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Green ROUTES – Map to a Green Campus
Young Alumni Succeeding in the Sports World
On the Cover: The long black line stretched halfway around the quad in back of Colgate Hall as the class of 2007 went striding toward the future and its many possibilities. In this photo the graduates were just steps away from the Commencement tent where a large, exuberant crowd of family, friends, trustees, faculty and staff waited to honor them with the recognition they deserved for their noteworthy achievements as Colby-Sawyer’s 169th graduating class.

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Greg Matthews Joins College as VP for Enrollment Management

Gregory W. Matthews joined Colby-Sawyer as vice president for enrollment management in April. He serves as Colby-Sawyer’s strategic and policy leader on enrollment and oversees a staff of 15 in the Admissions and Financial Aid Offices.

Greg had been with Ohio Wesleyan since 1999, first as director of financial aid and beginning in 2005, as assistant vice president of admissions and financial aid. He previously served as dean of admissions and financial aid and director of financial aid at Green Mountain College in Vermont. Earlier in his career, Greg worked in financial aid at Smith College and at Kansas State University.

“Greg was highly successful in working collaboratively and strategically at Ohio Wesleyan University and Green Mountain College to increase enrollment, manage financial aid and information systems, and build confident, high-performance teams in admissions and financial aid,” said President Tom Galligan. “We are extremely pleased that he is leading Colby-Sawyer’s enrollment team. We are convinced his formidable areas of expertise, his history of success in academic environments, and just as importantly, his collaborative nature and intense focus on student success, make him a great fit for Colby-Sawyer College.”

“There is a positive energy at Colby-Sawyer that I think is truly remarkable,” Greg said. “It is a special living and learning environment for students, faculty, and staff.”

Greg holds a Master of Information Systems Management degree from the Keller Graduate School of Management and a Bachelor of Management Information Systems degree from the College of Engineering at Kansas State University. He completed military service with the U.S. Army, receiving a letter of commendation and honor award for his outstanding service.

Alumni and Friends Invited To Participate in Fun Run/Walk

President Tom Galligan invites alumni, friends and community members to the second non-competitive fun run/walk for people of all ages.

The Colby-Sawyer College/Community 5K Dash and Stroll will take place on Saturday, Sept. 15. The route for both runners and walkers begins at the Lethbridge Lodge on campus and winds through downtown and residential areas. All members of the college community and all residents of area communities are invited to participate.

The first 5K Dash and Stroll was such a success that President Galligan, who is an avid runner, now would like to establish a tradition that celebrates the close relationship between the college and its neighbors.

Participants can register on the day of the event beginning at 9 a.m. For more information, contact the college Communications Office at (603) 526-3728 or e-mail egermar@colby-sawyer.edu.
William “Bill” C. Mercer, Former Trustee, Friend, Legend

William “Bill” C. Mercer, retired president and chairman of New England Telephone and Telegraph and a longtime friend and former trustee of Colby-Sawyer College, died peacefully on Wednesday, June 6, at age 88 after a long period of failing health. He was a resident of Westwood, Mass.

Bill was a member of the Colby-Sawyer College Board of Trustees for 18 years, from 1980 to 1989, and again from 1991 to 2000, a period of expansion at the college. In the early 1990s, he served as co-chair of the college’s first comprehensive capital campaign, which raised more than $25 million.

Bill became acquainted with Colby-Sawyer through his late wife, Ramona Wells Mercer ’41, and dedicated much of his service and philanthropy to the college. In 1997, he was honored at Commencement with the college’s highest award, the Susan Colgate Cleveland Medal for Distinguished Service.

The Mercers were generous benefactors to many areas of the college. This included the gift of Mercer Field, which was dedicated in 1995, and its support for the renovation of the Exercise and Sport Sciences building, which was dedicated as Mercer Hall in 2002. In addition, the Ramona Wells Mercer Scholarship Fund was established and other contributions were given by one or both of the Mercers to the Annual Fund, faculty and staff development funds, Colbytown Camp, Lethbridge Lodge, the Chargers Club and the Ponder Brookhouse Scholarship. In 2003, Bill was inducted as an inaugural member of Colby-Sawyer’s Legends Society, which honors those who contribute $1 million or more to the college.

Born on January 13, 1919, in Philadelphia, Pa., Bill was an Eagle Scout and later received the Ralph Lowell Distinguished Citizen Award from the Boy Scouts of America. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1940 and from its Amos Tuck School of Business in 1941. He later attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a Sloan Fellow, earning a Master of Science degree in industrial science in 1956. He also received honorary doctoral degrees from Suffolk University (commercial science, 1978), Northeastern University (public service, 1978) and the University of Massachusetts–Amherst (public service, 1980).

Civic engagement and service were important to Bill, and he readily contributed his time and expertise to many organizations and interests. He served on President Lyndon Johnson’s Task Force for Equal Opportunities in Business for Women and was a past chairman and director emeritus of the Massachusetts Bay United Way. He was a corporator of Massachusetts General Hospital and Northeastern University and served on the Board of Overseers for Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center. He was also a past president of Hamilton Trust, Commercial Club of Boston and the Telephone Pioneers of America. Additionally, he served on the board of directors of John Hancock, Bank of Boston and the Brae Burn Country Club and was a life trustee of the Museum of Science in Boston.

“Bill was my dear friend, mentor and an exceptional role model,” said Anne Winton Black ’73, ’75, chairman of the college’s Board of Trustees. “He was a gentleman, gracious and kind, and a man of character and integrity who led by example at home, in business and in his service to many organizations.

“Bill epitomized the character of a philanthropist—an individual with the capacity and willingness to make transformational gifts for the benefit of those who may never know, but whose lives will be forever enriched and blessed because of that generosity. His legacy of investment in those places so dear to him will be felt for generations to come. We had the good fortune to have Bill on our Board of Trustees and in our hearts, and Colby-Sawyer College will forever be better for his care.”

Colby-Sawyer College Welcomes New Leaders, Faculty Members

Colby-Sawyer has welcomed a new academic dean and a new chair of the Nursing Department, as well as accomplished faculty members in the Exercise and Sport Sciences, Fine and Performing Arts, Humanities, Natural Sciences, Nursing, and Social Sciences and Education Departments.

Elizabeth Crockford, who joined the college’s Business Administration Department in 2002 as an associate professor, has been promoted to the position of academic dean. Professor Crockford holds a Ph.D. in organization and management from Capella University and has served as chair of the Business Administration Department since 2005.

Susan Reeves joins the college as assistant professor and chair of the Nursing Department. Professor Reeves graduated from Colby-Sawyer in 1988 and holds an M.S. degree in nursing administration from the University of New Hampshire. A current administrator at Dartmouth...
Educational Grant Streamlines Documents, Records Access

Colby-Sawyer College was awarded a grant of $252,350 from the Davis Educational Foundation to digitize the college’s information operations. The two-year Digital Document Management Project will significantly improve access to information by uniting the college’s academic, archival processes and direct documents of all sorts to their destinations electronically, where they will be available for future retrieval. In addition to reducing wear and tear on original archival material and on our staff,” Bitzer added, “the project will literally add square footage to departments where documents are currently stored in boxes and file cabinets.”

Davis Educational Foundation trustees visited campus to interview project team members, professors and campus administrators before awarding the grant. The trustees remarked on the college community’s high level of commitment and enthusiasm for the initiative and faculty members’ interest and creativity in utilizing archived materials in their courses.

“This is an exciting project that will improve our intellectual lives at Colby-Sawyer,” said President Galligan. “The foundation trustees wanted to learn as much as they could about the college, our students, our vision for the future and the pervasive way in which we collaborate on all major decisions.”

The project will enable original work by major artists in the college’s art collections, campus publications and other important archival material, dating back to the school’s founding in 1837, to be accessed electronically. By digitizing documents and records from across the campus, the college will vastly improve access to information for teaching, student projects and scholarly research.

“Our archives hold a significant number of primary documents that enable burgeoning undergraduate historians to learn professional skills,” said Ann Page Stecker, professor of humanities. “With the Davis Educational Foundation grant, access to those documents will be significantly easier and this will mean I can assign more students to work with them.”

“This grant will help us move to the next level with our permanent art collection,” said Loretta Barnett, professor and chair of Fine and Performing Arts. “It will help people across campus bring art into their curriculums. Students will understand that we have an important art collection they can use in their studies, and they could see more value in attending a college that has such a resource.”

The three images seen here are to be digitized as part of the Davis Educational Foundation project.


and administrative records in a single digital system. The Davis Educational Foundation was established by Stanton and Elisabeth Davis after Mr. Davis’s retirement as chairman of Shaw’s Supermarkets, Inc.

The project is coordinated by a team of Colby-Sawyer professors, archivists, administrators and information technology specialists. “The grant permits Information Resources to move ahead with the pilot part of an across-the-campus initiative to implement document imaging and electronic workflow,” said William Bitzer, director of Information Resources. “This will increase productivity, accelerate approval
New Leaders, Faculty Members continued

Hitchcock Medical Center, she is also enrolled in the D. Ed. program at the University of Vermont, with a concentration in educational leadership and policy studies.

The Nursing Department will also welcome new faculty members Mary Shea and Sean Lyon. Professor Shea, who joins the college as assistant professor with a clinical specialty in pediatrics, holds an M.S.N. from the University of Pennsylvania and is completing her doctoral studies at the University of Maine at Orono. She has gained teaching experience at Husson College in Bangor, Maine, the University at Maine at Orono and Boston University.

Sean Lyon joins the nursing faculty as a visiting assistant professor. He holds an M.S.N. from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and previously served as a grant writer and family nurse practitioner at New London Hospital.

In the Fine and Performing Arts Department, Rebekah Tolley, who has been on the faculty and served as gallery director for two years at Colby-Sawyer, will become assistant professor of printmaking and director of the Marian Graves Mugar Art Gallery. Professor Tolley holds an M.F.A. from Temple University and was previously a visiting lecturer at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Additionally, Brandy Gibbs-Riley will join the department as assistant professor of graphic design. Professor Gibbs-Riley, a faculty member at Chester College of New England and guest critic at Boston University’s College of Fine Arts, holds an M.F.A. from Boston University.

Andrew Cahoon, a teaching fellow and graduate research assistant at Yale University, has been hired as assistant professor in the Natural Sciences Department, teaching courses in physical sciences. Professor Cahoon holds an M.S. in physics from Yale University.

An adjunct professor at New York University and Colby-Sawyer, Aaron Major joins the college as assistant professor of sociology in the Social Sciences and Education Department. Professor Major holds an M.A. from New York University, where he is pursuing a doctoral degree.

David Reed will join the Humanities Department’s Communication Studies Program as assistant professor in film and video. Professor Reed taught most recently at the Maryland Institute of the Arts and has been a visiting fellow at Yerevan State University in Yerevan, Armenia, and an adjunct faculty member at UCLA. He has also gained experience as a freelance photojournalist in Berlin, Prague and Moscow. Professor Reed earned an M.F.A. from the California Institute of the Arts.

Stacey Watts will join the Exercise and Sport Sciences Department as assistant professor, teaching courses in sport management. Professor Watts, who earned an M.Ed. from Springfield College, was previously the associate director of athletics at Mount Holyoke College.

Amber Landis will also join the Exercise and Sport Sciences Department as assistant athletic trainer. Professor Landis is a Certified Athletic Trainer who holds a B.S. in biokinetics with a concentration in athletic training from Eastern University in St. Davids, Pa., and an M.S. in education with an emphasis in athletic training from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va. Her postgraduate work has been focused on the care and injury prevention and rehabilitation of the Division I Women’s Basketball Team at Old Dominion University. She was also a clinical instructor in the Post Professional Athletic Training Program.

“This is going to be a wonderful resource for history classes,” added Randy Hanson, professor, Social Sciences and Education. “Over the years, we have increasingly pushed students to use the rich historical resources in the Colby-Sawyer archives. We have found that utilizing primary documents brings history alive. The Davis grant will allow students to access and analyze primary documents much more easily.”

