson count is now up to 8—not one little girl in the bunch! Her husband, Ken, is doing better after being hospitalized with congestive heart failure last fall. Madge

Hewitt Staples retired last year and spent most of the recent months selling her home and downsizing to a smaller one. She volunteers at the hospital one morning a week in outpatient surgery and hoped to pick up another day. Her girls are spread around with just one living nearby in Lincoln, NE. Her grandchildren are all grown up. Madge says, “Doesn’t seem as if I should be that old, but I guess we all are.” Suzanne Vander Veer had a chance to see Elaine McKenzie Kutsosky in March, and Robin McDougal and Kim Yaksha Whiteley visited for the Philadelphia Flower Show. Suzanne hoped to see Robin again in Aug. for her son Scott’s wedding in Salida, CO. Scott owns 2 river companies in Co and AZ. The wedding was on his land on the Arkansas River and the bride and groom rafted down the rapids in full regalia to the reception! Audrey Russell Wayland is retired from the real estate business after 25 years. She enjoyed the business but decided it was a little much at this point. She is now taking life easy, and is in 2 book clubs, goes to art openings, enjoys the beach, photography and friends. Audrey has 2 wonderful sons and 4 beautiful grandchildren. Son Mark and his family live on Selden Cove in Hadlyme, CT. LauraLee turned 13 in
Audrey's older son, Peter, is divorced and lives in Boulder, CO. He has 2 beautiful daughters, who are 10 and 8, and he shares equal time with them. They are both great little soccer players and do a lot of hiking and camping with their Dad. Audrey would love to see any of you who are in the area or passing through.

Judy Morrison Gentry recently enjoyed an amazing 3-week trip “Down the Danube,” which continued with a special visit to the home of new friends in Munich, and relatives in Chicago. She visited Prague (Czech Republic), then Linz (Austria), Durnstein, Wachau Valley, Vienna, and on to Bratislava (Slovakia), Budapest (Hungary), Linz (Austria), Durnstein, Wachau Valley, Vienna, and on to Bratislava (Slovakia), Budapest (Hungary), and charming little villages between the high points. “I have great photos and delightful memories,” she said. I, Jill Booth Macdonnel, continue to photograph homeless and poor people for consciousness raising and fundraising. I’m on a park board, hoping to make a conservancy like Central Park has done in NYC. Any ideas? Write your experiences, strengths and hopes—what’s meaningful in your lives?

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In the last month, I received news from 2 alumnae; their stories are included here. Please let me hear from all of you. Judy Cameron Barwood, who graduated with a full degree in 2009, keeps busy since Wendell died a year ago. She enjoys time with her 6 grandchildren (3 in VT and 3 in KY), and spends some time in Tucson, AZ, at their 2nd home at SaddleBrooke. She also enjoys genealogy research, quilting, riding, golf, paddle tennis and Curves. Charlotte Winchell Johansen and Kai have 3 daughters. After the girls graduated from college, Lockheed offered Kai a job in Yorkshire, England, and they stayed 13 years. While there, they traveled to Rome, Russia, China, Africa and other places. The girls gave them 8 grandchildren: 2 daughters are in the Bay Area near Charlotte and Kai, and one lives in McCall, ID. The Johansens are golfers, and bought a home on the 5th hole of the golf course where they spend a couple of months in the summer. A few words about me, Cindy Grindrod van der Wyk: I’m still employed by Pageantry World, my flag company for 31 years. The flag business has suffered just like every business here lately, so I’ve created some new ideas for getting business. I also formed a “woman owned” corporation called WIP (Women in Power), Inc. with my daughter and granddaughter. Our 1st product is www.straightshooterusa.com, an invention by our corporate engineer. I still drive my hot chili-pepper-red Saturn Sky convertible. Doesn’t go as fast as our old Corvette did in its prime, but guys still want me to race and then they laugh when they see who is behind the wheel: One hot Mama!

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Norma Penney became a resident at the Lighthouse Nursing Care Center and Rehab in Revere, MA, due to an inability to walk. She enjoys concerts, arts and crafts, pokeno and card games. Last summer a group went to see West Side Story in Boston. In Oct. they went to the Dennisport Yacht Club for dinner and entertainment, and to the Boston Pops for a holiday concert. Bruce and I, Marsha Halpin Johnson, have had a good but busy year. We went on trips to Turkey and Morocco, spent Christmas in Grand Cayman with children and grandchildren and went on a cross-country trip last fall to see some of the U.S. and visit our son. I continue my involvement with the Friendship Family program at Colby-Sawyer, placing 100 international students with local families who provide friendship, facilitate cultural exchange, bridge a connection to the local community and...
help with the transition to the U.S. and small town living. This year we had 80 families from surrounding towns plus faculty and staff from the college.

1960

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I am happy to report that I’ve had positive responses to the new format of the Alumni Magazine. Julie Dougherty Egenberg and John enjoyed 6 months in Naples, FL, and returned to Stowe, VT, for the summer. Julie traveled with a friend during the last 2 weeks of Aug. on a Hurtigruten cruise up and down the Norwegian coast. Sue Barto Monks reported that Bill had his 10th surgery on Feb. 8 to remove lesions on the right lung and all went well. In Jan., the Monks went with 12 others for a theatre trip to London. The 3rd week of Apr. saw them visiting friends in Nantucket. In June they planned to take Heather, their 15-year-old granddaughter, to Ireland. Judy Provandie Johnson visited the campus this spring with her grandson, who hopes to play soccer in college, and was amazed at the changes. Judy is retired but still subs in the local school system and is very active in the Friends of the Belgrade (ME) Public Library. Two of Judy’s grandchildren are juniors in high school and the youngest, Ryan, is in middle school. Judy visited NJ to see her granddaughter, Katie, play softball. Katie is planning to attend Central CT State U. In Mar., Carol “Sherm” Sherman House, Carol Whittemore Todd and Ann “Meri” Skeels Nielsen went with Judy to Panama City, FL, for a week. Sherm lives there and was able to get a condo overlooking the ocean.

Charlene has 5 teenage grandchildren in MI; 2 attend the U of MI and want to be doctors. Another graduated in June and attends Butler in IN. Two are in high school, so the Grays follow their baseball, lacrosse, golf and more. Eleanor “Ellie” Tomlinson has a new English Cream Golden Retriever named Lily. Ellie plays a lot of squash, works in her garden and makes sure that Lily does not terrorize her 4 cats. Ellie planned to go to her 50th Reunion at Colby College in June. Anne Bishop Yetman and her husband, Norm, are retired. Norm taught at the U of KS for 43 years and Anne owned a gourmet gift shop in Lawrence for 26 years. They spend at least 2 months each summer in Stone Harbor, NJ. Their daughter Jill lives in L.A. with her family. Their son Doug and his family are in Denver, and their son Sekouba and his family are in Lawrence. In May Anne and Norm went to the Salzburg Global Seminar for their 6th year. Brenda Hirst Stone retired in 2006. She earned a BA, MA and PhD in psychology. She was an elementary school teacher and then worked as a school psychologist. In 2007 Brenda and her husband, Greg, took on 2 Cockapoos, Higgins and Eliza. They’re registered Delta Society Pet Partners and have been visiting

We went on trips to Turkey and Morocco, spent Christmas in Grand Cayman with children and grand-children, and went on a cross-country trip last fall to see some of the U.S. and visit our son.

Marsha Halpin Johnson ’59
schoolchildren for 5 years. Eliza wrote a book, *The Yellow Bag*, which tells children how exciting it is to be a therapy dog...I know as I have one, too. Brenda and Greg are fortunate to have both daughters in the area. Margaret is an assistant professor at the Community College of RI and Sarah is an equestrian who trains and teaches dressage. Brenda’s oldest granddaughter is a chemistry major at the U of MA Dartmouth and would like to be a large animal vet. Their 2nd oldest granddaughter is a small animal sciences major at Bristol Agricultural High School. When not working with her dogs, Brenda plays bridge, gardens and reads as much about Shakespeare as possible. They enjoy attending Shakespeare and Company performances in Lenox, MA. Sarah “Sally” Stevens Johnson Rood says Morgan loves food and she loves to cook. She enjoys being outside, walks, library visits, and PBS and sports on TV. She has found the Internet addictive, especially helpful with an Alaska Gold Rush journal. Barb Swanson Smith and Lyman are happy at home on the top of Jolly Farm Road. They went to visit Ellen Cook Barnes in GA. Sally Kimball Campbell and Tom welcomed a new grandchild in June. Judith “Judy” Butler Shea has been babysitting in UT and still enjoys skiing. I, Patricia “Patty” Canby Colhoun, have just returned from a week in Paris visiting my daughter, Annie. Now I am getting ready to head back to Boothbay, ME, for the summer with my Toller, McKinley and my Lab, Charlie, who is a Reading Therapy Dog. We worked with 2 students this year and will start earlier when I return in Oct. While in ME I will volunteer at the Y front desk, help with a kiosk at St. Andrews Hospital, play golf and mahjong, and enjoy being back with old friends.

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Martha Clark lives in Hanover, NH, and is a member of the President’s Alumni Advisory Council at CSC. She enjoys keeping up to date on the college. The meetings are twice a year and are all-day events. Nancy Hemmings Fuchs of Gilford, NH, is also a member of the council. Diane Tefft Young in Columbus, OH, had a single lung transplant on Oct. 10, 2010, at the Cleveland Clinic. Her diagnosis is idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. Diane wrote a book about her transplant experience called *Humbled by the Gift of Life*, which is available on amazon.com. Her son and daughter-in-law, along with their children, have been an amazing support system. Diane still works part time as a chemical dependency counselor. She says she enjoys seeing fellow alum Sally Reynolds Carlin several times a year. Susan Heath Bint had lunch with Taska Wakefield Hener ’62 MT in Falmouth, MA. They enjoyed catching up and sharing memories from the good old college days. I’ve heard a lot of favorable comments regarding the new look of the CSC alumni magazine. It’s a nice and welcome change. I hope all is well with everyone and wishing good health to all.

**1962**

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Hi everyone. Hope you all are in your 50th reunion mood and will join the following classmates in New London on October 12th-14th. As of 6/10/12 Connie Earl, Lynn Dysart Elwell, Ellen Forbes, Sherry Smith Hayes, Gail Graham Lee, Susanne Landa Moliere, Pat White Nash, Jan Goodwin Rupert, Marcia Mayer Snyder, Jill Schofield Wainwright, Mitzie
A Passion for Painting

**Gail Constantinides Morrison ’62**

Some people are lucky enough to discover their true calling early in life. And others are fortunate to find a new direction when their lifelong path has led them as far as it can. After taking art classes in high school and at Colby Junior College, Gail Constantinides Morrison ’62 didn’t pick up a paintbrush for 30 years. When she finally did, at age 50, she found herself anew, becoming a celebrated, award-winning artist.

It happened in Italy. In 1992, Morrison, still in her first career, was in Genoa writing a marketing plan for a new aquarium. Captivated by the country, she began to study the language. “I kept meeting people who were painting,” she remembers. “I thought, ‘I want to do this.’”

When her marketing contract ended, Morrison decided to stay, enrolling in a three-month artists’ workshop in the Tuscan hills. “I think I was accepted because I was a woman of a certain age, with money,” she says, merrily.

The other participants were art students less than half her age, but Morrison was undeterred. After all, she had already proven herself fearless by traveling around the world for a year, in 1989, in an earlier attempt to find her passion. When the workshop was over, her instructor told her not to stop painting. She hasn’t.

Returning to the States, Morrison went to Cincinnati to visit one of her sons. Planning to stay for six weeks before returning to her home in Chicago, she found a short-term studio space in the city’s Over-the-Rhine district. Two decades later, she is still there, her studio part of the Pendleton Art Center, a space that houses more than 100 artists. Today Morrison is a well-known artist in the thriving Cincinnati art scene who sells paintings and wins awards. Her style has evolved from the plein air Italian landscapes of her early work to more classical, Old World still lifes.

“Gail Constantinides Morrison, shown in her studio, returned to painting at age 50 and is now a well-known artist in the Cincinnati art scene.”

“I constantly see techniques, application of paint, color that I want to explore,” she says. “It’s a singular battle, me and the brush, very competitive within.”

While Morrison’s output has slowed in recent years, she still would rather be in her studio than anywhere else. As for Italy, to which she regularly returned every summer for 15 years, Morrison has not been there in a while. Next year she plans to visit Rome with another painter, revisiting the country that sparked her midlife renewal.

“I have to get my Italian fix,” she says.

— Mike Gregory
Fraker Wynkoop, Susie Webster Suplee, Vicki Clark Linville, Karen Loder Davis, Gail Constantinides Morrison, Wynne Jesser McGrew, Sue Shonnard Brenner, Sally Mollenberg Lawlor, Linda Caldwell French, Myrna Lloyd, Judy Park Kukk, Ellen Gessner Clowes, Suzanne Mayberry McColum, Pam Tobey Reilly, Susie Clay Wunderlich, Robin Leach Moody, Susan ‘Bo’ Jannicky Brownwood, and Judith Bodwell Mulholland are all planning to attend. We all hope you will join us in what is going to be a very special weekend. As a result of pleading for news via email, I have received 13 responses, some of which I will convey to you this issue with others that will be in the next issue.