The digitization project will also improve administrative services for students. Record-keeping and sharing between offices will be much more efficient. It will be easier to respond to student requests for information such as college transcripts. Security measures will protect the confidentiality of records not appropriate for public access.

“This grant means a great deal to the college,” concluded Janice McElroy, grants manager, who coordinated the proposal to the foundation. “Our faculty has done wonderful things with technology already. This project will enable us to develop an exemplary program. We will be able to share the lessons learned with colleagues in other institutions in a variety of forums.”

Scholarship Named for Former President Ev Woodman

Colby-Sawyer College has established the Everett M. Woodman Scholarship, an $8,000 annual award for transfer students, in honor of the college’s third president. The scholarship will help to make the college more affordable and accessible for transfer students, according to Jennifer Jacques, transfer coordinator and associate director of admissions.

“Colby-Sawyer is a transfer-friendly college,” says Jennifer. “We’re working to streamline the process of transferring and want to be as accessible as we can for those students who would like to come here from other colleges.”

Everett “Ev” Woodman, who passed away July 31, 2007, served as president of Colby Junior College from 1962 to 1972, and he led the institution through a decade of transformation and growth. During his term he emphasized international perspectives in education and established campus events such as United Nations Day and Reaching the Questioning Mind Overseas.

President Woodman was known as a collaborative leader who cultivated strong relationships with the college’s faculty, staff, students and alumnae. Until his death he remained intensely interested in the college and maintained many friendships on campus. “I’m very pleased; I feel honored,” President Woodman said when told in May of 2007 of the scholarship in his name. He also expressed satisfaction that the scholarship would help students to continue their education. To qualify for the Woodman Scholarship, transfer students must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average. The college now attracts an average of 17 transfer students each year but would like to double that number by 2008.

Sarah Howard Earns Alpha Chi Award for Graduate Studies in History

Sarah Howard ’07, a recent History, Society and Culture graduate in the secondary education program, received a $2,500 H.Y. Benedict Fellowship award this spring from the Alpha Chi Society to help pay for her graduate study. A resident of Hamilton, Mass., Sarah plans to attend Rutgers University, where she will pursue a master’s degree in U.S. history this fall.

The award, named for Alpha Chi’s first president, Dr. Harry Benedict, is presented to seniors with outstanding academic records. Alpha Chi is a general honor society whose members include students in the top 10 percent of their college or university’s junior and senior classes.

Sarah was an engaged and high-achieving student leader during her college career at Colby-Sawyer. A member of the Wesson Honors Society, she served as a teaching assistant for several classes in the History, Society and Culture (HSC) Program and as an academic tutor at the college’s Academic Resource Center. She was also one of two Colby-Sawyer students to represent the college at an international summit at Cornell University in September 2006 on “Securing the Future: Oil Dependence and What You Can Do About It.”

A recipient of the college’s 2006 Outstanding Tutor Award and Scholarship, Sarah was recently nominated by the faculty to become a junior fellow of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. She was also an active member of the college’s HSC Majors Club and its chapter of the Alpha Chi Society.

In March, Sarah traveled to Alpha Chi’s national conference in San Antonio, Tex., where she presented her research on Mexico’s political cartoons and art. Her interest in the subject arose through a course she took on modern Mexico and her independent study into the politics of the Mexican Revolution.

“I’ve found that the Mexican Revolution is alive in the political cartoons and art of today and was even represented in the 2006 presidential elections in Mexico,” she said.

Political graffiti in Mexico.
NSF Grant Seeks to Integrate Math, Analytical Skills

Many college students lack fundamental math, reasoning, and analytical skills, but a new grant promises to address this need at Colby-Sawyer. The college has received a three-year $149,290 grant from the National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Curriculum and Laboratory Improvement Program to incorporate the teaching of basic math and reasoning skills across the liberal arts curriculum.

Colby-Sawyer’s “Quantitative Literacy Across the Curriculum in a Liberal Arts Setting” project seeks to strengthen students’ ability to use basic mathematical concepts and skills that are critical in an information-centered world. The project is designed to ensure that students are able to efficiently gather and analyze information and use it to make well-reasoned decisions in their careers and personal lives.

Assistant Professor of Mathematics Semra Kilic-Bahi, the project’s principle investigator, says that while quantitative literacy can be introduced in math and statistics courses, their relevance in other fields must be continually demonstrated and reinforced for the use of these skills to become habitual.

“Our collaborative liberal arts culture provides us with a unique opportunity to use and reinforce these skills in a variety of sophisticated contexts across the college,” Professor Kilic-Bahi says. “The development of educated, healthy skepticism in evaluating information is an important component of this project.”

The NSF received more than 900 proposals for its program, and, following a rigorous peer review process, awarded approximately $12 million to 100 applicants, including Colby-Sawyer.

The project could serve as an excellent pool for applicants, including Colby-Sawyer.

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national call for an increased understanding of mathematics as the language of science.”

Skills for Life

The NSF grant will enable Colby-Sawyer to become a leader in developing student-centered experiences in quantitative reasoning and provide an exceptional opportunity to generate an interest in science, technology and mathematics, according to Academic Vice President and Dean of Faculty Deborah Taylor.

“We’ve had great success in developing our writing-across-the-college program, and we will use that model to help our students develop proficiency with quantitative reasoning across the Liberal Education Program and in their majors. These are important life skills for every liberally educated person, not just those who choose to major in the sciences,” Vice President Taylor says.

A cross-disciplinary team of Colby-Sawyer educators will lead the project’s development and implementation through February 2010. These faculty members include the principle investigator, Professor Kilic-Bahi, and co-investigators John Callewaert, director of the Institute for Community and the Environment, Ben Steele, professor and chair of the Natural Sciences Department, Lynn Garrio, associate professor of psychology, and Randy Hanson, professor of history.

Creating a New Curriculum

Colby-Sawyer students and faculty will be involved in the development and implementation of the curriculum-wide quantitative literacy (QL) program. The program will recognize students’ current level of math preparation and their career ambitions. It will also assist faculty members in understanding the value and importance of quantitative literacy and the effective teaching of these skills through their course offerings.

“We will promote quantitative literacy as a collective, across-the-college issue and responsibility,” Professor Steele says. “The program will provide our faculty with classroom materials they can implement and assess across the academic disciplines.”

By increasing mathematical content across the curriculum, the QL initiative will strengthen the college’s Liberal Education Program, which currently requires just one course in mathematics and does not offer an academic major or minor in mathematics. The college will also ensure the sustainability of quantitative literacy components across the curriculum, according to former Academic Dean Joe Carroll.

Professor Callewaert hopes that quantitative literacy skills will help his students develop a better understanding of the math behind the maps they create with geographic information systems and other visual displays of data.

“For example, what does it mean if a map shows a 10 percent increase in population in New Hampshire and a 10 percent decline in forest cover over the last decade? Students should be confident enough with math and quantitative analysis so these problems won’t intimidate them,” Professor Callewaert

Stephanie Seavy ’07 Selected for Environmental Leadership Position

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Stephanie Seavy ’07, a graduate of the college’s Community and Environmental Studies (CES) Program, was recently selected to participate in the Green Corps Environmental Leadership Training Program. Stephanie, of Simsbury, Conn., is one of the nation’s top student leaders chosen for a one-year paid position with this environmental training and advocacy organization.

Green Corps, a non-profit program affiliated with environmental organizations such as the Sierra Club and Greenpeace, trains recent college graduates for careers in environmental leadership and advocacy. The program includes intensive classroom training, field experience in running environmental and public health campaigns, and for some participants, placement in permanent leadership positions with leading environmental groups.

“What I really want to do is make change—social justice and environmental change that will better the world,” Stephanie said. “This is the kind of program where I can learn the skills and acquire the knowledge I need to be that kind of leader.”

John Callewaert, director of the Institute for Community and Environment at Colby-Sawyer, expressed pride in his student’s accomplishments. “I’m very proud of Stephanie’s decision to apply for this opportunity and that she was selected from such a large pool of applicants,” Callewaert said. “Stephanie is deeply passionate about environmental issues and this experience will only increase the impact of her activism and advocacy work.”

To compete for 20 to 25 positions with Green Corps, Stephanie and more than 1,000 other college students participated in two days of interviews and public speaking, as well as submitted essays about their strong interests in environmental issues.
seeks to raise awareness in the college project called “Green ROUTES” which Sawyer students completed a yearlong example, she and eight other Colby-her an edge over the competition. For environmental issues may have given and direct experience in addressing paper products and improving the quality by minimizing waste on campus, reduc-
Colby-Sawyer’s environmental impact with the college community to reduce and create a plan to move toward cam-
community about environmental issues (communication studies) attended QL workshops and developed classroom materials.

Colby-Sawyer will make its Quantitative Literacy Program research and teaching materials available to other academic institutions through conference presentations and publications, as well as by posting information on existing Web sites for the Washington Center Curricular Initiatives and the Center for Mathematics and Quantitative Education at Dartmouth College.

To learn more about the Colby-Sawyer College quantitative literacy project, contact Professor Kilic-Bahi at skilic-bahi@colby-sawyer.edu.

Stephanie’s educational background and direct experience in addressing environmental issues may have given her an edge over the competition. For example, she and eight other Colby-Sawyer students completed a yearlong project called “Green ROUTES” which seeks to raise awareness in the college community about environmental issues and create a plan to move toward campus sustainability at Colby-Sawyer. Specifically, the students worked with the college community to reduce Colby-Sawyer’s environmental impact by minimizing waste on campus, reducing campus demands for electricity and paper products and improving the quality and efficiency of campus buildings.

“It’s such a valuable experience to see how change is made through event organizing and working together,” said Stephanie. “Green ROUTES is a multi-dimensional project that will need to involve every person on campus. We really want to use Green ROUTES as an example of how students can change an institution.”

In summer 2006, Stephanie participated in “Change It,” a selective program for college students sponsored by Greenpeace. She and other students spent a week in Washington, D.C., working on “Project Hot Seat,” in which they sought to win champions in Congress in the fight against global warming.

“It was really exciting to be in Congress,” Stephanie said. “The experience helped us learn all the components of starting an environmental project at our own schools, which helped me in the Green ROUTES project.”

Stephanie sees the threat of global climate change as the defining challenge of her generation. “Some people think it’s too big of a problem, but if everyone cares and gets involved, we can make a difference,” she says.

Stephanie’s position with Green Corps begins in August 2007 with three weeks of classroom training at the organization’s Boston location. Then she and the other leaders will run environmental projects for six to eight weeks at a time with environmental organizations such as Greenpeace and the Sierra Club. Over the year, Stephanie will work on many different projects and hopes to gain the project management and leadership skills she will need in her career.
There are many professors in the halls of academe who are considered very good at what they do. There is a second, smaller group that is considered to be great at what they do. Then there is the much smaller group of professors who are considered simply extraordinary at what they do. How does one reach the lofty status of this exclusive and enviable group of extraordinary educators? For a start you could study the career and teaching philosophy of Don Coonley, who, after 18 years as one of Colby-Sawyer’s most accomplished and respected professors, has decided to pursue a second career as a documentary filmmaker.

During his tenure, Don led the way in creating the college’s Communication Studies major as it is today. While he was helping the program grow he never lost focus as the inspirational teacher, mentor, taskmaster, cheerleader, and valued friend his students came to know and love.

In 1992 Don received the Colby-Sawyer Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence, and in 1994 he received the college’s highest honor for faculty, the Jack Jensen Award for Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership. Although he has many attributes as a quality educator, it was Don’s teaching philosophy that enabled him to stand out in his profession.

Don’s Objective as a Teacher

“I’m one of many educators, most notably former U.S. Commissioner of Education Ernest Boyer, who believes that the intellectual and social life of students can be invigorated based on two essential goals,” Don states, “and they are to serve the needs of the students themselves and to serve the needs of society. Education must provide such personal benefits as self-reliance and specific training, as well as develop a wider sense of community responsibility.

“My objective as a teacher,” he continues, “was to involve each student as responsibly as possible in as many functions of pre-production, production and post-production as possible. Assignments were made on the basis of personal preference, proven skills, and perhaps most importantly, potential abilities.

“Despite, or possibly because of, the risks inherent in community media production, I’m increasingly certain that it is a bellwether of the kind of enriched educational experience that seamlessly integrates the promotion of general and specific knowledge. Students, by necessity, not only become more practiced at verbal and written language, but also in the imagery of pictures and sound. They experience the aesthetic considerations that ground the production decisions that shape the public presentation. They learn to navigate through the social webs of institutions as they interact with a diversity of people who constitute a community.”

Remembrance of Times Past

“I gave up tenure at Sacred Heart University to come to Colby-Sawyer,” Don recalls with a smile, “but I did that because I wanted the opportunity to start a new program. That was exciting.

“When I got here in 1989 the college was still all women. President Peggy Stock budgeted $20,000 for me to start the video production part of Communication Studies, which was then called Communication Arts. I spent the money on video editing equipment and cameras, and Colby-Sawyer Insights, our student-produced video program, was underway. My students had no experience, so we began with the basics and started telling stories. My philosophy was that this is not a video class, but rather it’s a communications class that uses video as its medium. We tried to do Insights on the basis of storytelling right from the beginning.

“One of the other things Peggy Stock expected me to accomplish was to start a radio station. So, we began to put together a studio, which, of course, was nothing like it is now. What we did can’t really be called broadcasting. We simply ran a wire between Colgate Hall and the cafeteria in the Ware Campus Center, and,” Don says with mock braggadocio, chuckling as he remembers that primitive beginning, “we had radio programs running all the way across campus. Eventually we received the money to build the Baker Communications Center and then we were able to apply for a license, which required that we fill out a huge
number of forms. This whole process took years, and we didn’t truly begin broadcasting until 1996 because it took such a long time to apply for and be granted our call letters and frequency (WSCS 90.9 FM). I received a tremendous amount of help during this process from my colleague Dorria DiManno, former assistant professor of Communication Studies.

“The mission we had from the beginning was to perform a community service. Our primary audience was our students, but we still wanted a variety of programs. We wanted local news to be covered. We wanted to involve many local community disc jockeys and to have children’s programs and storytellers. We wanted the station to have a community outreach, which it did, primarily thanks to Professor Ernie Freeberg, who became the faculty advisor for the station. So, WSCS turned out to have a variety of important uses because it was run by the students, heavily involved the community, and was a teaching tool for radio production courses.”

Ever the communicator, in 1999 Don wrote Celestial Reckoning, a multi-media stage play which tells the story of three fictional “Colby girls” who attended the college from 1941 to 1943. Thoroughly researched, beautifully written, incredibly well produced and directed, Celestial Reckoning was acclaimed by critics and audiences alike.

As Don explains it, “the idea behind Celestial Reckoning was to try to do something that combined local people, students, faculty and staff into one project. I thought a stage play would be ideal because you could have a live component, as well as video sequences that would be shot and edited by my students.
Not only was this type of production a good learning tool, but it was also an excellent form of community outreach. I thought the 1940s were vastly interesting because of the war, the fact that people like Eleanor Roosevelt visited here, the importance of President H. Leslie Sawyer’s inspiring talks during daily services in the chapel, and because the kind of community that was here then would never occur again. Additionally, it was a time from which we were far enough away that we could implicitly compare it to where we are now. Talking about it brings back a lot of good memories because there were 75 people in that production—faculty, staff, townspeople and a lot of students.

“I think the primary good times I remember,” Don says, “involved not the classroom itself, but the community as classroom. There are the obvious times, such as when we went to New York City to do a story in November after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. I’ve always been most proud of that because of the way our students went out into the community and interacted with people. The students were always treated professionally, and they became professionals as a result of that respect. Some of what they did was quite moving, and those are the things I’ll miss in working with them.

“Leaving Colby-Sawyer is bittersweet,” Don says. “It’s very hard to leave. My time here has been, from the beginning, an enterprise a lot of people shared with me in a very positive way. The memories... of course, it’s always the students. It always is.

“At the end of my last semester while looking over the shoulder of a student who was reviewing video clips from 18 years of programs, I saw our first Insights story about Mountain Day. I got nostalgic remembering the five students who were in my first video class. I went back to my office and checked my e-mail and there was one that had arrived in the last 20 minutes from one of those original students. It was such a startling coincidence. It was a symbolic way to close the circle.”

The Beat of a Different Drummer

Don helped a producer/director/writer friend, Steven John Ross, complete an informative and entertaining feature-length documentary about the great American artist Winslow Homer called “Winslow Homer: Society and Solitude.” It discusses some of the lesser known characteristics of a man who was somewhat of a mystery, an elusive character. Don acted as associate producer, sound recorder and had a small on-screen presence, as well as a significant voice-over role as Homer.

With that success under his belt, Don is currently finishing
a documentary he calls “a work of memory and stories” about his Nebraska childhood in a small town that is now slowly dying. The visuals are finished and he’s completing the soundtrack, which will contain interviews with people who knew Don and his family decades ago when he was 12 years old. Don feels it is a poignant film full of happiness, nostalgia and sadness.

“It’s very personal, but I think it has universal appeal,” he says. “I have other documentary possibilities in mind,” Don explains with a smile at the prospect of working on them. “The first is a film about the critically acclaimed poet and former Colby-Sawyer professor, Wesley McNair, who was recently asked to do a reading for the Library of Congress.

“Another film I’m interested in gets back to students, how they learn, what makes them learn, and what those moments are when they suddenly connect a lot of disparate thoughts and bring them together, which then gives them the reason to move on to the next step. For that one I would use former students I’ve known for the past 35 years. I’m still in touch with some who go all the way back to the beginning of my career.”

The future looks busy and bright for Don as he embarks on his second vocation. When asked how he would like to be remembered for his first career of 35 years, this extraordinary professor answers thoughtfully and with, perhaps, a touch of wistfulness, “My hope is that my students will one day say ‘Some of what I’ve become, I owe to Don.’”

Tributes from Those He Taught

“Don is a professor, friend and mentor to me. I first met him when I took his Video I class, and I knew I had met a man who would stay in my heart forever. He was always willing to listen to my worries and make me laugh along the way. Don is a compassionate person who cares deeply about everyone around him. He made a tremendous positive impact on my life, and I will forever thank him for guiding me through my college years.”

—Anne Walsh ’07

Excerpt from a letter written by Chris Cousins ’98 as he began his Nieman Fellowship in Journalism at Harvard University.

“You are very pronounced despite the fact we were making videos, not newspaper copy. “Show, don’t tell” and “know your audience” were very important lessons for me. Through the deliberate process of thinking about gathering and putting together the pieces of a video documentary, I learned storytelling. I approach print journalism the same way, gathering and putting together pieces in a compelling and dramatic way. I have been complimented many times (including from the people here at Nieman) on my narrative journalism skills and I find it very rewarding. Thank you, Don.”

—Jacob Marquis ’07

Excerpt from a letter written by Didi Dobbs, whose husband, Rich, has directed several episodes of Law and Order, as well as other TV shows. Didi and Rich were Don’s students at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Connecticut.

“I remember coming to your office over 30 (!) years ago. At that time Rich was lost. Without direction. He was a creative guy, but did not know how to channel his energy—to envision a life that could incorporate his talents.

“You took him in, mentored him and exposed him to a world that would change his life—our lives—forever. If it weren’t for you, he may never have thought of making a living using the camera. He may never have learned about editing. You instilled in him the belief that he could make films or episodic TV shows. You got him started. You inspired him at a critical time in his life.

“You’ve been a teacher and friend for so many of us. I just wanted you to know how very important your presence has been in our lives. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

—Didi Dobbs
More than 200 alumni spanning eight decades—from the classes of 1932 to 2002—spent the weekend of June 1–3 on the beautiful Colby-Sawyer campus for Reunion 2007. The festivities were marked by warm camaraderie and a plethora of activities, including numerous workshops, a wine tasting, the 5K Fun Run/Walk, campus and New London tours, cocktail parties, and much, much more.

This year, for the first time, alumni were offered the opportunity to step back into a Colby-Sawyer classroom for an alumni college experience titled Learning Among Friends. Guided by four Colby-Sawyer professors, participants explored a spectrum of topics representing the mix of academic programs offered at the college. Courses included “Understanding Movies: The Art of Film,” “Exploring New Hampshire Aquatic Life: Making Connections Between Land and Water,” “Investigating and Interviewing in the Forensic Setting,” and “The Origins of Modernism.”

With 33 classmates in attendance to celebrate their 50th Reunion, the class of 1957 enjoyed reconnecting as a class and reflecting on the profound role Colby-Sawyer played in their lives. Special activities to honor their milestone celebration included a cocktail reception at the home of President Tom Galligan, a dinner cruise aboard the MV Kearsarge on neighboring Lake Sunapee, and a farewell brunch in the Cleveland Colby Colgate Archives. In recognition of their 50th Reunion, the class continued the Colby-Sawyer tradition of the 50th Reunion Gift Program, and presented a...
substantial class gift to be used for one of the college’s highest priorities: scholarships for current students.

The annual Colby-Sawyer alumni awards were presented at the Gala Reunion Banquet on Saturday evening. Matt Godbout ’95 was the recipient of the Young Alumni Achievement Award, which recognizes an alumna/us for significant achievement and contribution within her/his chosen field and community. A resident of Indiana, Matt currently serves as the sponsorship sales manager for the Super Bowl Champion Indianapolis Colts. Recently, he was instrumental in the $120 million agreement for the naming rights of the Colts’ new stadium. (To read more about Matt’s achievements, see “The Sporting Life” on page 13.) The 2007 recipient of the Alumni Service Award was Nancy Shumway Adams ’52. This award recognizes an alumna/us who has made outstanding volunteer service contributions to Colby-Sawyer and to the public on either a local, national or international level. A loyal supporter of her college, Nancy currently serves on the President’s Alumni Advisory Council. She has also served her class as a class correspondent and a reunion chairperson. Nancy is an engaged member of her local community of Simsbury, Conn., as well, serving with the Land Trust of Simsbury, the Simsbury Beautification Committee, and as a board member of the Hartford Tennis Club.

Reunion provided a wonderful opportunity for alumni to reflect upon and relive their memories of the past, to reconnect with friends and classmates, to rediscover the Colby-Sawyer of today, and to celebrate the future of this very special college. Regardless of class year, it is the shared Colby-Sawyer experience that binds all alumni together and brings them back to this extraordinary place.

Additional highlights from Reunion 2007 are chronicled in the photos on the following pages. To see more Reunion photos, log-on to The Loop at www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends.
Special guests of President Tom Galligan at Saturday afternoon’s Luncheon with the President included members of the class of 1932 Barbara Johnson Stearns and Helen “Dodie” Reece French, who were on campus to celebrate their 75th Reunion.

Members of the class of 2002 received wine tasting techniques from Bill Tighe, who led the World of Wine tasting session with fellow Lake Sunapee Wine Society member Fernando Durán.

Suzanne Vander Veer ’57 and Sally Hutchinson Carola ’57 found some time to relax during the Introduction to Yoga and Meditation session on Friday afternoon.

President Galligan hosted members of the young alumni classes for a cocktail reception at his home prior to the Gala Reunion Banquet.
This year’s runners and walkers in the Reunion Fun Run/Walk pose for a group photo following their 5K trek. Sponsored by the class of 2002, this year’s event was run in memory of Amanda “Mandy” Paro, a member of the class of 2002 who passed away in an automobile accident in 2003.