Suzy Fitz Peterson retired in 1998 from a 20-year career in medical research at the University of CO Health Sciences Center working as a biochemist. She took 10 years off to raise her 2 daughters and now has 3 grandchildren. She and her husband, Allen, have lived in their beautiful Timberframe home, which she designed, in the Winter Park area since 2004 when her husband retired, but after 3 years he began working part time for the company he previously sold. They are both guides for the SkiMeisters (a large group of 55 and over skiers, hikers, cyclists, etc.) at Winter Park. Some of their travels have included sailing up the Willamette and Columbia Rivers to the Snake, taking a cruise from Seattle to Anchorage and onto Denali, clipper ship cruise around the BVI, taking a 16-day trip through Italy, and taking a hiking tour through England and Scotland.

Kathy Oram Why went to Katie Gibbs in Boston with her Abbey roommate, the late Ellie Fales Hibbert, so they could both learn how to do something to earn them a living. She married Hank in 1966 and had 2 boys and a girl in short order. They lived in Villanova, PA, where they enjoyed their children’s activities, took as many ski trips as possible, summered at their NH cottage, and did lots of volunteer work. Kathy had a part time job which she loved, and Hank worked for Philadelphia Electric his entire career. In 1998 they rebuilt their Lake Winnipesaukee cottage and moved to Wolfeboro, NH, where they have made many new friends. Coincidently Priscilla “Patch” Hatch Jones lives right down the street from them. She is sorry that they will be traveling at reunion time, but she wants to see them all. They have 8 grandchildren and are thankful for their health, close family, wonderful friends, and are privileged to be living in such a stable and secure country. They are really enjoying retirement, having a chalet in the mountains which they visit frequently to go hiking, cycling, swimming, or to just relax. At home Schmidy keeps busy babysitting, playing bridge, attending book club, walking the dog, and gardening. She is not able to attend our reunion but wishes everyone a wonderful weekend.

Classmates Sherry Smith Hayes ’62 and Ellen Gessner Clowes ’62 enjoyed catching up at the Colby-Sawyer College alumni luncheon at the Governor’s Residence in Ohio.

hers husband applied for restitution of his family’s properties after the fall of the Berlin Wall and then the Velvet Revolution in what is now the Czech Republic, and in 1992 after the majority were returned to him, he moved back to the country of his birth. She remained in TX until they were certain that all was worth it and moved there in early 1994. She is now semi-retired but continues to teach English to 10 students. Their son followed them to the Czech Republic and has now taken over most of their businesses. Their children remain in TX and between their 3 children they have 8 grandchildren ranging in age from 9 months to 16 years. Her husband continues to be active and is on the board of the private Czech forest owners association, plus he represents the Czech Republic on the board of the European private forest owners association. Ellen Cordingly Maître and her husband, Tom, are both retired. They have been living in Coeur d’Alene, ID, for 8 years and love it. They are in a rural setting on 10 acres complete with 6 foster cows during the summer months. They have 2 grown sons and 3 grandchildren, all of whom live in southern CA. They keep busy, as she is an avid gardener and Tom takes care of the pastureland and the timber projects. Carol Schmid von Wattenwyl and her parents took a trip to Switzerland in 1963, and she never left after meeting and marrying her husband, Jean-Jaques. Fifty years later they have 4 grown children and 4 grandchildren all living in Switzerland. Life has been good, and they are thankful for their health, close family, wonderful friends, and are privileged to be living in such a stable and secure country. They are really enjoying retirement, having a chalet in the mountains which they visit frequently to go hiking, cycling, swimming, or to just relax. At home Schmidy keeps busy babysitting, playing bridge, attending book club, walking the dog, and gardening. She is not able to attend our reunion but wishes everyone a wonderful weekend.
derful weekend. Margot ‘Mitzie’ Fraker Wynkoop and her husband, Steve, are enjoying retirement in Denver, CO, and one of their favorite activities is hosting visiting foreign professionals and students for the Institute of International Education. They are also spending a lot of time in IL with Mitzie’s mother, who is still in good shape at 93, and in Nantucket with various family members. Her step-granddaughter lives in Los Angeles so periodically they get to CA to visit. Bill Riker wrote to inform us that his wife, Christy Hale Riker, passed away in Jan. from uterine cancer. Betty Elliot Platais and her husband inherited her family’s farm along the Concord River in Carlisle, MA, where she has raised Connemara ponies for the past 40 years and served as national president of the American Connemara Pony Society from 2001 to 2004. Chickens, rabbits and a corgi keep the farm busy as their 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren come and go. Her husband, Maris, is well known as a New England landscape artist, and his studio overlooking the ponds and pastures of ponies is always a buzz of activity with many students and visitors. After a long career as an occupational therapist specializing in developmental disabilities, dysphasia, and autism, she retired from her position with the State in 2006, but before long she was consulting again 3 to 4 days a week at the local day habilitation programs of developmentally delayed adults in the communities near their home. Suzanne Mayberry McCollum and her husband are retired and still live in CT. Their 3 daughters married and produced 10 grandchildren who all live within 10 miles of their home. Two grandchildren are already in college. She and David travel a lot and still ski and play lots of golf. They feel very lucky to have their health and the wherewithal to enjoy this lifestyle. She looks forward to seeing everyone at our reunion. Lynne Wavering Shotwell wrote that they just got back from Naples, FL, where they winter, to Chicago where they still maintain a home. She and Chip welcomed grandchild number 4, and her children and grandchildren joined them in MI for the July 4th holiday. They spend most of their time in Naples, and from there they cruise to the Bahamas in their boat where they have a little house on one of the tiny islands. They spend a lot of time fishing. Lynne keeps much too busy during the winter involved with The Conservancy of SW Florida and the Naples Botanical Garden. Lots of work and lots of fun! She is sorry to miss our reunion, but has other plans at that time. Barbara Clune Sims and her husband, Larry, live in Niceville, FL, which is in the panhandle right across the bay from Destin. They retired early, 16 years ago, and moved from their hectic life in Los Angeles to FL. While in LA she had a fun and interesting career in marketing with both Mattel Toys and Warner Bros. Her positions offered her the opportunity to travel extensively in the USA with some travel abroad as well. Now that they are retired, they have taken many trips around the country by car. They also love cruising, which has taken them to many interesting places. They both play golf so their clubs are always with them. She also has a new hobby, oil painting, which she thoroughly enjoys. Her old McKean roomies (Margaret Fisher Van Setter and Judy McPherson Marks) and their husbands get together with Barbara and Larry about once a year, which is great fun. They are looking forward to reunion and hope that others from McKean will also be there. Your reunion committee consisting of Gail Constantinides Morrison, Mitzie Fraker Wynkoop, Wynne Jesser McGrew, Karen Loder Davis, and yours truly are working hard to help make our 50th reunion a special time, but our classmates with whom we have wonderful
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Editor’s Note: Welcome and thank you to Kathy Conathon Reardon, who has volunteered to serve as the new class of 1964 correspondent.

I, Kathy Conathon Reardon, am pleased to serve as the new correspondent for our class. Please be sure to send me your news! Katherine “Kay” Gilkeson Hughes and Brian live close to my son Tiger and his family near Denver. Kay’s son Scott lives a couple of miles from Jack and me in West Chester, PA. We haven’t been able to get together in CO yet, but we did have dinner with Kay and Brian in PA. I hear from Ann Franklin Ewig and Hedy Ruth Gunther quite often. We are looking forward to our 50th, and hope to get Pam Materne Shirley to leave HI and join us. Pam found out that Linda Ware Bragg died about 2 years ago. My husband, Jack, has recovered from bladder cancer, and plans to retire in July. Nancy Woodring Hansen writes, “On May 14, we became great-grandparents to Julia Josephine Richmond. It is great that they live only 1 1/2 miles from our home, so I go to visit almost every day. We are looking forward to a family reunion at the Cape this summer with the whole family there. My granddaughter Laura will be a senior in high school next year and I am hoping she is going to look at Colby-Sawyer.” Alice Lawton Lehmann is enjoying her 2 grandsons, ages 4 and 2, who live close by. She and Bill continue to be semi-retired, keeping a small portion of their business development company active. Alice is still active, running, swimming and biking, and was looking forward to summer vacation time at their cabin on Sebago Lake in ME.

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Ann Hodgkinson Low retired a year ago from several community volunteer boards. She and Cal now spend time in Dataw Island, SC, in the spring and fall, where they enjoy golf and their friends. Their son, Curtis H Low ’97, is married and living outside Boulder, and son Don and his wife and 2 grandsons are in Napa. They’re looking ahead to their 50th Reunion. Pam Dodd and her husband, Tom Connellan, live in Orlando, FL. She has 2 sons, one stepdaughter and 7 grandkids between infant and age 11. The kids live in the NY and Chicago areas and Austin, TX. Pam’s mother, Peggy Van Duser Hurlbut ’40, lives in Palm City, FL and is doing very well at 91. Pam writes, “I’ve been an Internet marketer for the past 7 years. My current site is on Lyme disease, which both my husband and I have. I also do social marketing for one son, a NYC executive coach with his 1st book due out next year on taking smart risks.” Leslie Seymour Wears and Ken have had 2 sad losses in the last year: Leslie’s dear mom a few days after Christmas at age 92, and her husband’s sister in Apr., just before her 72nd birthday. Their son Grey and his girlfriend Angie Simpson still live in North Hollywood, CA, where he’s a freelance animator. In Aug., Leslie’s son Ty moved from living near them in OH to the Phoenix area, where he owns a pool service business. They love to travel: Leslie writes, “Ken and I have been to weddings in NY, DC, WV and MI in the last year and to visit family in CT, CA and AZ.” She shares the care and fun of horses with her neighbor in their connected pastures and volunteers weekly at a reading service for the blind and a therapeutic riding program for children. Leslie is in touch with Linda Marshall Dygert, who lives in Afton, NY. Penny Griffith Dix and Dennis are still in Avon, and Dennis is still working while Penny has been retired for 7 years. “I’m very involved in museum volunteer work as well as enjoying my family: 3 married children and 7 grandchildren,” she writes. She was about to leave for Nags Head, NC, for 7 days where all 15 of them would be together at a rented house on the ocean. Penny and Dennis take one trip abroad each year; this year they planned to go to St Petersburg, Russia and Norway, sailing the Baltic on a 4-masted clipper ship. Sue Hewson Wise has another new granddaughter, Sasha Mehlem, who was born in Oct. 2011 in Denver! Tina Biggs Ferraro spent the winter in Stuart, FL, and got together with Georgie Sawyer Hutton, who lives in Vero Beach. Georgie is quite the golfer and played in her Club Championship. Besides all the CSC Board activities Tina is involved.
in, she chairs a group of 16 members at the Bay Club that schedules lectures, cooking classes and demonstrations. Being Chair of Tournaments is also keeping her busy now that golf season has started. Last Nov., 6 gals, including Tina’s sister, flew to Rome and met friends from the Bay Club who have an apartment there. She was to head off to Turkey in May for a 17-day trip including touring, hiking and sailing. **Chris Murray McKee** still lives in New London and is selling real estate at Coldwell Banker Milestone. Her husband, Tom, is retired from US Foreign Service and works as a land steward volunteer at the Society for the Protection of NH Forests. Chris is still involved with the New England Handicapped Sports Association, teaching skiing to disabled people. She’s also on Colby-Sawyer’s President’s Alumni Advisory Council, staying in touch with the college and learning about the incredible changes there. Chris and Tom have 2 kids and 3 granddaughters who live in Boulder, CO, and Charlottesville, VA. Chris has been talking with Tina Biggs Ferraro and Ann Hodgkinson Low about getting together for the 50th Reunion. “We would love to hear from anyone who would like to help us contact people,” she says.

“My granddaughter Laura will be a senior in high school next year and I am hoping she is going to look at Colby-Sawyer.”

**Nancy Woodring Hansen ’64**

“We have some special thoughts about activities.”

**1966**

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As an empty nester, **Hilde Body Clark** moved from OH to CA in 2001 for her husband’s business. She writes, “What a marvelous adventure it has been to move to where we knew absolutely no one! Along the way, we lost our parents, found a wonderful church with awesome people (including Colby-Sawyer graduates!), saw 2 of our kids get married, became grandparents 4 times, and have 2 of our 3 grown children living within a half hour of us.” They still travel to Pointe au Baril, Ontario, Canada, by car every summer to their island cottage and trek back West via different routes. They traveled to HI and Australia some years back and hope to go to Jerusalem in 2014. **Perry Crouse Jeffords** and husband Jeff have been retired for a while and live in Vero Beach, FL, in the winter and northeast PA in the summer. Their son Morry and wife Karen live with their daughter, Teagyn, in Morgantown, PA, and daughters Abby and Laura are in San Francisco. Perry and Jeff like to fish and play golf, and since 1999 they have done at least one long-distance hike every year. This “hobby” has taken them to the British Isles, the summit of Kilimanjaro, South Africa, Tasmania, New Zealand, Nepal, and Patagonia. Since 1984, **Joan Thacher Tiffany** has worked as Executive Director and now Senior Director with the International Honors Program (IHP), a small comparative study abroad provider with a focus on the environment and social justice issues. She and her husband live in the South End of Boston and summer in Marion, MA, where she grew up. They have 2 children: Thacher, 33, married to Lily Pollans, and Kathrene, 31. After a 46-year career in marketing/market research, **Rebecca Ketchum** is in the process of retiring and looks forward to having only deadlines that are related to seasonal needs in her garden. Ultimately she plans to leave the CT shoreline and live year-round in her home in ME, a.k.a. the Sophie May Home, a house built in 1845 that’s on the National Register of Historic Places. She keeps in touch with Edith “Edie” Denious McAlpin and Katharine “Kathy” French Keenan, fellow Burpee residents. **Carol Robertson Mild** retired from MA General

Laura Cogswell ’72 and Susan Weeks ’66.
Hospital as a medical administrative assistant 3 1/2 years ago and moved with her husband, Alan, a retired MA public school teacher and track coach, to Holly Springs, NC, which is just outside of Raleigh. They keep active by going to the local YMCA, which is run by a Colby-Sawyer graduate. Hobbies include walking, bike riding, gardening and knitting at a local yarn shop. Her son John lives in San Francisco with his girlfriend and has his own landscaping business. Daughter Allison lives in Chicago and is the Director of Housing Initiatives for the Mayor’s Metropolitan Caucus. She graduated from Bowdoin College in 2004 and went on to earn a graduate degree in public policy at the U of Chicago, where she was awarded a full fellowship. Carol’s mom is alive and well and still living in the Boston area. They do a lot of traveling between San Francisco, Chicago and Boston. Carol’s sister Susan Robertson Butler ’71 lives on their same street.