Carol Schmid von Wattenwyl ’62 received the award for the person who traveled the farthest to attend Reunion. Carol and her husband made the long journey from Oberwil, Switzerland, to New London.

Phil Manning ’97 has a good view from the top.

Caroline Day Wilson ’57 and Kim Yaksha Whiteley ’57 give the peace sign after both conquered the wall.

The Ray Climbing Wall was enjoyed by alumni of all ages over the course of the weekend.

Anne Reynolds Ballin ’82 (l) led a wine glass painting workshop on Friday afternoon. She and Pat White Nash ’62 (r) are pictured here with some of their creations.

With President Tom Galligan suffering from laryngitis, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving Mike Gregory gave voice to the president’s banquet address.
The class with the largest number of classmates returning was 1957. Pictured are (front row, l to r) Elaine McKenzie Kutrosky, Suzanne Vander Veer, Janet Park Been, Jean Holdridge Goheen, Jane Baxter Richardson, (2nd row, l to r) Happy Anthony Griffiths, Barbara Scheelje, Barbara Schmidt Hagele, Kim Yaksha Whiteley, Caroline Day Wilson, Garnett Siefert Shores, Judy Lynah Wheeler, Barbara Tucker, (3rd row, l to r) Mary Knox Tatnall, Diana Donigian Nazarian, Nancy Bailey Smith, Barbara Kootz Adams, Diane Waplington Beck, Polly Cross D’Arche, (4th row, l to r) Lois Hanewald Ward, Bettie Lucie Perreault, Robin McDougall, Diane Gash Brusman, Sally Hutchinson Carola, Diane Shugrue Gallagher, Pauline Masachi, Susan Lovell Garrison and Sandy Dennis Allen.

Alumni who participated in Professor Nick Baer’s “Exploring New Hampshire Aquatic Life” alumni college course enjoyed a field trip to neighboring Messer Pond.

Members of the class of 1952 made a grand entrance into the Gala Reunion Banquet carrying their class banner and singing the alma mater, “Colby Forever.”
Just as the nation began to grasp the threat of climate change and the urgent need to alter how we live, students in Colby-Sawyer’s Community and Environmental Studies (CES) Program launched a wide-ranging effort to raise environmental awareness across the college. Their goal was ambitious: to move the college community to embrace and act on a vision of a “sustainable” campus that lives within nature’s limits.

As part of the CES third-year research project, a group of nine juniors and seniors established Project Green ROUTES (Redirecting Our Campus Toward Environmental Sustainability) in September 2006. They set out to conduct a Campus Sustainability Assessment and create a plan for the college to become a better steward of the environment while reducing costs in the process.

Since the CES program began in 1999, faculty, students and others have discussed the need to “walk our talk” and make campus operations consistent with the philosophy behind the college’s environmental studies curriculum, according to John Callewaert, director of the Institute for Community and Environment and associate professor of social sciences and education.

“We felt this was important for several reasons—to reduce our environmental impact, to realize financial savings for the college, and as a major component of how we present ourselves to prospective students and benefactors,” says Professor Callewaert. “With new leadership at the college, it seemed like the perfect time to take on this project.”

Educating the Community

Institutions of higher learning are inherently well positioned to both teach and practice environmental principles and stewardship, according to Sarah Hammond Creighton, author of “Greening the Ivory Tower.” She says students, as the primary customers of educational institutions, can effectively influence their school’s approach to environmental issues and advocate for institutional change.

“An Inconvenient Truth”

The Green ROUTES group recognized that to affect positive change, they would need to educate the community about what they can do to address environmental problems. In early fall 2006 the students began by hosting a major event, a showing of “An Inconvenient Truth,” followed by a discussion of global climate change. More than 300 people from the college and local communities packed the Curtis L. Ivey Science Center to view the documentary featuring former Vice President Al Gore and to participate in a lively discussion.

Green ROUTES member Stephanie Seavy ’07 sees the threat of global climate change as the defining challenge of her generation. She says the event sparked interest in the Green ROUTES project as well as helped people to understand that they must be part of the global solution. “Some people think [climate change] is too big of a problem, but if everyone cares and gets involved, we can make a difference,” she maintains.

Green Investments

The Green ROUTES group also explored the college’s interest in investing in socially and environmentally conscious companies. Last fall the group joined students in Professor Leon-C. Malan’s business class, Organizations and Their Environment (BUS 321), to review the college’s investment portfolio. The students found that the college’s investments are spread over many different funds which don’t hold environmental/social concerns as their highest priority.

The students took four existing funds, or 30 percent of the college’s portfolio, and tested the financial impact if invested over four years in “green” and socially conscious funds through Winslow,
Calvert and PAX World. The students’ conclusion: the college could have earned an additional $880,000 with green investments.

“The students’ recommendation is that the college set aside five to 10 percent of its endowment to be invested in funds with green or clean screens,” says Professor Malan. “Their analysis demonstrated that there need not be a cost associated with such a policy; on the contrary, the college might benefit financially.”

Sharing Knowledge with the Community

At the end of the fall and spring semesters, the Green ROUTES group held presentations for the campus, inviting the administration, faculty, staff and students to see their progress and engage in discussion. In December, the students presented the initial findings of their Campus Sustainability Assessment, while in May they offered an overview of their project, with numerous recommendations for how the campus can move toward sustainability for the future.

The students also made a final presentation to the college’s Board of Trustees during their May meeting. Trustee Dan Wolf found the Green ROUTES presentation “thorough and well done, exciting and captivating.

“It was a real eye-opener about the college’s consumption of paper, electricity and water,” he says. “It created a new awareness for the trustees about what the college can do differently. The entire Board of Trustees was totally engaged and committed to seeing how we can make better use of our resources. It’s a wonderful opportunity for Colby-Sawyer to practice what we teach.”

The Green ROUTES group also laid the groundwork for future students by offering ideas for incorporating environmental education into Student Orientation. The students suggested an environmental theme be incorporated into the event, and they provided guidelines for students for minimizing their environmental impact and conserving resources in their rooms and on campus.

An Amazing Learning Experience

The Green ROUTES project provided opportunities for the CES students to learn more about their field and working as a team, as well as the often frustrating challenges of bringing about change in a community.

“I definitely have a sense of urgency now that I’ve learned the seriousness of all the environmental issues that have to be addressed,” says Alexa Fitzgerald ’08. “People can’t stand around and wait for someone else to do it, because no one will.”

A native of Alaska who has witnessed the effects of global warming, Fitzgerald says the project gave her a chance to put classroom learning into practice.

As the lead instructor for the third-year project and related courses, CES 301/302: Community-Based Research Project I and II, Professor Callewaert began by having students read “Greening the Ivory Tower: Improving the Environmental Track Record of Universities, Colleges, and other Institutions.” The Green ROUTES group also visited Middlebury College (Vt.) and Proctor Academy (Andover, N.H.) to see examples of how campuses move toward environmental sustainability.

The Green ROUTES group then developed a 30-point work plan, or Campus Sustainability Assessment, for which each student took on leadership roles in several areas of college operations. The students took a hard look at major aspects of college life—energy, purchasing, grounds, equipment, Student Services, Dining Services and Recycling—to find ways to lessen the college’s environmental impact or “footprint” and realize cost savings whenever possible.

Under the guidance of Professor of Natural Sciences Ben Steele, several students researched ways to reduce energy and water consumption on campus. “The students read about what had been done on other campuses and came up with their own ideas about what we should do here,” says Professor Steele.

Anna Clark, who researched efficient and cost-effective ways to illuminate campus buildings, learned that the college would use much less energy by changing from incandescent to compact fluorescent lighting. She found that in several areas of campus—the Susan Colgate Cleveland Library/Learning Center, the David L.
warming firsthand, Alexa hopes to work on environmental policy after graduation. “The project really showed me what I want to do in the future. It’s taught me to see and sell my ideas.”

The project taught Anna Clark ’07 how difficult it is to affect change across an institution. “It put the spotlight on how hard it will be to have a global impact,” she says. “People believe change is harder than it really is, but we tried to show there’s a real benefit to it.”

Geoff Pushee ’08 liked the way the project allowed the group to turn what they learned into something tangible with the potential to benefit the college well into the future. Like most of the other Green ROUTES members, he plans to work in the environmental field, and the project spawned his interest in green building design, which he’d like to combine with his skills in carpentry.

The CES students were extremely committed to the project and excited about the changes they were making, according to Professor Callewaert, yet they were eager to accomplish more, faster. “It took us awhile to come to the understanding that while a year seems like a long time, it’s really hard to change an institution that quickly,” he says. “We worked to find a balance of things we could do that would make an impact now versus gathering the information and formulating the recommendations that could really change Colby-Sawyer over the next three to 10 years.”

Colleges Go Green

Colleges and universities have been working on environmental sustainability for the past two to three decades, according to Professor Callewaert, but in recent years, emerging research on global climate change and the rising cost of energy have fueled greater interest and momentum in the movement, particularly among students. “It’s become one of the things that colleges need to be doing to remain competitive,” he maintains.

In a comprehensive review of campus sustainability efforts in 2006, the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability

Coffin Field House and the Dan and Kathleen Hogan Center pool—the conversion to fluorescent light was well underway.

“Within the first year (2005), changing the light bulbs in the library resulted in a 75 percent reduction in energy and a cost savings of $9,360,” Anna says, adding that incandescent bulbs convert about 5 percent of energy into light, while the other 95 percent is lost as heat. “Making it a (campus-wide) policy to have compact fluorescent bulbs,” Anna maintains, “is very important in decreasing the size of our ecological footprint.”

Kris Ramsay found that the college could reduce its water consumption and associated costs dramatically by installing low-flow toilets and urinals. The campus still has 119 high-flow toilets, for which it pays $28,949 each year, while its water and sewer costs for the 131 low-flow toilets are just $8, 635. “If the high flow were replaced by low flow, the school would save roughly 1,280,000 gallons of water, or about $21,000 per year,” Kris estimates. “Colby-Sawyer would not only reduce its environmental impact on campus but throughout New London.”

Stephanie Goggin reviewed the five-year-old recycling program, which covers bottles, paper and cans, as well as a recent initiative to recycle cell phones and batteries. The college should expand its current program, she maintains, by placing small recycling bins
in each residence hall room and in campus offices and add more recycling centers across campus.

In their audit of campus technology, Sean Wheeler ’08 and Geoff Pushee ’08 counted 343 printers used by faculty and staff, with 123 in Colgate Hall alone. They suggest the college begin to replace individual printers with one energy-saving network model for each department and to purchase only 100-percent recycled paper. Recycled paper wouldn’t cost much more, they maintain, and would mean fewer trees felled.

In conducting a campus inventory of plant species, Brian Valle ’07 found a proliferation of invasive species. The college should create a long-term plan to eradicate invasive species such as Norway Maple, Purple Loosestrife and Oriental Bittersweet, according to Brian, and replace them with native species across campus. He also suggests the college plant wildflower meadows in some areas of campus to reduce the costs and pressure of lawn maintenance.

To reduce the number of cars on campus and quell the growing need for new parking spaces, Stephanie Seavy recom-
mends the college take advantage of Zip Car, a car-sharing program now popular on 18 East Coast campuses. The program allows faculty, staff and students with drivers’ licenses to rent a Zip Car by the hour or the day.

“Like many other colleges, Colby-Sawyer has a limited amount of parking spaces,” says Stephanie. “Due to a lack of public transportation in the area, many students are forced to bring their own vehicles to campus.” By enrolling in the Zip Car program, she believes more students would opt to leave their cars at home.

The students explored many other areas of campus operations and offered recommendations ranging from the composting of food waste; better insulation, windows and doors in some campus buildings; and environmentally friendly “green” designs for future buildings. The students would also like the college to explore alternative energy sources such as solar and, especially, wind power, a plentiful, renewable resource for a campus that sits on a windy hill.

**The Future is Green**

While change tends to happen slowly with individuals and within institutions, the Green ROUTES project has already sparked some action and laid the groundwork for the future “greening” of Colby-Sawyer College.

President Galligan has signed on to the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, along with 315 other colleges and universities, a sign of his intention to move the institution toward sustainability. He and senior staff have begun to discuss the feasibility of implementing some of Green ROUTES’ recommendations, such as hiring a campus sustainability coordinator and creating a Green Fund to support the sustainability efforts.

“Green ROUTES has been an incredibly important initiative for the college because it has helped us to both focus on and plan for campus sustainability,” says President Galligan. “By stressing sustainability as a Colby-Sawyer value, we make an important statement both to the college community and beyond. We’re also extremely proud this academic initiative was spearheaded by our Community and Environmental Studies Program as part of its unique third-year project.”

The Green ROUTES students can take pride in instigating some changes, and more importantly, planting seeds for a major cultural shift on campus. Community members across campus are more aware of their environmental impact and considering how to change the way they do business.

**What you can do to Support Green ROUTES**

- turn off lights
- convert to fluorescent lighting
- monitor room heating
- conserve water
- share rides when possible
- recycle and generate less waste
- use e-documents and print double-sided
- plant a tree
- be creative
- talk to your friends about Green ROUTES

Several departments have already purchased network printers, and the Community and Environmental Studies Program is the first area committed to using only recycled paper. Incoming students will receive a tip sheet from Green ROUTES on “How to Be Green at CSC” before they arrive on campus. Most importantly, Green ROUTES has given the community a map that can take the college in a more green and healthy direction.

To learn more about Green ROUTES and view their project report and presentations visit: [http://www.colby-sawyer.edu/academic/ces/greenroutes/index.html](http://www.colby-sawyer.edu/academic/ces/greenroutes/index.html)

*(From left to right) Carly Rademaker ’07, a CES student with a Business Administration minor, along with Business Administration students Robert Burnett ’07, Stephanie Kimball ’07 and Patrick Sylvia ’07, present their findings on green investments at the Green ROUTES mid-project presentation.*
The Sporting Life

by Mike Gregory

Each year, the college graduates 30 to 40 Exercise and Sport Sciences (ESS) majors, students who are interested in pursuing careers in sports—not as athletes, but behind the scenes. The major, which was launched in 1983, offers students the chance to focus on athletic training, exercise science, or sport management.

We recently had the chance to interview some of our young alumni who, after majoring in ESS with a concentration in sport management, have had success in the world of professional sports. Matt Godbout ’95 works for the reigning National Football League Super Bowl champion Indiana Colts as a sponsorship sales manager. Ethan Casson ’96 is senior vice president of corporate sales and services for the Minnesota Timberwolves of the National Basketball Association. Melissa Weymouth ’00 is the manager of national team events and marketing for USA Volleyball. Katrina Ryan ’01 is the senior premium services coordinator for the Carolina Hurricanes, the National Hockey League franchise that won the Stanley Cup in 2006—and which, until 1997, was long familiar to New Englanders as the Hartford Whalers. Jeph Fillion ’03 is ticket sales manager with New Hampshire’s own Manchester Monarchs of the American Hockey League, a team that recently finished the best season in its history, reaching the Eastern Conference finals.

Q: Can you tell us about your job and how you got there from Colby-Sawyer?

Matt Godbout: Following graduation, I worked at Daniel Webster College in Nashua, N.H., then earned a master’s in sports management from Indiana State University in 2000. An internship led to a full-time position with the Indiana Pacers, the National Basketball League franchise that won the Stanley Cup in 2006—and which, until 1997, was long familiar to New Englanders as the Hartford Whalers. Jeph Fillion ’03 is ticket sales manager with New Hampshire’s own Manchester Monarchs of the American Hockey League, a team that recently finished the best season in its history, reaching the Eastern Conference finals.

Ethan Casson: I manage the strategic development of our corporate sponsors, as well as day-to-day operations of the corporate sales and services department. As for my career trajectory, by the time I was 22 (one year removed from CSC), I had completed six internships within the sports industry. My first full-time job was with ESPN, which lasted about two years. Following that I moved to Minnesota to work with the Timberwolves, starting as a corporate services coordinator and working my way up through five positions before becoming a senior vice president. I just celebrated my eighth year with the organization.

Melissa Weymouth: I received my master’s of arts in education with a concentration in sport management from the University of Connecticut. Then I interned with USA Fencing in Colorado Springs, which led me to apply for my current job. I played volleyball in high school and at Colby-Sawyer so this was a good fit. My job involves planning and coordinating the Boys Junior Olympic Championships, as well as all National Team domestic events, such as the World League tournament and the NORCECA Volleyball Championship. I also handle sponsor servicing and fulfillment.

Katrina Ryan: During my senior year I knew I wanted to go to graduate school, so I applied to three sports management graduate programs. I chose Ohio University, which has the country’s first—and one of the best—sports administration programs. After graduating from OU I ended up in Raleigh, N.C., in August 2003, and have been here since. My job involves taking care of our suite clients at the RBC Center. There are about 75 companies who lease a whole suite or part of a suite. We run special events for them as well as manage their season tickets for Carolina Hurricanes hockey, NC State Men’s Basketball, and other RBC Center events. We also have 800 premium season ticket holders for whom we manage the benefit they receive of being able to order extra tickets prior to the sale of tickets to the public. That is just some of what takes place behind the scenes.

Jeph Fillion: I attended Colby-Sawyer right in the heart of what I call the “Jerry Maguire” era, when “sports agent” had become a household term. However, as I pursued a career in athlete representation, I quickly found myself traveling a different path towards front office operations. Between my sophomore and junior years, I interned full time with the Nashua Pride, an Independent League baseball team out of Nashua, N.H., and followed that up
with a full-time internship with the Manchester Monarchs of the American Hockey League (AHL). I graduated that following May looking to pursue a career in the AHL and took a job in Albany, N.Y., with the Albany River Rats. After one season, I was offered a position with the Monarchs as an account executive in 2004, and with the guidance of my predecessors I made my way to my current position as ticket sales manager. I help to oversee the day-to-day operations of the ticket sales department. On game nights, I oversee the Customer Care table. We go to great lengths to make sure this table is a focal point for our fans, as customer service is of the utmost importance throughout our organization.

Q: What are some of the challenges you face in your job?

Matt: The new stadium has been a primary focus as we move into the upcoming season. The big challenge now is balancing sales for the upcoming 2007 season, the last in the RCA Dome, while selling the large “founding partner” sponsorships we are presenting for the new Lucas Oil Stadium. There is a lot of crossover between the two right now.

Ethan: The Timberwolves are in a very competitive marketplace. This area has four professional sports teams, and then there is the University of Minnesota. We are all competing for the same corporate and entertainment dollar. That is definitely a big challenge.

Melissa: My biggest challenge is being a woman in the man’s world of sports. Women have to work twice as hard to prove themselves in this environment. Since showing that I am capable of executing my job well, I have earned respect from my coworkers, as well as the participants and staff at our events. In this business you have to be willing to work hard, learn from your mistakes and make the best of every situation no matter how tough things might get.

Q: How does your team’s success, or lack of success, affect your job?

Matt: To be honest, things haven’t changed all that much for the front office since the Colts won the Super Bowl. We still have sponsorships to sell and goals to reach. We were back in the office on Tuesday following the Super Bowl, back at it like it was just another game. Still, you truly appreciate what may be a once-in-a-lifetime thing. And it definitely helps that when I walk into a sales call, I walk in representing the Super Bowl champions.

Ethan: Obviously team performance plays a significant role in the success of any team’s business. That being said, we are a part of the NBA, one of the most recognizable brands in the world with some of the best athletes in the world.

Katrina: Winning the Stanley Cup was a major event—for me, for the team, for the city of Raleigh, and for the entire Southeast. Going into the season after the lockout, our team was ranked at the bottom. No one expected the Carolina Hurricanes to do well. Winning the cup has given our team and our building, the RBC Center, great exposure. It’s also helped prove wrong the perception that hockey can’t survive in the Southeast.

Jeph: The Monarchs have made the playoffs every year of their existence, but we’ve had this “curse” of being knocked out in the first round every time. In the front office, our post-season failure quickly became the elephant in the room. This makes it more difficult to pull in new fans and make the transition over the summer for the next season. This year, though, we advanced to the Eastern Conference Finals for the first time ever, and the monkey has finally jumped off our back. I won’t lie; even as I respond to this…my job just got easier.

Q: How closely do you interact with the players? Do you ever get to play with them?

Melissa: I never play volleyball with the players. They would kill me. We have a guy that serves the ball at 90 miles an hour and most hit between 60 and 70 mph. I do know all of the athletes and interact with them while I am at an event, but I don’t hang out with them. I am friends with the coaching staff and we regularly do things together.

Katrina: Everyone asks if I get to hang out with the players. The answer is no. The same is true for those who work for any professional sports team, unless one works directly with the players in a position like In her position with USA Volleyball, Melissa Weymouth organizes domestic events for the national team, such as this World League Tournament match versus Japan.
Q: Is there anything our readers might be surprised to learn about your job?
Katrina: Some people might be surprised to know that a job in this industry requires working many hours for little pay. There’s a misconception that because the players make a lot of money, the rest of us must make a lot too. Across all sports, starting salary for an entry level position is probably somewhere in the low-to-mid $20,000s. Many of us work anywhere from 40 hours to 80 hours a week, and some of my coworkers may even work more than that. The sports and entertainment industry can be fun, but it does require a lot of hard work, dedication, and even support from your loved ones, because you may not get to see them much. It takes a special type of person to work in this industry; at the end of the day you have to be willing to do it all and still be happy. Those of us who are in it understand that you have to start somewhere and work your way up from there.

Q: Where do you hope your career takes you?
Matt: I’d like to stay in the professional sports industry but advance in my career. Ultimately I’d like to make my way back to New England if the right opportunity presents itself.

Ethan: When I began my career ten years ago, my ultimate goal was to become the president of a professional sports team. That goal remains the same today.

Katrina: I enjoy working for a professional sports team very much and would like to continue to do so, but I could also see myself moving towards marketing, sponsorship, and special events. For me, it’s more about the environment and the work that goes into putting on an event.

Jeph: I must admit that I did not start out hoping to be a ticket sales manager. I had dreams of being involved in elaborate sports marketing campaigns and working with professional athletes on multi-million dollar endorsement deals. However, I recognized the need to learn and to grow before I could make my dream a reality. I love what I do now, but I have not lost sight of my dreams. Being a president or general manager of a sports team are in my sights, but I keep marketing and sports law in my back pocket. I always keep my options and my dreams open.

Q: Any words of advice for people considering a career in professional sports?
Matt: Think seriously about getting an internship in the industry. After graduating from Colby-Sawyer, I sent out résumés to every NFL, NBA, NHL, and MLB team in the country and got two responses, both saying the same thing: “Thank you for your interest, we’ll keep your résumé on file.” I went back to grad school basically as an excuse to get an internship in pro sports in the hope it would provide me the right networking opportunities. Luckily for me it did. An internship with a pro sports team is a necessity if you want a realistic shot at getting a foot in the door in professional sports.

Ethan: Do not settle. If you truly are determined to work in sports, make it happen. Do not let the excuse of “you need to know someone” get in the way of what you want to do. Determination and drive will be the ultimate difference maker.

Katrina: You can look at team Web sites to see what jobs are posted, but there are hundreds of other people doing the same thing. Sometimes the only way to get your resume looked at is by having a connection with someone in the organization. Networking right out of college can be difficult because you are starting your career and don’t know many people. Through internships and volunteering you can make connections; stay in contact with those people. And you have to be willing to move out of New England if you are dead set on working in sports, which is how I ended up in North Carolina.

Jeph: Many roads lead to the same goal, so don’t be afraid to take a different path. If you are offered a job, engulf yourself in the position and constantly strive to learn something new every day. If you stop learning, you stop growing, and you can’t climb the corporate ladder if you’ve given yourself a ceiling.