This past winter Nancy Wright Heim, her husband, David, and their dog Millie visited Carol on their way from PA to FL. Laura Braman Corcoran and Tim spend 9 months in Naples, FL. Tim retired several years ago. Their other home is on Cape Cod, but they decided to put that house on the market. They have one son who turned 30 in Sept, who works in Abu Dhabi. Jan Sargent Simblist is working part time as a consultant for Quest Diagnostics, attending medical staff meetings at nursing homes in CT, giving infection control advice, and passing on any laboratory information that pertains to care of the elderly. Earlier this year Jan attended the tribute to Becky Irving ’42 MT, the beloved director of the medical technology program at Colby-Sawyer. Jan lives in a rural part of CT, so is often busy with gardens and farmer’s markets. She joined the Lebanon Garden Club last year and kayaks on the lake a mile away. She’s spending considerable time planning her 50th high school reunion for next year. Jan writes, “My parents, who live in MA, seem to need my help a little more often than before. My granddaughter graduates from high school this year. It’s nice to have 2 of my sons close by in NY. My eldest and his wife are in TX, where he is a professor at SMU.” This year Jan and her husband traveled to FL to visit with friends and family, and also went to southwest France. Barbara Jackson Wade writes, “Reporting in for 1st time (shame on me!).” Barbara married Philip (Dartmouth ’66) in 1967, held an odyssey of jobs and homes whilst he completed medical school, internship and residency. They then settled in and around the Boston area raising 3 daughters, who (post-college and their own wanderings), settled in the suburbs of Burlington, VT. Post retirement, having always loved NH (hence CJC and Dartmouth), the Wades moved north to Lyme, NH, where they have been for the past 12 years. “We are enjoying the Upper Valley, the proximity to our daughters and 6 grand children, and the luxury of free time to pursue hobbies and travel,” she says. I, Susan Weeks, turned 65 this past Dec. and now I’m officially a “senior” with my very own Medicare card. Whooppee! However, I still work full time and love it. I’ve enclosed a photo of myself and Laura Cogswell ’72. Laura and I both work in neonatology division at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. She’s the transitional long term care nurse coordinator and has been in nursing here at DHMC for 36 years! I support the attending physicians within the division and am also the program coordinator for the fellowship program. Gardening, volunteering and my dogs continue to be my biggest activities outside of work. I plan on looking towards full retirement in the next couple of years so I can do some traveling.

What a marvelous adventure it has been to move to where we knew absolutely no one!

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Suzanne “Zan” Reber Merriman had a bout with breast cancer, discovered just before Thanksgiving, but all is well now. Her grandson Aaron is headed for Penn next year and her daughter Lexi is at Brentwood College School on Vancouver Island, with one year left. Her husband, Paul, just finished doing a PBS series on investment and is working on e-books on the same topic. They planned to spend the summer on Bainbridge Island, and Seattle, WA, but will return to San Miguel de Allende in central Mexico in Sept. Dorcas Sheldon Adkins has retired from the WA Area Bicyclist Association and she and partner Pat Munoz now have 5 grandchildren between them. Cheryl May Zellers keeps busy since her grandchildren either play softball or hardball or are on a swim team. Her oldest grandson is Zachary, 16, and Zac’s brother Nicholas, 4, is the youngest grandchild. Both of her daughters live in the same town as Cheryl and hubby Michael—Jersey Shore, PA. The whole family planned to vacation this Sept. at the Outer Banks in NC. Michael is going to retire in about a year, and she retired officially last year, after working 8 years for the Funky Freezer neighborhood ice cream truck that her youngest daughter and her husband own. They have a new pit mix dog, Daisy. Cheryl and Michael won’t be coming to the Reunion because of their Outer Banks vacation but she wishes she could be there! Frances “Francie” King in Marblehead, MA, took a communications gig at Boston U in development last fall because she couldn’t resist the “lure of another big fundraising campaign.” She says there’s a lot of creativity on the young team. Francie is still keeping up with her personal history business, www.HistoryKeep.com, is finishing up 3 books, and hoped to take on another one this summer. The word “retirement” will be in her vocabulary, too, one of these days. Whitney McKendree Moore says 2011 was a rough year for husband Barry medically, but thankfully, all is well. Their son Ned is majoring in Classics at Bard College and has one year left. By the time this column appears in print Whitney and Barry will be retired and on Medicare! She’s stayed in touch with Ann Blackman ’66 and highly recommends Ann’s books, especially the recent one about Julia Taft. Whitney also stays in touch with Wendy Weinstein Fish, her former roomie in Boston. Whit’s had 2 articles and one book published in the last year; one article in Cruising World Magazine and another in Points East Magazine; and a book through Westbow Press called Whit’s End: the Biography of Breakdown (which is available at Amazon). Prudence Hostetter enjoyed another nice winter at her farm in Wellington, FL, and was able to ride every day. Her son is 15 and driving the car, and doing well in both the driving and in being a 9th grader. Prudence has been doing a lot of walking and using her camera to snap the birds and animals around the farm. Allison Hosford and Roger are still in northern NJ on a very small-scale farm, and are doing well. She’s been water coloring for the past 7 or 8 years. Allison and Roger are giving day-long workshops on farming on a small scale. They have a website, www.twopond.com, for anyone interested in seeing what their farm is like. Elizabeth “Beth” Holloran Bourguignon is still working at the Needham Children’s Center, and they were looking forward to Red Sox games and going to ME. She took an online course at the local community college and found the computer lingo challenging. Lynne Farrington Miller is retired, and she and her husband, Neil, live in a 55+ golfing community in North Ft. Myers, FL. They each have their own golf cart and play golf as often as possible! As for me, I’m probably going to be retired by the time this goes to press. Teaching has been a challenge these past 2 years. Husband Bobby and I are hoping to move to the Raleigh/Durham, NC, area as soon as our house sells to be near children and grandchildren. We’re basically healthy, despite the fact that we’re both on Medicare! We’re not actively searching for another dog (our beloved Golden Retriever, Maggie, had to be put down in late Sept. 2011), but we’ll be open to anything.

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Class Correspondent Needed

Heidi Gray Niblack and John are still dividing their retirement time between Palm Beach, FL; Lyme, CT; and NYC. They had a great trip to Hong Kong and Angkor Wat, Cambodia, last Nov., and they’re planning a trip to Portland, OR, and Vancouver this fall. JoAnn Franke Overfield says it was fun to see many of Becky Irving’s ’42 MT former students at the CSC luncheon in her honor. JoAnn had a chance to visit with 2 classmates, Georganne Hoffman Berry and Meredith Worthley Motyka. Like her, Georganne strayed from med. tech, but Meredith is still doing med. tech.-related work. Susan Austin Kraeger is enjoying life
on St. Croix and was sure to point out that the St. Croix weather is much more enjoyable than New London, NH, weather!

1969

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Meredith Bennett writes, “My husband, Tom, retired from the U of VA but continues to pursue his interests in computers working with other scientists. My mother, Jeanne Morrison Bennett, who graduated with the Class of ’37, injured herself while chasing one of our cats and is now in assisted living at a wonderful facility here in Charlottesville. I’m spending a lot more time riding at the barn with access to a great trail system. We recently added a dog to our animal inventory, which has been a lot of fun for both of us.” Jane Hyde Williams and her husband of 41 years, Craig, moved to the San Francisco Bay Area in 1977, following their jobs. They now have 2 CA boys, Hunter, 28, and Chris, 25! In 1982, Jane launched an investment management company with a partner, who is now retired. Over the years, they’ve developed a particular capability in serving women, many of whom are going through major life transitions. Jane and Craig are doing more traveling: They visited Hunter, who was in Singapore in 2011 for his work, and this year they joined Chris for 2 weeks in Australia. Their principal travel, though, remains their annual pilgrimages back to the coast of ME, where they’ve built a home side-by-side with Jane’s 2 sisters.

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Gale Spreter has no grandchildren to report on, but has a 10-year-old cat and 10-month-old puppy living in her NYC apartment! Her apartment brings lots of visits from friends while they’re in the city. Her most recent guest was Christy Hoyt Walmsley, who lives in Australia. In 2011 Sarah Haskell was in Cape Town, South Africa, celebrating the New Year with her brother, Weston, and friends, and they signed on as crew for a friend’s sailboat that was crossing the Atlantic heading back to ME via the Caribbean. Upon her return, she launched the closure of her 4-year global peace project, “Woven Voices: Messages from the Heart.” She raised over $4K to complete this project. Then her beloved brother Weston was killed in a construction accident, and her life has been turned upside down. Here are her blog and website should you wish to read more about it: www.sarahhaskell.com, www.wovenvoices.blogspot.com and www.macomerloomsandme.blogspot.com. Gail Beever Cook has been married for 38 years to Andrew Cook and is living in Shropshire, England, working for Operation Mobilization. She’s the mother of 3 girls and grandmother of 4. Joan Kirby Ragsdale lives in Dallas, though she makes an occasional foray to New England to visit family in the Boston/Southern NH area or for a Cape Code vacation. She has 4 daughters, and her 1st grandchild was brought into the family in Nov. 2011. She stays fit by running daily, about 150 miles per month. Jeannette Colardo Vermilyea and her husband are both retired; they spent the winter in FL in their RV, returning home in Apr. They love camping, visiting friends and traveling. Her son Jeff lives in Windham, NH, and gave her the 1st grandchild, Ryan. Son David lives in Bristol, RI, with his wife, Heidi, so she’s busy between NH, RI and FL. As for me, I’m looking forward to a fabulous summer reunion in VT with Beth Constantinides Meurlin, Susan Pomerantz, Valerie “Val” Turtle, Lynn Winchester, Deb Marcoux Deacetis and Karen Dunnett. Don’t miss the Colby-Sawyer Facebook page—they have their regular college site and their alumni page, and it helps to stay in touch.
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Editor’s Note: Welcome and thank you to Ellie Goodwin Cochran, who has volunteered to serve as the new class of 1971 correspondent.

Ellie Goodwin Cochran started a 3-month sabbatical on July 1, 2011. Her son Andy is an operations manager for the Major League Baseball network. Ellie plans to relax and try to figure out if she is retirement material, and determine the next steps for her daughter Sarah, who has developmental disabilities. Sarah happily works at the Elliot Hospital's Rivers Edge. Ellie recently graduated from Leadership NH and still loves her job as director of philanthropy at the NH Charitable Foundation, and enjoys her work as a trustee at the NH Institute of Art and the NH Bar Foundation. Susan Ruesch lives in Bristol, NH, still working full time doing office nursing at Franklin Hospital Internal Medicine. She has 2 grown daughters, one working at LRGHealthcare as a nurse, the other living in VT raising 3 little ones. Annie Alger Hayward is happy that her beloved classmate Annie Pouch Aronson and her husband, Joe, are moving into the new and vibrant art district in Boston, where they’ll be much closer. Annie and Joe are empty nesters, while Bill and Annie Alger Hayward’s daughter, Katie, just completed her freshman year at Boston College. “The Annies” stay in close touch with Margot Woodworth Seefeld and Mira Fish Coleman, as well as Bonnie Pratt Filiault and Jean Bannister on Cape Cod. In fact, Bonnie’s son Brett is currently painting the Hayward’s house in Marstons Mills. During the spring, Nancy Bokron Lavigne and her husband, Jeff, attended the wedding of a friend’s son in Charlottesville, VA. They also spent some time with her old friends from ME, Kit Lunney and her husband, Rick Barton, Ambassador and Assistant Secretary for Conflict and Stabilization Operations at the US Department of State. Candice Corcoran Raines competed in the US Olympic Archery Team Trials at Texas A&M. She continues to compete at the highest level in archery, and is currently the oldest, by 20 years, on the national ranking circuit. She’s finally retired from the Tuckerman Ski Patrol and the US Ski-Orienteering Team, but joined the Magic Mountain Ski Patrol and is now on the Master’s US Ski-O Team. Last winter they traveled to Slovakia and Austria for the World Masters Ski-O Champs. Candi and Thayer continue to teach at Green Mt. College in Youth Development and Camp Administration and Adventure Recreation, and run Roaring Brook Camp for Boys in Bradford, VT. Mary Lou Sibley Wolfe, her husband, Cory, and their son Alex live in Sammamish, WA, where there’s skiing to the east and sailing to the west. Alex will graduate from high school in 2013.