Melissa: Don’t sweat the small stuff!
As of this writing, 48 students are scheduled to enroll in the Exercise and Sport Sciences major in the fall of 2007. We look forward to bringing you news of their successes in the years to come.
Awards Presented to Faculty, Staff, Alumni and Friends

Susan Colgate Cleveland Medal for Distinguished Service
Hilary Paterson Cleveland

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree
Hilary Paterson Cleveland

Jack Jensen Award for Excellence in Teaching
Maurissa Abecassis

Distinguished Alumni Award
Jean “Je-Je” Harding Pierce ‘47

Town Award
David J. Seastrand

Gown Award
Peter Berthiaume

Nancy Beyer Opler Award for Excellence in Advising
Loretta S. Wonacott Barnett

Graduate Award
Shawn Paul Fleisner ‘06

At top of page: As President Tom Galligan (left) looks on, Professor Hilary Cleveland displays the Susan Colgate Cleveland Medal for Distinguished Service, the college’s highest honor and one of two impressive awards she received.

Center: Prior to the Commencement celebration President Tom Galligan (third from left) and Chairman of the Board of Trustees Anne Winton Black ‘73, ‘75 (fourth from left) joined award recipients (l to r) New London Police Chief Dave Seastrand (Town Award), Professor Maurissa Abecassis (Jack Jensen Award for Excellence in Teaching), Professor Hilary Cleveland (Susan Colgate Cleveland Medal for Distinguished Service and Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree), and Director of Campus Safety Pete Berthiaume (Gown Award).

Bottom: One of two senior commencement speakers, Alicia Harris spoke of “Crossroads: Finding Your Place,” a topic that reflects the college’s values and learning outcomes.
Awards Presented to the Members of the Class of 2007

David H. Winton Baccalaureate Award
Kara A. Watts

Colby-Sawyer Award
Kara A. Watts

Scholar-Athlete Award
Sean Patrick Gildea

Wynne Jesser McGrew Scholar-Athlete Award
Jessica Lillian Niebuhr

Alpha Chi Award
Sarah Elizabeth Howard

Senior Achievement Awards
Zachary William Ackles
Samantha Faye Godfrey

Senior Commencement Speakers
Zachary William Ackles
Alicia Rose Harris

Top of page: President Tom Galligan received a standing ovation as he was formally invested as president of Colby-Sawyer College. Colby-Sawyer chose to celebrate President Galligan’s investiture as part of the college’s most important academic ceremony. This was in keeping with the best interests of our students and our new president’s personality and leadership style.

2nd row: Some of the 227 graduates who participated in the memorable occasion were (l to r) Exercise and Sport Sciences major Chris Zito and Nursing majors Laura Sawyer, Odalie Bernash, and Kathryn Birdsey.

3rd row left: English major Kara Watts had her hands full as she received the David H. Winton Baccalaureate Award as the student in the graduating class with the highest grade point average and the Colby-Sawyer Award as the student who best exemplified the ideals of the college. Kara’s presenter is Academic Vice President and Dean of Faculty Deb Taylor.

3rd row right: Senior Commencement Speaker Zack Ackles impressed the audience with his thoughts and insights into what the past four years had meant for him.

Below: After the ceremony, the graduates recessed through the honor corridor of trustees, faculty and staff. Pictured here are Tracy Panunzio (left) and Mariana Norby.
Baccalaureate Awards

**Studio Art**
Lisa C. Haedrich

**Biology**
John Peter O’Laughlin

**Business Administration**
Dr. Margaret “Marnie” Kurtz Award
Robert Silva

**Child Development**
Leah Marie Salach

**Communication Studies**
Nicole Marie Iapicca

**Community and Environmental Studies**
Carly J. Rademaker

**English**
Carl M. Cochran Award
Kara A. Watts

**Exercise and Sport Sciences**
Lesley A. Bolton

**Graphic Design**
Jeffrey Bannon Blood

**History, Society and Culture**
Sarah Elizabeth Howard

**Nursing**
Grace Adella Sheldon Graves Award
Paula Spanos

**Psychology**
Sarah Jeanne Dow

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**Top left:** President Galligan confers a B.A. in studio art on a beaming Nicole Hawkes.

**Top right:** Psychology major Breien Milton’s big smile spoke volumes and was a true indicator of the joyous thoughts and sunny weather that suffused the day.

**2nd row left and right:** Sean Gildea (left) and Katelynn Sheaff shared their accomplishments with proud family members. The silver bowl in Sean’s hand is his Scholar-Athlete Award. His female counterpart, Jessica Niebuhr (not pictured), received the Wynne Jesser McGrew Scholar-Athlete Award.

**3rd row left and right:** The graduates celebrated along with an overflow crowd of more than 1,200 who attended the event. After the ceremony the new alumni and their guests gathered in the Dan and Kathleen Hogan Sports Center for a reception and where the college’s hugs-per-minute record was easily surpassed among tears of joy and farewell.

**Bottom:** Before they stepped out in new directions, (l to r) Rob Burnett (Business Administration), Dan Cwirka (Graphic Design) and Dave Bagley (Exercise and Sport Sciences) reminisced about their four-year journey together.
FALL 2006

Volleyball (21-14, 7-3 CCC)

The Colby-Sawyer Women’s Volleyball Team lost six starters from a team that won two Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) championships, but the fall 2006 squad rebounded to finish strong as they won the Bridgewater State Tournament the final weekend of the regular season and then proceeded to finish as the ECAC Tournament runner-up. Senior setter Jessica Niebuhr (Manitou Springs, Colo.) firmly established herself in the Colby-Sawyer record books, finishing her career as Colby-Sawyer’s all-time assist leader. She also ranked second in digs, third in aces and seventh in both blocks and kills on her way to receiving her third straight honor as a First Team All-Conference pick.

Women’s Soccer (7-7-3, 6-4-2 CCC)

After a rocky start to the 2006 season, the Colby-Sawyer Women’s Soccer Team rattled off six wins over their last eight games. Unfortunately, a loss in the opening round of the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) Tournament ended their season. Sophomore Jessica Foster (South Dennis, Mass.) was named First Team All-Conference for her efforts as the team’s second leading scorer, and sophomore Elise Kapp (Yarmouth Port, Mass.) received Second Team All-Conference accolades for her team-leading eight goals.
Men's Soccer (6-11-2, 4-5-2 CCC)
The Chargers Men's Soccer Team was plagued by injury during the 2006 campaign, as five starters suffered injuries that sidelined them for much, if not all, of the season. Nevertheless, the Chargers always hung tough with the competition, fighting their way to six wins and a No. 6 seed in the conference tournament, which they exited in the first round. Sophomore Pat Benson (Essex, Vt.) earned ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District honors for his achievements on the field and in the classroom.

Women's Tennis (12-2, 8-1 CCC)
The 2006 season proved to be a promising one for the Women's Tennis Team, as they tore through the competition in the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) on their way to a No. 2 seed in the conference tournament. A roster dominated by underclassmen and a lone senior fought its way to the conference semifinals where they lost to eventual champion Roger Williams 6-3. With her 13 victories on the season, senior Alex Hardenbrook (Kennebunk, Maine) moved into fourth all-time in career victories for the Chargers, amassing 75 total wins in her four year career.

—WINTER 2006–07—

Men’s Basketball (10-15, 8-8 CCC)
The men’s basketball team, after losing several key starters, including ESPN Academic All-American Andrew St. Clair, used this season as a rebuilding year. This gave a team with only three upperclassmen a chance to grow and gain experience. The team finished the season as the No. 4 seed in the Commonwealth Coast Conference North Division, but lost their first round match-up with Curry College. Sophomore Ryan Murray (Killingworth, Conn.) earned Honorable Mention All-Conference for his efforts on the season, which included twice tying the school record for most rebounds in a game with 19.

Women’s Basketball (22-6, 16-1 CCC)
The Chargers Women's Basketball Team ran away with the regular season Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) championship, but came up just one point short of winning their sixth CCC Tournament Championship. Junior forward Noelle Surette (Buxton, Maine) was the highlight player of the season, as she racked up a school-record 504 points for the year and earned CCC Player of the Year honors. She was also named New Hampshire Coaches Association Player of the Year and was chosen to the All-New England Team. Head Coach George Martin received his fourth CCC Coach of the Year award for leading the Chargers to their fifth consecutive 20-plus win season.

Alpine Ski Racing
The Chargers Alpine Ski Racing Team made their 10th trip to the United States Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Association (USCSA) Nationals competition this past season and finished as one of the top teams not only in the region, but in the nation. At the USCSA Regional Championships in Waterville, N.H., both the men's and women's teams brought home first place finishes and combined for 19 All-Eastern Collegiate Ski Conference awards, including 11 First Team honors. At nationals in Winter Park, Colo., the Chargers continued their run of success at the national level as the women's team placed third overall and the men finished eighth. Senior Ryan Dunstan (Sinking Spring, Pa.) earned the Colby-Sawyer Male Athlete of the Year award for his efforts on the slopes over his four year career during which he also earned five USCSA All-American awards.

Swimming and Diving
In their sixth season of existence the Colby-Sawyer Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Teams each turned in respectable seasons. The
For the second year in a row, sophomore teams into the finals numerous times. Breien, a conference champion in the backstroke events and over four years. Breien Milton (Brookline, Mass.) remained conference champion in the 50m and 100m fly. This year he also moved up a spot from last season to place second in the 200m fly. Wil posted new school records in the 50m fly (23.55), 200m fly (1:59.79) and in his lead-off leg of the 200m free relay in which his time of 22.07 in the 50m free became the new school record. The Colby-Sawyer Men’s Tennis Team was as good or better than most of the competition in the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC), going 7-1 in eight conference matches and earning the No. 2 seed in the CCC.}

**Women’s Lacrosse (8-7, 6-3 CCC)**

The Chargers Women’s Lacrosse Team advanced to the semifinal round of the Commonwealth Coast Conference tournament thanks to a 12-5 victory over in-state rival New England College. In the semifinal game, Colby-Sawyer was unable to overcome an early deficit and fell to the eventual runner-up, Gordon, 11-7. Four Chargers earned All-CCC honors, including Tara Stewart (Londonderry, N.H.), Julia Steele (Wilmot, N.H.), Lisa Giordano (Londonderry, N.H.) and Allicia Murphy (North Bennington, Vt.)

**Baseball (18-19, 13-7 CCC)**

After returning from the team’s spring trip to Florida with a 3-8 record, the Chargers went on a tear and rattled off 15 wins during the month of April. This earned them a home playoff game for the Commonwealth Coast Conference double-elimination tournament. In the first game of the tournament, senior Sean Gildea (Haverhill, Mass.) struck out a school record 17 batters, but the Chargers were unable to score a run, dropping a 1-0 decision. In game two of the double elimination tournament, the Chargers’ Chris Baker (Essex Jct., Vt.) scattered 14 hits and gave up just three runs, but it was not enough as the Chargers fell to Endicott by a final score of 3-1. For his efforts on the field and in the classroom, Sean was named the Colby-Sawyer Male Scholar-Athlete. He leaves Colby-Sawyer as the school’s all-time strikeout leader, having amassed 169 over his four-year career. He also posted the third lowest earned run average (ERA) in a single season in school history, allowing just 1.69 runs per nine innings.

**Men’s Tennis (14-5, 7-1 CCC)**

The Colby-Sawyer Men’s Tennis Team was as good or better than most of the competition in the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC), winning 7-1 in eight conference matches and earning the No. 2 seed in the CCC. Tournament. After dispatching Roger Williams in the tournament semi-finals, it was old foe Salve Regina the Chargers would have to defeat for their first-ever conference title. Unfortunately, the Chargers fell short by a 7-2 score, but still had a successful season to look back on. Senior Daniel Munsey (Arlington, Mass.) moved into the record books, earning 81 career victories, which made him third on the all-time career victory list.

**Track and Field**

The top story of the Chargers Track and Field Team again this season was All-American Brittni Stewart (Northfield, N.H.). Brittni ranked first in both the New England region and the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference in the javelin. She won every meet she entered except the Nationals. At the New England Championships, she earned her third All-New England award, out-throwing the field by almost 20 feet on her way to victory. At Nationals in Oshkosh, Wis., Brittni ended her career with an impressive third place finish, becoming the school’s only four-time NCAA All-American. She was also the recipient of the Colby-Sawyer Female Athlete of the Year award. On the men’s side, sophomore Ian O’Leary (Reading, Mass.) helped lead the Chargers to their first-ever CCC Invitational Championship, as the men won 11 events en route to their impressive victory.

**Equestrian**

The Colby-Sawyer Equestrian Team finished the fall season with a first place showing at Mount Ida. In the spring, senior Jody Moore (Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.) won the Cacchione Cup in the year’s final regular-season show, an award given to a top-10 Open Class rider in the region. She also won the prestigious College Challenge Cup at Regional Championships against the region’s top-10 riders. In addition to Jody, four other Colby-Sawyer riders qualified for regionals. They were senior Valerie Campbell, sophomore Aly Good, and juniors Holly Tumiel and Missy Lewis.
Get in The Loop!

Colby-Sawyer’s new online alumni community, The Loop, launched on March 1. It’s a fabulous way to stay in touch with former classmates, find a lost friend, network to advance your career, and much more. Over 1,400 alumni have now logged on, creating profiles, starting interest groups, and building the community. It’s free for all alumni, so what are you waiting for? Simply go to www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends and get in The Loop!

Five Alumni to be Inducted into the Colby-Sawyer College Athletic Hall of Fame

On Sunday, Oct. 7, 2007, five outstanding former Colby-Sawyer/Colby Junior College athletes will be inducted into the college’s Athletic Hall of Fame. Established in 2006, the Colby-Sawyer College Athletic Hall of Fame honors the achievements of the college’s outstanding individual athletes, teams, coaches and supporters who have enhanced and reinforced the college’s commitment to athletic excellence. The 2007 inductees will include Marilyn Chase ’52, Mary Druding ’83, Kelly Bryant Belanger ’87, Jim McGilvery ’96 and Katie Sykes Follis ’00.

Nominations for the 2008 inductees will be accepted through March 1, 2008. To learn more or to submit a nomination online, visit www.colby-sawyer.edu/athletics/athletics_HOF.html.

Shop at the Alumni Marketplace

Looking for a pair of Colby-Sawyer flip-flops? Need a frame to showcase your Colby-Sawyer diploma? Show your school pride and check out the variety of Colby-Sawyer gear in the Alumni Marketplace at www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends/gear.

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Alumni Holiday Party
Save the date now for the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region Annual Alumni Holiday Party, Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007. Join President Tom Galligan and your fellow alumni to celebrate the season in Wheeler Hall in the Ware Campus Center from 5–7 p.m.

Alumni Awards Nominations
Do you know an alumna/us who is deserving of a Colby-Sawyer Alumni Award? The Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving is seeking nominations for the 2008 Alumni Service Award and Young Alumni Achievement Award. To learn more about each award and/or to submit an online nomination, visit www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends/alumni/awards. Nominations will be accepted through Dec. 31, 2007, and the final selections will be made by members of the President's Alumni Advisory Council. For more information, contact Co-Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving Chris Reed at (603) 526-3797.

Thank You For Your Support!
Every year, thousands of alumni, parents, faculty and staff, friends, corporations and foundations support the Colby-Sawyer College Annual Fund, making an immediate impact on the lives of each and every student. The college wishes to thank you, our alumni, for your continued and generous giving to the Annual Fund. No matter the size, your gift supports the Colby-Sawyer values you hold dear, shows your confidence in the education you treasure, and expresses your commitment to the future of your college. Thank you.

Alumni Photos
To submit photos for the class notes section of the Alumni Magazine, send photos to the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving or e-mail digital photos to alumni@colby-sawyer.edu. All photos must include the full name and class year of everyone pictured. Digital photos must be at a resolution of at least 300 dpi. Cell phone camera photos will not be accepted. Photos of babies/children will only be published if an alumna/us is also in the photo. We cannot guarantee publication of every submitted photo.

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

Mary Jane “Mimi” Downes Watson ’55 at Simmons College on March 31, 2007.
Nancy Woodring Hansen ’64 at Antioch University New England on April 13, 2007.
Margaret “Peggy” Fish Langa ’47 at Warren Wilson College on April 28, 2007.

Former Colby-Sawyer President Anne Ponder and Peggy Langa ’47 (r) at the Warren Wilson College inaugural ceremony in April 2007.
With baseball season in full swing, fans are getting any eyeful of rainbows, tweens, frozen ropes and Uncle Charlies. Confused? You might want to take a look at

Hey Batta Batta Swing! The Wild Old Days of Baseball (McElderry Books). This charming book, written by Sally Williams Cook ’74 and James Charleton, with illustrations by Ross MacDonald, offers an entertaining look at baseball history. There’s plenty of colorful lingo and intriguing tales—who knew, for example, that a player was once traded for a bag of prunes? Though the book is geared to ages 6 to 10, there’s plenty here for baseball fans of all ages. Younger readers may also enjoy the first book from Margaret Burt ’72, Woes of Dread (Vantage Press). This cautionary tale told in verse, with pictures by Tanya Stewart, describes the land of Dread where citizens are forbidden to cut their hair. As locks grow longer and longer the situation becomes increasingly—yes, we’ll say it—hairy. A different kind of verse is on display in The Weathermancer (Finishing Line Press) by Juditha Johnson Dowd ’62. One reviewer wrote that in this poetry collection “ordinary domestic life shimmers with risk and celebration. In these scrupulous, attentive poems, [Dowd’s] carefully documented evidence accumulates into deep feeling.”

Sometimes a mother does know best. Margaret Van Duser Hurlbut ’40 recommends a book by her daughter, Pamela Dodd ’65 that we profiled in last year’s Alumni Magazine. Since then The 25 Best Time Management Tools & Techniques: How to Get More Done Without Driving Yourself Crazy (Peak Performance Press), written with Doug Sundheim, has won a “Fresh Voices of 2006” award from the Writer’s Marketing Association. A quick look at Amazon.com reveals glowing reviews for this manual for success. Someone who clearly knows about time management is Susan Chapman Melanson ’66; she has published three books within the last year! High Acres Maple Syrup Cookbook is a tasty confection, offering over 200 recipes to be made with maple syrup. Nepal: Three Weeks of Cultural and Shamanic Immersion, April 2006 chronicles her adventures in the Asian country during a time of civil unrest. (Readers might recall an article about Susan’s Nepalese experience in the last edition of the Alumni Magazine.)

Confessions of the Classmate Who Never Was, Northfield School For Girls Class of 1964 is a memoir about Susan’s enduring feelings for her beloved Northfield School; although she never attended as a student she has a bond as deep as any alumna. Gail Fraser ’74 has had much success with her series of Lumby novels, which are set in an endearingly quirky Northwest town. The first three books in the series have been acquired by Penguin Group (USA) and are being re-released under its imprint NAL. The Lumby Lines was published in May 2007, with Stealing Lumby to follow in September 2007, and Lumby’s Bounty in January 2008.

Lindsay Henes O’Donovan ’72 let us know that her husband, Brian, is the host of WGBH’s weekly radio program, “A Celtic Sojourn.” Lindsay, Brian, and their daughters, Aoife and Fionnuala, all sing on the compact disc A Christmas Celtic Sojourn: Live Recordings. Recorded over three Christmases in Boston and Somerville, Mass., this collection of Yuletide songs is available through the WGBH Web site. Several of our recent alumni have also released music. Tim Carleton ’06 bangs the drums for My So Called Friend, a power-pop foursome based in Boston that has been generating lots of buzz since the October 2006 release of their self-titled debut CD. Learn more at myspace.com/mysocalledfriend. Will Peters ’06 sings and plays guitar for Pretty and Nice, a band based in Burlington, Vt., who describe themselves as “the four horsemen of pop doom.” Their latest release, Pink & Blue, is a 10-song CD brimming with post-punk crunch and catchy melodies. It can be found at www.prettyandnice.com. And then there’s Adria, composed of three Colby-Sawyer alumni. Sean Joncas ’05 (vocals, guitars), Matt Cartmill ’03 (drums, vocals) and Justin Pill ’03 (bass) formed the band in November 2002, right here on campus. Their full-length debut, The View from Here, was released this past April. Available at myspace.com/adria, it’s an intense blast of modern rock, filled with snarling guitar riffs as well as moments of melodic beauty. The first song invites us to “Abandon All Notions and Sink Deeper.” We encourage you to do just that and sink deeper into some of these alumni offerings.
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called me from Denver. She is still on oxygen and uses a walker, but still seems as happy as usual. Helen “Dodie” Reece French hoped to get to New London for the Saturday of Reunion, our 75th! I celebrated my 95th birthday in March with my daughters and my entire family. We had a family dinner at a favorite place here and then a very large party with family and friends. I had a wonderful time and said that if I feel this well I didn’t care how long I lived.

1933
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1934
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1935
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Jane Symons Bergamin and Sue Symons, daughters of Ethelyn “Jackie” Dorr Symons, sent out requests for news to all Class of ’35 alumnae with addresses. Many of you sent in your news so that Sue could write the Class of ’35 notes for Jackie and all of her classmates. Let’s start with our class correspondent. Ethelyn “Jackie” Dorr Symons now lives in Bay Lake Retirement and Assisted Living directly across the street from the neighborhood where she lived with her husband of 54 years (Sy Symons). Her health is good for 91, but she is unable to keep up with letters and writing. However, she still does the word jumble and word search in the Virginian Pilot each day. Jackie's children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, friends and neighbors visit often. She also enjoys going for drives across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel and dining on steak at Alexander's by the Bay, her favorite restaurant. Recently, she was most proud to learn that her grandson, Alex Symons, made Eagle Scout and was accepted to Virginia Military Academy on the same day! Unfortunately Jackie suffered a broken pelvis in March ’07, but is on the road to recovery. She would appreciate cards from her Colby friends (send them c/o Sue Symons).

Katharine “Kay” Field Hinman writes that she is 90 years old and lives alone. She still drives and is enjoying life. A bout with breast cancer and a mastectomy 2 years ago hasn’t slowed her down. Her sons John and Tom take good care of her and she enjoys many outings with them. (Her 3rd son, Bill, died at age 25 of Hodgkins disease). Kay now has 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandsons to help keep her busy. She often thinks of the happy days at Colby, the class of ’35, and her wonderful friends, with whom she would love to stay in touch. Another great letter came from Jane Newberry Foran, opening with “Dear ‘Girls’—aren’t we always?” Jane turned 91 on April 2 and is in terrific health, except for a bit of arthritis. She still drives and lives alone—well, almost. Jane has a cat who, she says, “can drive you nuts if you’re not careful!” Jane looks forward to her move into a retirement home in Glastonbury, where she notes “there will be a few others to talk to.” Currently, Jane does jigsaw puzzles to keep her mind alert and on happy thoughts. Barbara Stone

Send your news and photos to your class correspondent or to the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving:

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Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving
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Cornwall wrote thanking Jackie for her complete faith in the system and her devotion to the task all these years. She suggested we “liven up” the class notes with a present-day account of ourselves. Barbara, who turned 92 on March 10, lives alone in Reston, VA, in a 2-room apartment with small kitchen and bath, on the 5th floor of a very large building, looking out through tall trees to a boulevard, a hill opposite, and tennis courts in the trees. Her husband of 63 years died in ’03, after a very eventful life all over the Eastern U.S. Now, her 2 daughters, 6 grandchildren, and one great-grandson keep her alert. She also enjoys crossword puzzles, which she feels are very important. Barbara Crampton Jones remembered seeing Jackie at the 65th Reunion. She also keeps up with Doris “Dottie” Cooper. Though Barbara is confined to a wheelchair, she keeps busy with her jigsaw puzzles, reading, and knitting for the Linus Project. Barbara has 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren. She lives with a companion and gets out with her daughter for shopping and appointments. Ruth Phillips Jones was pleased that the updates for the class of 1935 would continue. Like Jackie, she lives in a retirement residence, but still takes care of herself. Ruth, at 93, just gave up driving—after 76 years without an accident! Reluctantly, she agreed with her children that with all the traffic and “crazy” drivers it was time. Still, she misses her car and the independence she had. However, her 2 daughters who live near visit and help a lot. Her son, who is farther away, calls often and comes with his wife once in awhile. She is very proud of her 2 grandsons, who are 34 and 31. One is in the Merchant Marine and the other has a construction business in MA. Constance Alley French just had her 91st birthday and says she is “so lucky to be able to keep busy.” She moved to a townhouse at Kings Way a few years ago and enjoys being there with lots of new friends and many things to do. She stays busy with her art and playing golf on the course which is part of her development. One of her best friends at Kings Way is a Colby alumna and there are 3 other Colby girls there also. Connie noted she has “many fond memories of our days at Colby-Sawyer and am proud to have been able to attend there. We were lucky to have had Dr. Sawyer, our first president, while we were there.”