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Alas, I have little to report to you all and here we are on the verge of our 40th Reunion and Colby-Sawyer’s 175th birthday! I have again recently spent a wonderful weekend in the company of my roommate, Nancy Bianchi Miller and our across-the-hall friend, Deborah Ross Chambliss, attending the marriage of Nancy’s oldest son, Jamie, in Quebec City. Lucy Main Tweet is hoping her book on knitting will be published this fall. I would like to acknowledge the passing of our classmate Robin Gross. Robin lived across the hall from me in Abbey our freshman year. She was a vivacious, smart, motivated and still full of energy late at night. Her sense of humor had us laughing all the time and nothing was too wacky not to try! Robin went on from Colby-Sawyer to Cornell’s School of Nursing, where she received her BSN in 1974. Robin worked in pediat-
ric nursing and pediatric oncology for many years. In more recent years, she moved to Portland, ME, where she passed away last May. Those of us who knew Robin will always remember her energy, her sense of fun, and her deep compassion for others. She will be sorely missed.

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Susan Smart Ferguson
is entering her 13th year working for the Blue Springs School District in Blue Springs, MO. She enjoys having her summers free for travel and spending time with her 2 grandchildren, Helena, age 4, and Breck, age 2. She was looking forward to a family vacation to Disney World and Jacksonville Beach with her children and grandchildren in July. George and Susan will celebrate their 38th wedding anniversary in Sept. Two of their children, Geoffrey and Sarah, live in the Kansas City area with the grandchildren and the middle son, Andrew, lives in Scottsdale, AZ. Though they miss him, they love visiting the AZ desert! Susan still hears from Colby Dorm friends Pam Moe Dunn, Holly Hurd DiMauro, Debbie Lawrence Forman and Ann Flanders Damon.

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After graduating from Colby-Sawyer in 1975, I, Caryl Diengott, spent 2 years working and then earned a BSW from Suffolk University. What a culture shock! I was a commuting student in a coed school, the first time in that situation since the 4th grade! I moved to NY to be near, and then marry, my (1st) husband, where I was a social worker for 10 years until our return to Boston. The marriage ended, and a few years later I re-married my 2nd (and last) husband, Evan Pressman, who works as a project manager for the federal government. We live in Billerica, MA. I’ve been working as a medical social worker for 32 years, mostly with chronically ill and/or terminally ill (oncology and renal social work are my passions). I returned to school (Boston College) when I was 39 to finally obtain my MSW. I sing in my Temple choir and enjoy walking and exercising. We are involved with our several nieces and nephews’ lives, and we travel a few times a year, mostly to England, where Evan’s brother, sister-in-law and niece and nephew live.

We enjoyed a trip to the Cayman Islands in May. We’ve traveled a lot to the UK (Scotland, Ireland, Wales), Paris once, Israel twice, as well as the US National Parks. Once you start, you get a bug to continue to travel. Please feel free to send your updates. If you are in the area, I’d love to see you again. I did hear from Arden Avedisian once. I also shared a high school reunion with Carolyn Foley and Donna June. My first year roommates Bonnie Chaissen Keirnan ’77 and I found each other on Facebook. Summer 2012 finds me (Jill McLaughlin Godfrey) with the last of our 4 children having graduated from college, and my husband Scott and I deciding what our next adventure will be. I have retired from a radio broadcasting career, am currently back in school and managing a small boutique. Life so far has been a blast and a blessing! Karen Chani recently moved to a new home in Hanson, MA, and has been working at BCBSMA for 15 years. She is very active in her local choral group. If she has any free time, it is spent walking along the Cape Cod Canal, long weekends in ME, and theater parties in Boston and NY! Barbara Petzoldt Koski has graduated her youngest son from Northeastern, and she and her husband are retiring in Old Lyme, CT.
They have been traveling and gardening and enjoying old friends. If there are any Colby-Sawyer graduates in the area, Barbara would love to hear from you! Nancy McIntire Zemlin’s youngest son recently graduated from U of ME, Orono. Marsha Meyer Hall has lost count of the number of times they have relocated for Steve’s career, but they are currently loving OH. Sandy Comstock continues to enjoy her beautiful home in ME and her gorgeous daughter, Hallie! That’s all for the class of 1975. Thanks to all who responded.

1976

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Richard “Dick” Baynes’s son Barry Lewis ’07 received his master’s degree from Rivier College on May 12. Susan is doing chair weaving—cane and rush—and Dick continues to carve signs and cribbage boards as well as build rustic furniture. Candace “Candy” Collamore Paine and her husband have been living in Colorado Springs, CO, for 16 years. They have 2 children, Shawn, 27, and Heather, 25, living and working in Las Vegas, where they graduated from UNLV. Their youngest daughter, Stephanie, 23, lives and works in Durango, CO. She graduated from Fort Lewis College in Durango in 2011. Heather was married in May 2011 in Colorado Springs to Ehrich Madsen of Las Vegas. Candy’s husband, Scott (New England College ’78), is a financial planner with Ameriprise and works out of their home. Candy recently accepted a new position with the public school district as Child Find Coordinator. Barbara Carroll recently completed a kitchen renovation. She went to the Breton region of France for her nephew’s wedding at the end of May, and hoped to have some Cape visiting time during the summer. Katherine “KB” Burke went to Southeast Asia in Feb. She visited Siem Reap in Cambodia and saw Angkor Wat and all the major temples, and rode elephants across the Mekong River and through the jungle in Laos. She ended up in Hanoi and Halong Bay in Vietnam.

1977

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Anne Tilney Brune ’76 with her daughter Tilney, who graduated from Wheaton College on May 19, 2012.

Hello to all the ’77 alum! As I write this article, my son is home from college, having completed his sophomore year at Lafayette College in PA. We’re very excited about our daughter, Alexandra, graduating from high school and attending the U of SC in the fall. June Bascom still lives in Montpellier, VT, with Michael Hoffman, her partner of 18 years. She’s been with the State of VT Agency of Human Services for 27 years, working to improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities. The state office complex where she works was flooded in Tropical Storm Irene, causing over 700 state employees to be displaced. It will be 3 more years before they can return to newly renovated offices. June enjoys being active and the outdoors. Kathy Brown writes, “I live in Dover, MA, with my husband, Tom, and 2 wonderful children, Gus, 15, and Olivia, 13. We spend our summers in Falmouth on Cape Cod. After Colby-Sawyer, I went to Wheaton College in Norton, MA. I have been doing high-tech public relations for about 22 years, and now I work part time out of my home office.”

Amelie Gardella Johnson ’77
Teece’s daughter Erica, 29, started a new job in NYC, where she’s been living for 7 years. Alex, 26, graduated from Simon School of Business at the U of Rochester with his MBA last June. He was to head to HI in July to join Teach For America’s staff. Samantha, 23, completed her 1st year of graduate work in Public Health at Hunter College in NYC. Kathy volunteers at a food and clothing distribution organization called The Survival Center. Husband David is still very involved with his wholesale plumbing and heating business, opening new branches and growing the business.

Jennifer “Jen” Harwood Peterson writes, “My husband and I have 2 daughters, one of whom has just graduated from Syracuse U. Our other daughter works in the biotechnology field in CA. I keep myself busy working in the family business and see Heidi Platt Gruskowski ’78 and Meredith Andrews Benjamin on a regular basis.” And in closing, from Fairfield, CT, Carolyn Adams Skiba writes, “Nothing new, nothing has changed (except my weight), life is good!” I hope you all are enjoying life too!

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By the time you read this Bill and I will have hosted our 4th annual cocktail reception for CSC alumni and friends. We have so much fun entertaining students, current parents, old and young alumni, and administration in our home. I encourage you all to attend a function in your area, or, better yet, host one of your own. Contact the Alumni Office for help and information. Karen Hunley Freeman wants all Abbey alums to check out the Abbey Dorm Group on Facebook. Karen, Josie DeBragga-Levendosky and Kathy Scott Rowell ’80 also invite all to come back for the Alumni Fall Festival Oct. 12 -14, 2012!

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Leading the Charge

Mary Drueding ’83

2012 has been quite a year for Mary Drueding, an alumna and former coach of Colby-Sawyer’s equestrian team who since 1995 has been the head coach for St. Lawrence University. In January, Drueding received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA). She then thoroughly validated that honor when St. Lawrence went on to win the IHSA National Championship in May, the school’s first in 35 years.

Drueding laughs heartily as she reflects on the bounty this year has brought her. “If you are going to turn 50, this is the way to do it!”

Raised in Princeton, N.J., Drueding began riding horses at age eight, and continued to ride while studying Business Administration at Colby-Sawyer. Three years after graduation, she was working in Boston as an accountant, convinced she was the path she was going to follow. Then she received a call from her former coach at Colby-Sawyer, wondering if she’d like to come back to her alma mater as an assistant coach. “It was toward the end of tax season,” Drueding recalls. “I wasn’t enjoying it as much as I’d hoped.”

Drueding took the job, and in 1989 she helped lead Colby-Sawyer’s equestrian team to its first national championship. Two years later she became Colby-Sawyer’s head coach, and three years after that, in 1994, she led the team to its second national championship. The next year she took on the job of revitalizing St. Lawrence’s program, which she has done with resounding success.

Her key to success, she believes, is her ability to explain the inherent challenges of the sport and the way it is judged. “You are trying to create an athlete who best exemplifies the ideals of classical riding and doing it on a strange horse that they meet for the first time,” she explains. “My strength is to be able to convey those concepts to a very willing, hard-working rider.”

In addition to her recent honors and achievements, Drueding was inducted into the Colby-Sawyer Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007. Yet she remains down to earth and good-humored about the accolades that are piling up around her. While honored to receive a Lifetime Achievement Award, she rightly points out that she still has plenty to give to the sport that she adores, and she will have to do just that quite soon.

“You win in May, you’re the champion for the year, but starting Sept. 1,” she says, “you have to claw and scratch your way back for next year.”

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Carla Byers has accepted a position as Assistant Director of Planned Giving at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. She’s moved back to Andover and is getting used to a long commute.

1986
Class Correspondent Needed
Judith “Judy” Jarvis Densmore is pleased to report that her daughter, JoAnna Densmore, headed to Colby-Sawyer this fall as a freshman. Margaret “Meg” Mill is in a career transition and hoping to start a business involving the design of needlepoint dog collars. She still loves living in Boston.

1987
Class Correspondent Needed
Editor’s Note: Special thanks to Sudie Brown Danaher for serving as the Class of ’87 correspondent since 1998.

Laura Hoffman Boucher Ely still lives in Mystic, CT. She has a 13-year-old daughter and 15-year-old son, 2 cats and 2 dogs. She’s been re-married for 7 years; her husband was her neighbor growing up in elementary school. They just finished building a post and beam house over the last 5 years. They love riding bikes, sailing, hiking, running, swimming and doing an occasional triathlon. When Laura’s not driving her children around, she works as a health coach. She went back to school in 2004 and did a 4 year energy medicine program and then completed the Institute for Integrative Nutrition health coaching program in 2008. Her website is www.inwardhealth.com.

1988
Class Correspondent Needed
Editor’s Note: Thanks to Leticia Kelly Brown Gambino for serving as the Class of 1988 correspondent since 2007.

Kirsten Girard Soroko ’92 with her husband, Matt, and children Emmie and AJ.

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Kelly Lynch Collins writes, “I went to Las Vegas in May for a week to meet up with my parents, who were on vacation. In the early Fall I’ll be attending the Formula 1 race in Austin—the first F1 race to come back to the US since 2004. In between, I’ll be riding my new motor-
I have been married for 17 years to my husband Chris and we have four children.

Judy Dupuis Munchrath ’92

cycle. Then I’ll finish 2012 in NH with my parents for Christmas and back to CA to ring in the New Year on the slopes of some as-yet-undecided Tahoe ski resort.” Jen Dubose-Lombard is still living in Chicago with her husband, Rich, and children Aidan, 2, and Alex, 6. Jen thanks everyone who was in touch after the article about her business, Lizzy Lift, was featured in a recent edition of the CSC Magazine. She attended Merritt Schaal’s 40th birthday celebration. Jen and Rich hope to return to campus to celebrate our 20th Reunion this fall.

Deborah “Twinkie” Damron Boles lives in Chelmsford, MA, with her husband, Randy, and 2 boys, Chase, 10, and Hunter, 7. Deb is a clinical pharmacy specialist at Lowell General Hospital, providing care for cardiac patients. Deb is also an associate professor and preceptor for MA College of Pharmacy and was recently awarded Preceptor of the Year 2011-2012 for her work with pharmacy students from the college. Deb looks forward to catching up with everyone at our reunion in Oct. Chrissy Lyons Agosto is collaboratively teaching grad school courses with Dr. Kathleen Porcaro, creator of the LINKS educational program, which connects reading, thinking and writing skills. She attended the Music Moves Minds conference at Conservatory Lab Charter School in Brighton, MA. Chrissy teaches in-service professional development courses to her fellow colleagues in Everett. She plays softball for a league in Saugus, MA. Judy Dupuis Munchrath writes, “I always enjoy reading the updates and I don’t think I’ve ever sent anything in about me in all of these 20 years! I’ve always felt kind of ‘between’ classes because I started with the class of ’91 but took a year off between sophomore and junior year, and graduated with ’92. I live in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area in TX, and literally drove down here the day after college graduation with Laura Hoefer Kochen, and we’ve both made this area our home since. I have been married for 17 years to my husband, Chris, and we have 4 children: Luke, 15; Garrett, 13; Joy, 11; and Libby, 9. I’ve been staying at home doing the ‘mom’ thing, which you can imagine with four kiddos is busy! I had the privilege of volunteering with Girl Scouts this year as the manager of our tri-city service unit, overseeing and facilitating the merge of 2 service units into one for a total of close to 700 Girl Scouts. It was quite a year! Recently I was hired to teach kindergarten starting in the fall. I’m over the moon excited because the school I’ll be teaching at is wonderful! I’m hoping to attend the reunion weekend in Oct. and reconnect with classmates.” As for me, Beth Bryant Camp, life remains active and full with my family and my work here at the college. I have truly enjoyed reconnecting with so many of you as we anticipate and prepare for our 20th Reunion, Oct. 12-14. If you’re on Facebook, please join the Class of ’92 Reunion page! Also, I will be hosting a spe-

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1994

Class Correspondent Needed

Editor’s Note: Thank you to Matt Reed for serving as the Class of ’94 Correspondent since 2008.

Anthony Barbier writes, “I was recruited as a product manager at Apple based in CA. I have been to Vietnam, China, Japan and the Philippines and sometimes think my 2nd home is an airplane. I have been coaching football for my son’s school and my wife, Kristin, is busy running our foundation. Hoping to get to one of the Reunion events at some point to see everyone.”

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Hello, Class of ’96. We are 1 year away from our 15-year Reunion. Stay tuned for plans coming from CSC and hopefully you all will be able to make it back and visit with some old friends. I’m living in Biddeford, ME, with my wife and 2 kids and working as the Executive Director of the ME State Employees Association, SEIU Local 1989. Nate Camp just finished his 11th year as a teacher/coach at Kearsarge Regional School District and is enjoying time with Beth Bryant Camp ’92 and her 2 girls. Amy Carroll is putting her master’s degree in Professional Counseling Psychology to good use as the Dir. of Programs at the Riverview School on Cape Cod. Marty Binette is a middle school teacher and high school track coach for the Ipswich School district and living in Amesbury, MA, with Missy Eckman Binette ’99 and their 2 kids. Mark Macenas is doing great in NC with his 18-month-old daughter, Zoe, and his wife, Hilary. Sam Hamilton is teaching human anatomy and medical microbiology for the Bayside High School Health Science Academy in Norfolk, VA. Kate Ireland DelliColli was married to Jeff DelliColli ’95 in Aug. 2011. Rob Peaslee ’95, Donnie Varnum ’95 and Sean Cushing ’95 served as groomsmen and Chris Audet ’94, Pat Desmond ’95 and Charles “Obie” Miller ’95 were in attendance as well. Kevin Webster and Beth Ferreira Webster are busy with their boys and youth sports in Dartmouth, MA. Kelly Ervin Packett added a baby girl, Delani, to her family in Aug. 2011 and will be relocating to Woodbury, CT. Kelly keeps in touch with Elise Picard Howe and says she is doing great. Melissa Morgan passed her licensed clinical social work exam in Apr.

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Hi, Class of ’99! Adrienne Shrekgast Frost welcomed baby girl Grace Kathryn on Mar. 26. Right now she’s home taking care of her and enjoying her time as a new mom. Adrienne enjoys time with fellow CSC friends and alums Heather Gardiner Shupenko, Sara Burman Wantman ’00, Katie Reigan Mooney, Kara Crane Fonseca and all of their babies, too. Heather Gardiner Shupenko writes, “Finley ‘Finn’ Joseph was born on Mar. 24. Noah, 4.5 years, and Tucker, 18 months, are excited about their new baby brother. I am totally loving being a mom to 3 boys.”
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Hi all! I, Jen Prudden Montgomery, gave birth to a healthy baby boy named Davis Peter Montgomery on May 23. Otherwise, all the rest is the same with me. I’m teaching 3rd grade in Andover, MA, and living with my husband, Brian, and our dog, Hinckley, in Melrose, MA. Katie Sykes Follis says everything is pretty much the same for her—2 kids, dog, cat, job, husband. I got to visit with the Follis clan in Feb. for Katie’s daughter’s birthday party. We all went to Zanna Campbell Blaney’s house in Goffstown, NH, for a big gathering with many other CSC friends: Keith Perkins ’99 and Tracey Guarda Perkins ’01, Amy Potter Drummond and Drew Drummond ’02, and many more. There were definitely more children than adults! Zanna continues to work at Bedford High School (NH) as a school counselor and is kept busy by her little ones, Cavot and Merrick, who just turned 1. Kate Lovell is living in Walpole, MA, and working in Boston. Keep your eyes open for her on the big screen as she has a line in a movie that recently came out, “Crooked Arrow.” Jessica Dannecker Gullo has moved to NJ to live with her husband, Fred. She’s still working at the same job, but now works from home and travels back to NH frequently to visit family and for work. Tara Strand Balunis and her husband welcomed their 1st child, Elizabeth Belle, on Dec. 17, 2011. Michelle Berger Lefebvre writes, “I’m still in CT and working full time in the law firm. Our daughter, Hailey, is 7 now and our son, Zachary, is 3. I met up with Cindy Bailey Mace in Holyoke, MA, for a visit with my youngest and her son, Ryder.” Jenn Wallerstein McPhee gave birth to son Cash Thomas on Dec 2, 2011. This kid is already a world traveler with stamps in his passport, from going to Boston at 3 weeks old—where he had some cuddle time with Andrea Goupil Stone ’99—to having his 1st swim in HI on his way to meet the relatives in Australia. Jenn’s plan is to be a stay-at-home mom, for at least as long as they live in Phoenix. Hayley Cozens Campbell was to graduate on June 3 with her master’s in Organizational Psychology and Leadership. She’s still living on the beach in Winthrop and is in touch regularly with Kate Lovell and Kerry Fleming.

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My husband, Jason, and I welcomed our son, Eben, into the world on Dec. 17, 2011. We are in love with our little guy and are enjoying our new roles as parents. Kristin Ozana Doyle has a 2-year-old, Abigail. Kristin still sees Jennie Cocchiaro Labranche and they are enjoying mommyhood together! Sara Hammond writes, “I am a staff attorney at the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center in Amesbury, MA. The JGCC is dedicated to serving victims of domestic violence. This May will be my final meeting as a Winton-Black Trustee on the Colby-Sawyer College Board of Trustees. I have been honored to serve the college in this capacity and will continue my involvement at CSC.” Michelle Miller Birckhead married Christopher Birckhead on October 8, 2011.
Christopher Birckhead on Oct. 8, 2011, at the Park Savoy in Florham Park, NJ. The wedding was attended by fellow CSC alums Tara Strand Balunis ’00, Rebecca Banas ’00 and Carla Tornifoglio Breen ’00. They honeymooned in the Mediterranean on a 2-week cruise with stops in Spain, Italy, Greece, Malta and Turkey. Tracey Guarda Perkins is still working in the Colby-Sawyer College Admissions Office. The walls of Colgate hall are still the same but the campus is busy and growing and changing, so come and visit! Her daughter Abbey turned 4 this summer and she and Keith Perkins ’99 are enjoying the life of just trying to keep up with her. Brooke Morin Black is still teaching history in NY and coaching soccer and lacrosse. She’s living in CT with her husband, little boy, and dog Colby, and is looking to expand her family this year. Karrie Whitmore Swindler welcomed daughter Leah Scarlett in July 2009. Patrick Kelly ’02 and Melissa Hazelton Kelly welcomed their 1st child, Zain W.H. Kelly, to the world on Dec. 18, 2011. Pat received his elementary teaching certificate from the Upper Valley Educator Institute in June. Sarah Outten and her fiancé, Michael Horan, got engaged last Nov. In Jan., they traveled to Cabo San

Finding a Hole in the Market

Andrew Cesati ’02

It was the crunch of snow that brought Andrew Cesati from his New Hampshire home to the ski slopes of Colorado and Utah. But an altogether different crunch—that of tasty, fresh-packed pickles—guides him now. As co-owner, with his wife Allison, of the Yee-Haw Pickle Company, Cesati is suddenly finding success in a hungry market for wholesome snacks.

After graduating with honors from Colby-Sawyer’s English Program, Cesati was hired by the U.S. Ski Team, eventually moving out west to Crested Butte, Colo. It was while Allison was laid up with a knee injury that Cesati, looking for healthy snacks for her, made a fateful trip to the store.

“All the pickles were junk,” he says dismissively. “Loaded with sugar, yellow dye #5, made in India and shipped over.” He quickly realized there was a hole in the market for locally made, natural pickles.

The couple began to make pickles in their home. “Living in Crested Butte, we were five hours from anywhere,” recalls Cesati. They found themselves traveling for hours to Denver to buy produce and then hauling hundreds of pounds of cucumbers back to their test kitchen. In the spring of 2011 they relocated to Park City, Utah, determined to launch their pickle company in earnest.

After some time to get their bearings—finding a kitchen, a line on produce, a supplier of glass jars, and becoming certified—the Cesatis brought their first batch to a local farmer’s market in August. “We were prepared to sell about four jars,” says Cesati. Instead, they were cleaned out of eight cases, their entire inventory.

Today, just a few months later, Yee-Haw pickles are sold in regional Whole Foods stores, and Cesati has high hopes for national distribution. The Cesatis are in the process of creating their own manufacturing plant, after being dissatisfied with outsourcing possibilities. With any luck, the crunch of Yee-Haw pickles will make their way back East in the near future.

— Mike Gregory

Learn more about the Yee-Haw Pickle Company at yeehawpickles.com
Lucas for a “rehearsal” honeymoon and look forward to their actual honeymoon in Barbados. Celia Lozeau Goodman writes, “I am still enjoying staying home with my 2 boys. At the end of this school year I will be returning to NH to visit the family before we move to Calgary, AB, Canada. We are really excited for this move!”

Angela Langevin Heavey has completed her Ph.D. in Human Resource Studies at the ILR School at Cornell U and is getting ready to move to Miami, FL, where she has taken a position as assistant professor in the College of Business at FL International U. Matthew Sweeney recently changed jobs, and is now the director of clinical services for Advocates Inc.’s Waltham, MA, office. Stephanie Roy Ziniti and her husband bought a house in Aug. 2011 in Nashua, NH. Kerri Tuttle Boardman and her husband, Jeff, welcomed their 1st son, Joel, on Oct. 15, 2011. Kerri is an inclusion special ed. teacher in Swansea, MA, and loves being a mom. Erin Hardy Yelle and her husband, Jeff, welcomed their 3rd son, Noah Riley, on Mar. 1, 2012. Jeff is in his 4th year of dental school, and they’re looking forward to moving back to the Northeast to their families when he’s finished. Erin teaches fitness classes part time in addition to staying at home with the little ones, but hopes to build up her personal training business soon. Kelly Wigmore Mastroianni’s 4-year-old son, Dominic, became a big brother on Apr. 19, 2012, to Cole Stephen Mastroianni. Drew Drummond and Amy Potter Drummond ’00 welcomed William Andrew Drummond to the family on Nov. 19, 2011. Addison loves having a baby brother around. Drew now works as an account manager for Clean Energy Fuels in Concord, NH. Congratulations to all!

Neill Ewing-Wegmann ’02 and his daughter Penelope at the opening reception for Neill’s recent art exhibit at Sanctuary Gallery in Portland, Maine.

Sarah Outten ’01 and her fiancé, Michael Horan, celebrate their engagement on the Connecticut Wine Trail.

2002

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Emery and Eric Emery ’04 are enjoying their new home in VT and their precious Ayela. Cathleen “Cassie” Doran Koslosky was set to start a master’s degree program in Aug. through Georgetown U to become a nurse practitioner. She recently participated in the Run for Your Lives Zombie 5K with Alisha Diliberto. “We spent the day getting chased by zombies and running through the mud,” she writes. “So
fun! I hope to see you all during Reunion Weekend!

2003

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I hope this note finds everyone well. I had a busy spring helping Kayde Czupryna Gower prepare for her Apr. 14, 2012, wedding to her best friend Doug. Leading the way down the aisle were Courtney Stevens ’04, Meghan Oriel Wallas, maid of honor Natasha Deane O’Donnell, and myself. Kristen Wolslegel Lutz and Jenny Woodbury ’04 were also on the dance floor celebrating the Gowermania! The new Gowers were then whisked away to Disney World for their honeymoon. Jess Wilfert is living on Martha’s Vineyard, working at the YMCA as a PT and wellness coach. Justin Svirsky has been spending available weekends at Rye Beach with family and friends. He was also able to attend some Celtics games with Joel Tuite and Marc Bourget. Katy Bishop Kulakowski and husband Mark became 1st time parents on Feb. 11, 2012, to a baby boy named Macklin Bishop Kulakowski. On May 6, 2012, Beth Morel Blair and David Blair welcomed a baby girl named Ariana Elena.

2004

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I hope this issue of the magazine finds everyone well! Amanda Ashe got married in Aug. 2011 and has moved into a new home with her husband. She’s still living on the ME coast and working in banking. Lauren Barry Annarelli and Melissa Tobin were 2 of her bridesmaids and were up to visit for her bridal shower. Amber Tombarello Orr and her husband, Ethan, are currently stationed at Fort Drum, NY, where her husband is a captain in the Army. Their son Camden is 2 and they had identical twin boys in June! Stacey Fraser de-Haan is still working in 3 museums and is thankful to have such great jobs given the tough economy and competitive field. She and her husband keep plugging away at updating her grandparents’ old house in Lexington, MA, making it feel more like their own. Stacey sees CSC friends on a regular basis.

2005

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Alisha Diliberto ’02 and Cassie Doran Koslosky ’02 recently took part in the Run for Your Lives Zombie 5K and survived the experience!
Marissa Zinsser Hayes and her husband launched their 1st business, Dream Desserts, a gluten-free desserts company. Their website is www.dream-dessertbars.com and they just became a national seller via Foodzie.com.

Gwen O’Neil Beaudet and Chris Beaudet are still living in TN and working at local hospitals. Their son, Camden, is 2.

Meaghan Smith Beaulieu began a new job in Sept. 2011 as a guidance counselor at Bradford Elementary School. She also had a baby boy in Dec., Collin Daniel Beaulieu, weighing in at 9.1 lbs. and 21.25” long. Meaghan keeps in touch with Kristy Gerry. Meaghan celebrated at a baby shower for Jackie Sullivan Genest ’06 in April, who was expecting a baby at the beginning of June. Other CSC alum in attendance were Alana Barton Pelletier ’06, Jessie Kamal ’06 and Jackie’s sister, Michelle Sullivan ’08. Katie Harrigan Holley and Ben Holley are pleased to announce the newest member of their family, Ava Rose, born on Mar. 16 in NYC. Jenni Beaulieu Calvi got married in June 2011, graduated from MGH Institute as an RN in Aug., and gave birth to a baby boy, Dominic, in Dec. Jenni and her family moved to FL in June because her husband, a commissioned officer in the US Navy, became a pilot. Laura Lepene Guyette and Jeff Guyette are married and living in Concord, NH. Allison Kelly will be saying a bitter-sweet farewell to Boston and Children’s Hospital Boston and moving to CT in June to her fiancé’s house in Wallingford.

As always, the Class f ’06 has been busy. Kathryn Mills is working at Healthy Achievers, a corporate health screening and immunization company, and is living on the NH seacoast with Rob Ryder ’03. They visited Las Vegas last May, and enjoy seeing many CSC alums. Shawn Fleisner got engaged to Sarah Dow ’07 after 8 years together. On a personal note, last year I founded American Frontiers Education Group, which is an international education consulting firm. We work to place international students in high schools and universities throughout the US, and place them with host families, and provide care throughout their time in the US. Check out our website at www.american-frontiers.com.

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Jess Kingsbury married Brent Austin in July. Brent proposed to Jess while on vacation in Mexico in Jan. John Johanson was hired this past collegiate baseball season as the assistant baseball coach at The U of the Ozarks in Clarksville, AR. Steph Guzzo continues to work at St. Mary’s College of MD as the advisor for the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. She was recently named the District 3 Young Professionals Representative for the state of MD and is also the chair for the Young Professional Committee of MD. Kathryn O’Neil deBros was recently hired as a special ed. teacher at Bennington School, Inc., a residential treatment center in Bennington, VT. Kathryn and her husband moved to Bennington in June. Ashley Rodkey was hired as a special ed. teacher and autism specialist for an autism program in the Northampton, MA, Public Schools. Congratulations on everyone’s accomplishments, new jobs and weddings!

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Class of ’08, I hope this finds you well and a big thank you to everyone who sent in updates! Ashlee Willis earned a doctorate in physical therapy from Franklin Pierce U and has started working at Hampstead Sports and Rehab as a physical therapist. She also recently spent some time catching up with Kyle Koch Taylor, Lindsey Santoro and Professor Jean Eckrich in New London. Charlie Belvin completed his 2nd Tough Mudder; his team’s theme was “The Avengers,” with each member dressed as a superhero from the movie. Stephanie Kimball is enjoying her role as marketing manager at Chadwick Martin Bailey in Boston. Zachary Irish is the assistant director of student life at Daniel Webster College. He is also the president-elect for the Residence Life Association of the Granite State and the district coordinator for the North East Association of College and University Housing Officers. Zack and his wife live in Nashua, NH, with their one-year-old son. In Apr., Amanda Kowalik presented at the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses conference in Seattle. The poster was titled, “Moral Distress: Long term care of an acutely ill patient.”

This year we’re seeing many ’09 grads finishing up their master’s programs. Abby Cramer is one of them. She finished her graduate program from Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science, with a master’s of library and information science. Chantalle Pelletier received her master’s in experimental psychology at Rivier U. She’s also excited to have spent the summer in Peru with her fiancé, David. Before returning to the States, she taught English at an institute. Chantalle is now searching for research jobs around Boston. Jeanine Audet recently moved to Chapel Hill, NC, with Lyndsey Walsh ’08 and her adopted dog, Zoey. She plans to attend the U of NC at Chapel Hill for her master’s. Julie Thurston is busy in Haverill, MA, working at Northeast Behavioral Health as an outpatient clinician. She’s putting her recently earned master’s in clinical mental health counseling with a concentration in substance abuse to good use. Nicole Poelaert is celebrating her 1st year in her house in Pembroke, MA. She makes time to relax with her dogs on Duxbury Beach, and she recently adopted a crazy kitten named Tito. Moving to NY, Sean Ahern’s thesis is on the use of communication metaphors by The Clash in their music and album art. He also wrote a paper on the Scott Pilgrim series published online at the U of Roma Tre in Italy as a part of their OLI3Media journal. His current research leads him to a paper on the depiction of Clark Kent in the age of WB teen dramas for a book on the television show Smallville. Kathryn Migliaccio began a 2-year journey working towards her master’s in museum education at Bank Street College School of Education in NYC. Kristen Romanko continues to work as a preschool teacher in Weston, and coached a 14-and-under volleyball team earlier this year. She hopes to continue coaching in future seasons. Aubrey Thomas started grad school at Emerson College, where she’s studying communication management with a concentration in public relations and stakeholder communication. She also was elected to CSC’s Board of Trustees as a Winton-Black Trustee. Megan Comolli continues her studies at...
VT Law School. She spent the summer interning in AK as the Public Defender. Elizabeth Cressman was accepted to Worcester State U and officially started the MS in speech-language pathology program. She moved to the Worcester area in the summer of 2011, and continues to work full time while going to school at night. She also took a brief vacation to Paris where she explored all the sights of the city.

Darcy Mitchell Celeste was married on July 9, 2011, to David Celeste at Woodlands Country Club in Falmouth, ME. She's working at Unum Insurance and also bought a house.

Linnea Williams is currently working as a finance administrator in Beverly, MA. Lynn Williams is living in Charlotte, NC, where she attends UNC Charlotte. Lauren Campiglio, Megan White and Amy Hebert all graduated from Springfield College in May. Lauren received her master's in psychology with a concentration in student personnel administration. Megan received a master’s in sports management and currently works for Sport and Wellness in Danbury, CT, as a multi-sport and events director. Megan Ruggiero graduated from Emerson summa cum laude with a master’s degree in publishing and writing. She was awarded a Bookbuilders of Boston scholarship, and is currently freelancing for McGraw-Hill Higher Education.

Lindsey Randlett got a job working for HealthFitness, a corporate fitness corporation, at their Fidelity-Merrimack, NH site. As for my summer, I, Neil May, went whitewater rafting on the Penobscot River in ME, and everything went swimmingly, if you catch my drift. In case you didn’t, I’m saying I fell in the river and had to drift for a few minutes until another raft pulled me to safety. Overall it was a good time and I hope to do it again next year.

Jaycee McCarthy accepted an offer with Teach for America, and was to travel to Chicago in early June to begin teaching as a special ed. teacher. He'll be in Chicago for 2 years. Amber Cronin works as a reporter for the Forecaster newspaper in Falmouth, ME, covering the towns of Brunswick and Harpswell, ME. She is also the head girls' cross country coach and distance coach at Cape Elizabeth High School. Meghan Steele is a graduate student at UNH Manchester, working towards her master's in public health, and will be graduating in spring of 2014. She recently got a prestigious internship through the Occupational Health Internship Program, a}

Colby-Sawyer was well-represented at the July 2011 wedding of Darcy Mitchell Celeste and her husband, Dave. Those gathered for the celebration included (front row, l to r) Kristin Sawyer ’12, Brittany Mailman ’10, Darcy Mitchell Celeste ’10, Shayln McEntire ’10, Stacey Guitill, (2nd row, l to r) Liz Cotreau ’10, Amanda Jones ’10, Genny Moore ’10, Sarah Zirnkilton ’10, Julie Crisafi, (back row, l to r) Kim Shannon ’10, Matt Parker ’08, Trevor Davis ’09 and Max Johanson ’10.
program of the Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics. After graduating from Colby-Sawyer, Emily Dionne decided to go back to school for hospitality management. She recently finished her culinary certificate (also received her state certifications in purchasing and inventory, food production, sanitation and nutrition) and will have her associate's in hospitality management by next spring. Emily was recently hired as an assistant chef at the Greenwood Mountain Inn, will be starting another job as a cashier at L.L. Bean, and has also started her own photography business on the side. Ashley Godin works at Journey Forward, a non-profit exercise facility working with individuals who have spinal cord injuries, as a neuro-recovery specialist. Shortly after graduation in 2011, Katie Murray moved to Burlington, VT, and got a job at Fletcher Allen Health Care, working in the Office of Clinical Trials Research as a clinical research coordinator for adult oncology drug-industry trials. She writes, “I work full time, but recently have been trying to find time to do some of the activities I once enjoyed at Colby-Sawyer College, including dance, yoga and mentoring.” Edy Spencer lives in Burnham, ME, and is working as a certified nursing assistant in a residential facility for individuals diagnosed with mental retardation. Ashley Jette is working full time as an officer at Dartmouth College with the Dept. of Safety and Security. Her goal after graduating from CSC was to get into the law enforcement field, and she’s still working towards that. Andrew Francis is living in Portland, ME, and working as the Communications Associate at the ME People’s Alliance (alongside Rebecca Ober ’05), a progressive community organizing group with over 32,000 members across ME.

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Christina Graziano was completing an internship abroad in Perth, Western Australia, for her last semester at Colby-Sawyer. She worked at an Australian football club as a marketing intern, where she was responsible for their website, Facebook pages, and newsletters and flyers. She had already studied abroad in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, during her junior year and just had to go back. At the beginning of June she was to head back over to Brisbane, where she’d be anxiously waiting to see if she’d been accepted for a master’s in sports psychology at U of Queensland to start in Mar. 2013. Michael Baker has joined the U.S. Army and left for basic training on May 29th. Bernardine Bernard is working as an assistance coordinator for On Call International in Salem, NH. In this role she specializes in delivering life-determining assistance during medical emergencies anywhere in the world, as well as coordination of transportation home after accidents or illnesses. Over the summer Bernardine enjoyed a large family reunion in Miami, which brought together relatives from Haiti, the Bahamas, Boston and Florida. Bernardine hopes to continue her education toward a law degree.

Molly Prudden ’12 and her sister Jen Prudden Montgomery ’00 at the Graduate Dinner Dance on campus in May.

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In Memoriam

Spring/Summer 2012

1931
Barbara Herrick Winters — March 11, 2006

1932
Marion LeRoy — April 27, 2005
Virginia Rood Larkin — January 29, 2000
Mary Moline Grubbs — July 1, 1993

1933
Jane Gage Charlton — December 29, 2011
Eleanor Worcester Mansfield — March 30, 2010

1935
Jane Newberry Foran — September 19, 2010
Barbara Gay Bender — December 6, 1992
Catherine Whited Shoemaker — October 5, 2008

1936
Dorothy Munn Friedrick — May 31, 2011
Dorothy Jones Williams — August 19, 2010
Sylvia Bennett Winton — January 17, 1999
Barbara Bradford Young — May 15, 2008
Estelle Pierce Dow — April 23, 2012

1937
Phyllis Klunder Murphy — July 23, 2007
Dorothy Roe Prill — November 25, 2008
Dorothy Egger Parlatore — March 17, 2012
Esther Ellet Mayo — February 10, 2012
Joan Chandler Beer — November 26, 2010

1938
Elizabeth Champlin Bottorf — March 2, 2012
Mary Trafton Simonds — March 27, 2012
Nina Parker Gardner — April 20, 2012

1939
Doris Harger O’Brien — June 16, 2012

1940
Elizabeth Schantz De Pauw — June 29, 2011
Janet Canham Williams — January 21, 2012
Jane Winney Heald — February 13, 2012
Harriet Tillinghast Fuller — March 28, 2012

1941
Constance Rice Wood — January 28, 2012
Katharyn Crane O’Loughlin — March 12, 2012
Ruth Richardson Emery — November 5, 2011

1942
Sylvia MacIntyre Hargen — February 22, 2011
Mary Williams Herrick — April 1, 2011
Virginia Wells Radasch — May 14, 2012
Elizabeth MacMillan Briggs — March 25, 1998
Ruth Murray Carkeek — February 12, 2012

1943
Barbara Griswold Britton — August 16, 2011
Barbara Tinkham Conant — June 11, 2012

1944
Alice Fisher Bassett — December 28, 2011
Margaret Jardine Van Dine — December 21, 2011
Sarah Schell Wright — December 16, 2011
Barbara Phillips Mello — April 13, 2012

1945
Grace MacDonald Ross — February 19, 2012
Lydia E. Klein — July 31, 2009

1946
Phebe Westcott Mullen — November 27, 2009
Elsie Regan Bailey — February 3, 2012
Jean Cammett Olsson — June 6, 2012

1948
Margaret Perkins Lombard — March 9, 2012
Pauline ‘Polly’ Carver Watson — April 26, 2012
Marjorie Pollack Barger — June 16, 2012
1949
Alison Gregg Sousa — January 9, 2012
Joan ‘Pete’ Peterson — April 17, 2012

1950
Susan Morrison Mayer — April 16, 2012
Joyce Payson Lenz — April 26, 2012
Avis Wilcox Van Vleet — June 2, 2012

1951
Marcia Hammond Gillcrist — June 17, 2011
Elizabeth ‘Gertrude’ Booth Pilling — May 21, 2012

1952
Mary Tate Howson — November 24, 2011
Margaret Kunkel Ploss — August 30, 2011
Ruth Maroney — December 29, 2011
Marcia Sullivan Ziehler — August 22, 2006

1954
Sally St. John Faulkner — December 22, 2011
Martha Miller Wogisch — May 13, 2012
Pauline Dadian Fischer — May 4, 2012

1956
Marguerite Granger DeLuca — January 7, 2012
Mary Bacon Parke Ostheimer — October 24, 2011

1957
Virginia Putnam Kinkead — April 5, 2012
Barbara Rosenthal — March 3, 2011

1958
Maryann Macy Wayland — November 20, 2011
Brenda Wilson Wakefield — January 1, 2001

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Emily Meyer Michalopoulos — August 23, 2006

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Martha Harrison Sims — February 10, 2011

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Janet Dickerman Lyons — December 16, 2011
Christy Hale Riker — January 12, 2012

1963
Susan Sweet Lombard — March 27, 2012

1969
Christine Tackley — June 1, 2012

1976
Leslie Mednick — September 11, 2011

Former Faculty
Reva Elaine Bailey — June 22, 2012
Boyd Carr — November 23, 2011
Pauline Gosselin — May 25, 2010
Beloved Professor Emerita and Coach

Reva E. Bailey

by Kimberly Swick Slover

Faculty Emerita Reva E. Bailey, 86, an admired professor and coach at the college from 1962 to 1986, died on June 22, 2012, at New London Hospital.

Bailey was also well known for her sense of humor. “She was very much a prankster and at the ready to pull off a practical joke or retell a funny adventure,” adds Teach. “Even during her last few weeks she had that twinkle, that rascal expression. Humor was one of her finest qualities.”

Director of the Windy Hill School and Associate Professor of Social Sciences and Education Janet Bliss ’71 remembers Professor Bailey well. “I adored Reva,” she says. “When I was a student at Colby Junior College everyone was required to take a sport. For me it was archery and golf, two things I had never imagined doing. There was never a more encouraging and genuinely nice person than Reva. I always tried harder because she insisted I had plenty of potential. Turns out I could hit that golf ball pretty well! Over the years I continued to admire Reva’s gentle and kind demeanor, and her longtime support of and interest in Colby-Sawyer College.”

Professor Bailey’s colleagues also admired and respected her. “Reva was one of the most genuine people on this planet,” says Director of Athletics Deb McGrath. “I remember how much she gave of herself to her teams, her colleagues and this college that she loved so dearly. Her smile was infectious and I will never forget her distinctive chuckle!”

Trustee Emerita Patricia “Pat” Kelsey taught physical education courses at Colby Junior College and found Professor Bailey, her boss, a great joy to work with. They remained close over the next 30 years. “Reva was just a marvelous, gentle, lovely person,” Kelsey says. “She was devoted to her students and to the college.”

She is survived by her longtime friend and companion Barbara J. MacDonald and her sister, Marcia Haenszel of Marion, Ohio; two nieces, a nephew and several cousins.
Susan Morrison Mayer of Newbury, N.H., a member of the Class of 1950, died on April 16, 2012 at the age of 81. She earned an associate of arts degree from Colby Junior College and a bachelor’s degree in education at Tufts University in 1953.

Mayer joined the Board of Trustees in 1981, serving until 1990, and again from 1997 to 2006. Over the years, she was active on many board committees, including as chair of Academic Affairs. Mayer also volunteered as a class agent, as co-chair of her 30th, 40th, 45th and 50th class reunions, as a member and president of the Alumni Association board, and as a regional chair for The Campaign for Colby-Sawyer.

The college also benefitted from Susan and her husband Gerald Mayer’s generous philanthropy. The couple established two endowments, the George A. Giles Presidential Initiatives Fund in 2000 and The Gerald and Susan Mayer Faculty and Staff Development Fund in 1992. Named in honor of Susan’s grandfather, the Giles Fund supports the president’s highest priorities.

In recognition of their extraordinary service and philanthropy, Susan and Gerry received the college’s highest award—the Susan Colgate Cleveland Medal for Distinguished Service—at Commencement 1995. They were also named as members of the Legends Society, the highest recognition level for benefactors. For service to her class and the college, Susan received the Alumni Service Award in 1990.

Former Chair of the Board of Trustees Anne Winton Black ’73, ’75 first met Susan Mayer when she was a young alumna. They shared a love of the college, and as Black took on volunteer positions and advanced to the Board of Trustees, Mayer became a mentor and role model to her.

“I saw in Sue the epitome of a Colby-Sawyer graduate: A person of integrity, good humor, devotion to her college, boundless generosity and endless curiosity,” Black says. “Sue never took herself seriously, but took very seriously her service to Colby-Sawyer College, its faculty, staff and students. With her marriage to Gerry, she found a perfect partner, for their outlooks on life were so similar. They embraced fully their ability to leave behind something better for their care.”

Black believes Mayer’s legacy will continue to exude a powerful presence at the college. “I will always remember Sue for her tender heart, her boundless energy, and the care with which she attended to all the people and places which were meaningful to her,” Black says.

Mayer’s daughter, Robin McNutt, graduated from Colby-Sawyer in 1975, followed by Robin’s daughter, Katelin McNutt, in 2010. She is survived by her and Gerry’s eight children and their many grandchildren.
Professor Emeritus Remembered

Boyd H. Carr

by J.M. Clark ’11

Professor Emeritus Boyd Harding Carr Jr. passed away Nov. 23, 2011, in New London at the age of 95.

Professor Carr taught classes in organic and inorganic chemistry in the Science Department at what was then Colby Junior College from 1964 to 1981. He also held a leadership position on the Campus Energy Committee, an early effort to reduce energy consumption.

Born in Midland, Mich., on July 28, 1916, to Boyd Harding Carr Sr. and Mildred Sleight Carr, Professor Carr was a dedicated scholar and graduated at the top of his class from Midland High School. At the University of Michigan he majored in chemical engineering, then transferred to Middlebury College, from which he graduated with an A.B. He later earned a master’s degree and Ph.D. in chemistry from Michigan State University.

Professor Carr was a full-time research assistant at Princeton University during the Second World War in metal organics, plastics and special electrics materials for the U.S. Defense Department. The materials were used to build electrical components needed for the cockpit instruments of the Corsair fighter planes.

At Norwich University in Northfield, Vt., Professor Carr began teaching chemistry and served as a member of the Vermont Bureau of Industrial Research. He also spent time at the University of Vermont as a National Institute of Health Training Fellow and laboratory assistant in the medical school. In addition to these institutions and Colby Junior College, he also taught at Windham College and Arizona State University.

Professor Emerita Rebecca “Becky” Brewster Irving ’42 remembers him as “popular with the students,” and that they would often refer to him as Uncle Boyd. “He had a good sense of humor, always got along well with the students and was a good colleague,” she recalls.

Professor Carr is also remembered for his many hobbies, including skiing, tennis and woodworking. It was not unusual to find him building additions onto his home or repainting his beloved Volkswagen.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley (Lent) Carr of New London, and daughters Sandra, Kimberly and Pamela. ♦
Distinguished Alumna, Life Trustee Emerita, Class Secretary

Mary Trafton Simonds ’38

by Kate Dunlop Seamans

Mary Trafton Simonds, a member of the Class of 1938 and a life trustee emerita, died peacefully at the age of 94 in Lexington, Mass., on March 27, 2012.

Simonds received her associate’s degree from Colby Junior College and went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in economics from Mount Holyoke College in 1940. After college, she worked at The Babson Institute in Wellesley, Mass., and at Liberty Mutual Life Insurance Company as a financial analyst. During World War II, she volunteered with the American Red Cross.

In 1942, Mary married John Langdon Simonds. They raised three children and lived in Cambridge and Belmont until his death in 1999.

Simonds was devoted to her alma mater and served with distinction as her class secretary for 20 years and on the Board of Trustees for 35 years. As a trustee, she strove to improve the quality of life and academic standards for students, and she was instrumental in the decision to establish an elected position for alumni trustees. She described her work as a trustee “one of the most important accomplishments of my life.” She was given life trustee emerita status in 1976.

In 1979, Simonds received the Alumni Association Service Award for outstanding contributions to the college. She was a member of the Reunion Planning Committees in 1988, 1998 and 2003, and served as Reunion Committee chair in 1993. For her decades of devotion to the college, she was presented with the 2005 Distinguished Alumni Award.

“The college was a high priority in the life of Mary Trafton Simonds.”

“Mary was an intelligent, dedicated, generous and affable alumna and leader, beginning in her student years and continuing through the rest of her life,” said President Tom Galligan. “Mary was an active and loyal trustee and a beacon of good common sense and wisdom for several presidents of the college, including me, who turned to her for advice and counsel. She loved our college and will always be in our minds and hearts.”

Vice President for Advancement Beth Cahill noted that for 74 years, Mary Trafton Simonds was an ambassador, advocate and a financial and volunteer leader for the Class of 1938 and her college. “Mary’s bright smile and gracious style attracted friends to her side, and her thoughtfulness and wisdom afforded her leadership opportunities throughout her life,” said Vice President Cahill. “After her family, Colby-Sawyer was one of Mary’s special priorities, and we are better for her friendship and care.”

Simonds is survived by her three children, Virginia S. White of Dover, Mass.; Robert L. Simonds of Belmont, Mass.; and William T. Simonds of Concord, Mass., along with seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. •
Trustee Emeritus, War Hero

Richard M. Underwood

by Kimberly Swick Slover

Trustee Emeritus Richard M. “Dick” Underwood passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, at home in Palm City, Fla., on June 22. A seasonal New London resident, Mr. Underwood served on the Colby-Sawyer College Board of Trustees from 1992 to 2001.

As a member of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Underwood served on a variety of committees, including the Audit Subcommittee, Enrollment Management, Finance and the Investment Subcommittee, which he chaired from 1996 to 2001.

A graduate of the Coast Guard Academy, Mr. Underwood served as an aviator in the Coast Guard for 10 years and performed many rescue missions, including six trips on May 6, 1954, to airlift 36 injured seamen from the USS Bennington to safety. He retired from the Coast Guard with the rank of commander.

Until his retirement in 1990, he was the president and CEO of NEC Technologies, a business he began with a handful of employees and developed into a $1.2 billion computer and communications company.

Mr. Underwood was passionate about his family, golf, poker, sailing and bridge. He will be remembered for his sense of humor, humility, caring nature and perseverance. “Dick was a wonderful man and a great friend of Colby-Sawyer,” President Tom Galligan said. “Whenever he was in town he would make sure to stop by, say hello and catch up with the college. Dick always had a smile on his face and fond words for Colby-Sawyer.”

He is survived by his second wife, Jane Underwood, of Palm City, Fla.; son Richard Underwood and his wife, Suzanne, of Concord, Mass.; another son, Steven Underwood, and his wife, Trish, of Acton, Mass.; and daughter Carol Underwood Femia and her husband, David, of Groton, Mass. He was predeceased by his wife of 38 years, Nancy Merritt Underwood ’50, who died in 1991.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice, P.O. Box 2209, New London, N.H. 03257.

Trustee Emeritus Richard Underwood will be remembered for his sense of humor, humility, caring nature and perseverance.
Honorary Life Trustee, Parent, Benefactor

David L. Coffin

by Kimberly Swick Slover

David L. Coffin Sr., honorary life trustee, parent of two alumni, and benefactor of Colby-Sawyer College, died on July 14, 2012 at age 86 in Hartford, Conn. A resident of Sunapee, N.H., Bloomfield, Conn., and Naples, Fla., he was the son of Dexter D. Coffin Sr. and Elizabeth Dorr Coffin.

Coffin joined the Colby Junior College Board of Trustees in 1962 and served on the board until his retirement in 1978. He was board chair from 1969 to 1973.

In his role as trustee, Coffin was a respected leader and advisor. He served as chair of Colby Junior College’s 50th Anniversary Fund and oversaw the production of the college’s first campus master plan, which outlined the capital fund drive to build the new library/learning center.

Coffin was a generous supporter of the college, and the Coffin Field House in the Dan and Kathleen Hogan Sports Center is named in his honor. In May 1981, the Board of Trustees awarded him honorary life trustee status. Colby-Sawyer College presented him with its highest award, the Susan Colgate Cleveland Medal for Distinguished Service, in May 2000. He also received honorary degrees from Colby-Sawyer College and his alma mater, Trinity College.

“David was a wonderful leader and advocate for Colby-Sawyer College as board chair, board member, parent and friend,” said President Tom Galligan. “He understood the special nature of an education at a small college, where students, faculty and staff work and learn together and make their communities better.”

Two of his children, David L. Coffin Jr. ’75 and Deborah Coffin ’76, attended Colby-Sawyer.

Born in Windsor Locks, Conn., in 1925, Coffin served in the U.S. Naval Reserve in World War II and was based in Naples, Italy. Coffin was awarded the Victory Medal, the American Theatre Medal and the European Theatre Medal for his exemplary military service.

Coffin joined The Dexter Corporation in 1947 and was the seventh and last generation of the family to lead this Fortune 500 company. He initially held positions in sales and as general manager, and in 1958, at age 32, he succeeded his father as president and then as CEO. Coffin led the company for 29 years and was regarded as one of the most respected corporate leaders in the country.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Marie Jeanne Cosnard des Closets Coffin of Sunapee, N.H.; daughter Deborah L. Coffin of Springfield, N.H.; son Robert G. Coffin of Canton, Conn.; and four stepchildren, Henry Bissell of Atlanta, Ga.; Charles Bissell of Glastonbury, Conn.; John Bissell of Marietta, Ga.; and Caroline d’Otreppe of Suffield, Conn. David was predeceased by his son, David L. Coffin Jr. of Atlanta, and his brother Dexter D. Coffin Jr. of Hobe Sound, Fla.

David L. Coffin was a respected leader and advisor as a member of the Board of Trustees.
Peter W. Shanks, a Colby-Sawyer alumnus and well-loved kindergarten teacher at the Windy Hill School, passed away of kidney failure on Aug. 1, 2012, at the Veteran’s Hospital in White River Junction, Vt., at age 54.

Shanks was a member of the U.S. Army 10th Special Forces (Airborne) from 1976 to 1980. He worked for the Claremont Police Department in 1981-1982 before returning to the Special Forces in 1982. He retired from the Army in 1994.

His interest in teaching and working with children led Shanks to the Child Development Program at Colby-Sawyer College, where he excelled and was awarded the David Winton Baccalaureate Award for the highest grade point average in his class. He graduated in 1998 with a B.S. in Child Development and certification in Early Childhood Education.

Since then, Shanks has been a wonderfully creative and caring kindergarten teacher at the Windy Hill School, the college’s child development laboratory school.

In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Shanks volunteered as a teaching assistant in upper-level Child Development courses each semester. He brought great joy and enthusiasm to them and enriched our college students’ understanding and appreciation for the intelligence of children and the value of play in supporting their development.

“Peter was an extraordinary friend, learner, teacher, mentor and collaborator, as well as an advocate for Windy Hill School and Colby-Sawyer College,” says Janet Bliss, director of Windy Hill and associate professor of Social Sciences and Education. “His relationships with young children, co-workers, college students, staff, faculty and community members were characterized by generosity, humor, intelligence, inventiveness and an attitude of ‘sure, we can make that work.’

“Peter touched the lives of many in his role of Windy Hill teacher; he was beloved by countless children and college students as well as by his coworkers,” Bliss adds. “One of his greatest strengths was his ability to relate to children ... to make them feel special and believe they could accomplish great things.”

Shanks was also the technology wizard of Windy Hill School and shared his fondness for digital gadgetry with everyone around him. His collaboration with co-workers, college students and child development faculty led to regional and national presentations on the school’s innovative uses of technology in the education of young children and student teachers. His contributions to the lab school and the Child Development Program were widely recognized as cutting edge among a broad spectrum of professionals, according to Bliss.

Shanks is survived by his wife, Julia Brisbane, and son, Connor, of Elkins; daughter Erica Steeves, her husband, Chris, and grandson, Mac, of Alaska; daughter Alyssa Shanks of Alaska; and son Brennan Shanks and his wife, Jillian, of Seaside, Calif.

Shanks was buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to The National Kidney Foundation at www.kidney.org.
Colgate Hall has been the academic heart of campus for 100 of this institution’s 175 years, but a larger, more majestic building once stood in its place. The story of the brick Colby Academy building, which reigned over Colby Hill from 1870 to 1892, is lost from living memory now, but this anniversary year is the time to recall a tragic, yet ultimately triumphant, chapter in our history.

By the 1860s, it had become clear that to remain competitive, the academy (known then as the New London Literary and Scientific Institution) would need an endowment to pay for good teachers, equipment and a new main building. Susan Colby Colgate, the school’s first principal, pledged $25,000 toward the construction of a new building if the academy could raise the remaining $75,000. The goal was later increased, as historian Henry K. Rowe writes in A Centennial History 1837-1937 Colby Academy—Colby Junior College, to “buy more land and put up a modern building of brick and stone on the crest of the hill”... to serve as a landmark for the countryside and where “one could catch glimpses of far horizons, and the winds that brought ozone to the lungs might blow away the cobwebs in the students’ minds” (115).

The academy was successful in its fundraising and a cornerstone for the new structure was set on July 28, 1868.

The building was dedicated on July 7, 1870 as part of the academy’s commencement exercises in an all-day celebration full of music and speeches. Rowe describes the town’s new crown jewel:

The new building was constructed in the ornate architecture of the period. It was of brick with granite trimmings, and was finished in hard wood from New Hampshire forests. The builders took pride in the local origin of the materials. Sand was brought from Little Sunapee and clay was drawn from Sutton Mills for the bricks, which were burned in kilns located on the grounds. The stone foundations and finishing were hauled from King Hill. The structure towered three stories above the ground and had a mansard roof. Two towers in harmony with the rest of the structure rose still higher. The belfry tower was one hundred and eleven feet high, commanding a wide sweep of vision. In it was a pendulum one hundred feet long, which vibrated as the building felt the blasts of winter beat upon it. The building had a total frontage of one hundred and eighty-six feet (119).
Amazingly, just one day of school was missed because of the fire, a testament to the institution’s resiliency.

The building served two purposes. The west wing was dedicated to academic purposes and housed classrooms, a library, a chapel and recitation rooms. The east wing provided boarding accommodations for 100 women as well as parlors, a music room and housing for the lady principal (male students lived in Colby Hall). There was also a dining room, kitchen and laundry and gymnastic facilities. Students worked and lived in this towering brick building for more than two decades, although despite its appearance of prosperity, the academy was accumulating alarming amounts of debt and its old buildings were in need of repairs.

On April 25, 1892, tragedy struck. The students had left the school in mid-afternoon for the annual mayflower expedition to the North Sutton woods. As they returned in early evening, they saw a cloud of smoke billowing up over the hill and heard the clanging tolling of the Baptist Church bell.

“Hurrying as fast as horse power could take them they reached the academy in time to see flames pouring from the third story windows...With a rush they charged upon the building, grabbed their belongings from the rooms on the lower floors, carried out most of the books from the library, and saved three pianos and some of the other furniture...There was no fire apparatus in town and nothing could be done but watching the building burn...When [the fire] burst through the roof of the tower the building was doomed. In two hours nothing but smoking ruins remained of the building which twenty years before had been dedicated with so much congratulation and satisfaction,” writes Rowe (174).

Those who lived on the third floor lost nearly everything and 50 girls were homeless by nightfall. The New London townspeople found places for them to stay for a few nights, and the Heidelberg summer hotel, formerly the ladies’ boarding house, was reclaimed and outfitted for the rest of the academic year. Makeshift classrooms were set up in Colby Hall, the town house, the vestry and in private quarters, and the Baptist Church was used as an assembly hall. Amazingly, just one day of school was missed because of the fire, a testament to the institution’s resiliency. In the June 1892 edition of The Colby Academy Voice, a writer whose byline was just the initial G. notes that the trustees held a meeting on May 19, 1892 and voted to “rebuild the academy at once on the old site...Colby Academy promises to remain forever on Colby Hill!”

The old campus buildings were renovated and ready for classes the next fall, but despite the urgent desire to rebuild, the school’s financial woes stalled progress to such a degree that the building materials accumulated to meet that goal had to be sold off. The blackened ruins of the brick building stood as a sad reminder of the academy’s loss, and not until the turn of the century was Colby Academy fully functioning.

By 1908-1909, Colby Academy was more prosperous, with 149 students, and the remains of the old brick building had crumbled into dust (Rowe 216). “The traces of the fire on the campus had been obliterated by nature, but nothing could make the school forget its misfortune as long as activities must be confined to cramped and altogether inadequate quarters,” writes Rowe.
With high morale and loyal students, it was finally time to restore the academy building (Rowe 222).

Mary Colgate, daughter of Susan and her husband, James B. Colgate, carried on her family’s legacy of devotion to the school by donating vital financial support to the building project. In the spring of 1911, as soon as the weather allowed, ground was broken; the cornerstone was laid during Commencement week. A year later, the new colonial-style brick structure was dedicated as Colgate Hall in 1912.

On the ground floor, writes Rowe, were “offices and parlors, a beautiful chapel…and classrooms. At one end of the building were a large dining room and kitchen facilities. The upper floors provided more classrooms, laboratories and studios, with dormitory accommodations and accessories. For a time, the library found quarters on the lower floor. A powerful heating plant and a laundry occupied the basement. Outside of the structure a brick power house was erected [now James House] covering the artesian well…the pumps, the dynamo for lighting purposes, and the 60-horse -power engine” (Rowe 225).

Colgate Hall stood alone on the hill when it was dedicated in 1912, the first building on what would become known as the New Campus. The building has evolved since then, and yet it remains the academic heart of a growing campus, built with the foresight, dedication and sacrifice of generations who came before.

Through trials of fire and finance, the institution we know as Colby-Sawyer has persevered and thrived. It is just as true now, as it was a century ago, that “there is no place in New England, always famous for excellent schools, where health and education are more fully assured than on New London Hill. Students … are greatly benefitted by a residence of a few years in this old country town” (Rowe).
Up in the Sky

by Barbara “Bobbie” Fetzer Herbert ’50, ’80

I have always loved airplanes and flying. My first flight, at age 15, was in a Ryan open cockpit plane, piloted by an Air Force instructor who helped me don my parachute. From that time on, I just wanted to be up in the sky.

In September 1947, I was at home in Scarsdale, N.Y., and looking at colleges. My father told me he would pay for two years at any school east of the Mississippi, and that I could be a teacher, a nurse or a secretary. But I wanted to fly, and thumbing through the Colby Junior College catalog, I saw a picture of a P-51 Mustang—a World War II fighter—on the quad. I was excited to learn that the college offered aviation courses such as Navigation, Aerodynamics and Meteorology and immediately sent in my application. I was thrilled to be accepted into the Aeronautical Secretary Program.

From Room 206 in Burpee Hall I could look down on the quad where that P-51 was tethered. The instruments had been removed so we could study the construction, operation and use of each one. We also manned a weather station set up outside Colgate Hall.

I talked President (H. Leslie) Sawyer into letting me form an Aviation Club so we could connect with the Dartmouth College Flying Club. We hosted events on campus, and at one of these I met my future husband, Dana. He owned a Globe Swift, a low-wing, retractable gear airplane that looked like a WW II fighter. Thus began an exciting courtship in the skies. Dana would pick me up for a date and we would fly off to dinner in the city. As students, we flew several times for the instruction courses. One of us would lay out the flight course, another would handle radio communications and a third would keep a log. Harold Boker, a New London man who later led the New Hampshire Department of Aviation, was the pilot. He agreed to give me a discount if I brought him more students who wanted to learn to fly. Occasionally I rented a J-3 Cub on my own and would fly low over the campus, bank the airplane, fold down the side and yell to my friends on the ground. I was always in trouble with my house mother, but it was worth it.

One of my college instructors, Dr. J. Duane Squires, got me a job so that I could pay for my flying lessons and plane rentals. I never told my parents about my lessons and spent my senior year flying a plane with skis on Lake Sunapee. Right after my graduation ceremony, I asked my parents to drive me to the airstrip in Newport, where I climbed into a plane and took off solo. My parents were astonished, but I think my father was secretly rather pleased.

I went on to get my private, commercial and instrument ratings and joined The Ninety-Nines, the International Organization of Women Pilots founded by Amelia Earhart. I feel privileged to have known Amelia’s sister, Muriel Reeve Lindbergh, and many early women pilots, as well as some of the Women’s Auxiliary Flying Squadron (WAFS) who flew in WW II. I am still a member of The Ninety-Nines and have logged a lot of time flying to every state, Canada and Caribbean islands. I envy the women who fly for the airlines and the military today, though my contacts in aviation have allowed me to fly with the National Guard on refueling missions and in organizing survival clinics for pilots. I have met women pilots from all over the world, competed in air races and piloted a variety of aircraft. And to think it all started with a Colby Junior College catalog. ☞
We Met the 4K Challenge

With the overwhelming and inspiring support of alumni, colleagues, trustees and friends, Colby-Sawyer College successfully met the 2011-2012 4K Challenge.

Proposed by Trustee Dave Payne and his wife, Bev, the 4K Challenge involved a small group of donors who promised to reward the college with $200,000 in additional funding if the Colby-Sawyer Fund reached a record 4,000 donors, including 3,000 alumni.

Ultimately, 3,021 alumni and a total of 4,329 donors joined the Challenge, increasing alumni participation from 17 percent to 24 percent in one year. An astounding 58 percent jump in the number of donors resulted in a record-setting $1.8 million in contributions to the 2011-2012 Colby-Sawyer Fund.

Thanks to each and every one of you for your unwavering support of Colby-Sawyer College over the course of this race to the finish line. You went the distance with us, and current and future students will benefit from your devotion and generosity.

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