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1936

Barbara “Barb” Melendy Parker 14 Little Britton Lane New London, NH 03257 (603) 526-2724

Geraldine McKewen Bateman writes, “Like some of my classmates, I reached 90 years of age! Just hope they all had a party like mine. My daughter arranged it at her and John’s house in Charlestown, NH. All my children—Judy and Jack, and my 6 grandchildren and spouses and 13 great-grandchildren, Al’s and Jack’s partners and her 2 children from a previous marriage, and of course, Judy’s dear husband, John—all added up to 31! As you know, I moved to Claremont, NH, and am happy to be close to Judy and Jack!” Beulah Carrigan Crosby is still playing bridge and walking around. She writes, “My 3 grandchildren are growing up fast, while I’m shrinking!” Lois Wheatley Hopkins celebrated her 90th birthday in Jan. She says, “I guess this is a milestone of sorts, but a long way from Colby days! It’s so good to hear that the school is thriving. How I would love to get back for a visit someday, especially with old friends. Love to you all.” Zoe Rollins Kraus writes, “I am almost 90 years old. I can hardly believe it myself, but if you expect any exciting news from me, it’s impossible. I still play my piano, and still do crosswords like all the other ‘fuddy-duddies.’ I live in a senior citizen residence like all the other ‘fuddy-duddies.’ I live in a senior citizen residence since my husband died, as I couldn’t afford the house all by myself. The rest of my family and my younger sister have predeceased me. I still sing now and then.” Constance “Connie” Mason Lane says, “My family and friends are my chief joys in life as they always have been. E-mails make it so easy to keep in constant touch. I still keep in touch, by mail, with Nancy Fuller Sargent and Trudie Myers Sunderland. My chief occupations for the past few years have been writing the story of my life and genealogy. It is proving to be a long but very interesting project. Many thanks, Barb, for continuing to bring us news of our classmates.” Priscilla Jameson Mullen is still driving, but no longer drives to CT to her daughters. She is not volunteering much anymore, but is “leading the quiet life.” She has 3 grandchildren, 2 through college and 1 finishing freshman year. Trudie Myers Sunderland had a lovely 90th birthday party in October. “70 people came, many of whom were daughters of dear friends no longer here. The host was Carol Olsen, a close friend and daughter of a close friend. A truly ‘shining’ day for me. Several downhill episodes since, but I still live alone in my own home. Look forward to your column.” As for myself, Barbara “Barb” Melendy Parker, like many of my classmates I recently had a 90th birthday, in October. No big celebration but I received 70 cards, many addressed to “Cricenti’s Flower Lady”—what a surprise! And those came after Cricenti’s was sold. How I enjoy being class correspondent! It brings back memories of Colby days and a birthday party my roommate had for me at ‘Ma’ Hawes’ Barretts! Remember her? My knitting needles are still clicking away making afghans and baby sweaters. Thanks to all for writing. It’s great to keep in touch.

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1937

Gladys “Glad” Bachman Forbes 9229 Arlington Boulevard, Apartment 235 Fairfax, VA 22031-2525 (703) 352-4519 e-mail: g4bbbb@hotmail.com

Freela Crosby Field celebrated her 90th birthday on March 30 with a big party given by her husband, Cliff, and her children. She doesn’t travel anymore but enjoys her memories. She also enjoys where she lives in Brunswick, ME, but is sorry to lose friends because of old age. She uses a walker and enjoys good posture. I agree with all she says, and know you classmates do, too. Sarah “Betty” Henckel Judson moved to Lexington, VA, a year ago and loves it. All of her family has moved out of FL: Nancy and Betty to Lexington, Barb to Black Mountain, NC, and Cindy and Chris to Glasgow, VA. Betty is doing fine except for a bad knee. She says hello to all Colby ’37 classmates and asks them to stop in and see her when in Lexington, VA. My Bachman family relations are all meeting in FL in late June to have our 4th reunion. There are 58 out of 89 descendants from my mother and dad who plan to attend. I keep busy at The Virginian writing articles for The Voice, a 4-page magazine produced 3 times a year. I still go out to concerts and other activities to which The Virginian drives us. Please send me some of your news for the next magazine. We are all interested in what you are doing.

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1938

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1939

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Many thanks to those of you who returned the post cards with news of you and yours. Our class list is shrinking so it’s important
that you all respond even if it’s only to say you are still around. Virginia “Ginny” Mahard Laming says living this long is crazy. Ginny and Bernie are still in very good shape. They pass their time playing bridge, doing puzzles, still able to drive without hitting the trees, still taking care of themselves, but not much use to anybody else. They are content. Ginny is no longer volunteering. Her problem is congestive heart failure so she has to use oxygen to shop or walk any distance. Other than that she is well, but she feels like she is taking up useful space! Anne-Shirley Orent Hudler writes, “Not much news to report. Our travel days are over, my husband, Lynn, can’t walk too far. The brain is willing but the legs won’t go. Children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren are all well and growing. We had a ‘mild’ hurricane season in ’06; it’s a good thing we were just about cleaned up from Wilma. Flooded out and big disaster in our apartment, 3 months of renovation, tears and heartache, but we got through that. Now June 1 starts hurricane season for 2007—my fingers are crossed for good luck! Jane Squire Hasty has been living for the last 4 years at the John Andrus Memorial, a nursing home on the Hudson River. She has a good view of the NJ Palisades, and they have a good library so she reads a lot. Jane is in pretty good shape for an 87-year-old gal. She uses a walker to get around as her legs don’t work very well. Nancy “Nan” Edwards Cox is in the Creamery Brook Retirement Village in Brooklyn, CT, which she enjoys very much. She could have a pet but didn’t think it was fair to her dog to keep him in an apartment and on a leash. She plays trivia, Scrabble, watches sports, knits, reads and does crossword puzzles. She now has a computer and you can e-mail her at NANOX316@yahoo.com. Nan has 3 grandchildren, 2 great grandsons and 3 great granddaughters. She says, “I rumble on day after day, have lots of friends, am well and happy.” A card from Marion Lovely Fleming arrived too late because of sickness to be included in the last column. She lives with her youngest daughter in St. Augustine, FL. Her grandson is a Delta pilot. Marion thinks of CJC and New London often, but probably won’t come north. Natalee “Natt” Brown drove to FL for 3 Elderhostels this winter. Nat is anxious for spring and gardening again, and she is looking forward to reading news from others in the next CS magazine. Elizabeth “Betty” Higgins Hassell is working with simple crafts for people in assisted living. Henry is no longer teaching, but is finishing furniture for their church and the local library. Their hands keep them busy and happy even though they are slowing down. Finally a note from the son of Jane Farr Hobbs ’40 tells us of the death of his mother March 26 after a courageous battle with leukemia. I, Frances Holbrook Armstrong, am still living at the Seasons, an assisted living facility. I drove to ME to have Easter with 2 of my sons and grandchildren. The calendar says its springtime, but there was 14 inches of snow in ME and it was cold. Keep those cards coming, please. Every classmate loves to hear from you. Luv ya.

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1941

Class Correspondent Needed

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Connie Linberg Borden on April 15, 2007. Connie had served as the 1941 class correspondent from 1994 until her death, and she will be missed dearly.

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1942 Reunion

Barbara “Bobbie” Boyd Bradley January 1–May 1:
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1940

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It was good to hear from Reid Francis Morris, but I was sorry to learn that she lost her husband this past year. She is recovering from 2 broken hips but is glad to be near family to help her. Harriet Tillinghast Fuller’s family would like her to move into a retirement home now that she is home alone, but she enjoys being in her own house. Jeanne Schwob Homer hasn’t let the single life keep her down. She keeps up with 2 book clubs, an exercise group and trips to the theatre. As for her 2 daughters, Laura practices international law in the Far East, while Chris weaves and her husband does pottery in their VT studio. Peg Van Duser Hurlbut still enjoys her waterfront community in FL and manages to keep busy. Our class is shrinking, and we should stick together. If you don’t send e-mails, I’m sure you have a grandchild who is computer literate and can do it for you. It is really easy to send me a line at the address above and let us know what you are doing. Be sure to put Colby in the subject as I might not know you by your address.

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1943

Margaret “Peg” Morse Tirrell
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I had a nice note from Barbara “Connie” Constantine Johnson who bought a condo in New London, NH. She still hasn’t sold her house in Quechee and hopes the market improves when the summer tourists begin to make their appearance. She loves spending the winter in her house in Tucson, but in late spring always looks forward to heading back east. And especially this year when she’ll be back in time to see her grandson graduate from Dartmouth. As she says, “How time flies!” By the way, her condo is in Hilltop Place #6, so stop by when you are back at our old stomping grounds. She is still fighting her cancer, but she’s doing OK. Charlotte Shapiro Krentzel has also made a move from Manchester, NH, where she had lived all her life, to a retirement complex at Lasell Village in Newton, MA. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren live within walking distance, and her son and family are only half an hour away. Priscilla Coan Barnes wrote that they were enjoying the Golden Year Village in OK, “where the wind comes sweepin’ down the plain.” They flew to Denver last fall to hug another great-grandson. At last count, their 4 children, who gave them 12 grandchildren, have now given them 10 great-grandchildren. All are looking forward to a family reunion in July. She also keeps busy with volunteer work and is thankful for their good health. Jean Bush Gabriel ’44 feels lucky to have a home on Barrett Road. She says if there is a car at her back door—the first house on the circular drive —please knock and stop in and visit awhile. This is not her permanent residence; she’s just there in July and Aug. If she’s not home, call her later and arrange a visit. Margaret “Margo” DeGraff Hotaling sends greetings to all. She still manages to keep in touch with several classmates. A couple years ago, Jean Aronson Rea and Connie Johnson came for a weekend visit and had a great time...but all too short. Though she lost her parents, brother and husband, she has a beautiful big shepherd named Colby, and keeps busy doing a lot of volunteer work. She has good friends, good times and many wonderful memories. Our card reached Carolyn Sigourney Holtz just as she was finishing the last 5 pen and ink drawings of houses along Creitus Lake, Canada. This was requested by her daughter who lives there. She’s looking forward to doing a drawing of their salmon stream this summer. Other than drawing, Carolyn keeps busy with the yard and leaf raking and deep water aquarobics in a nice warm therapy pool. Patricia “Pat” Stickel Crandal
wrote that her health continues to improve and that she and her husband, Steve, have some interesting summer plans. They’re planning to do the Budapest-to-Amsterdam boat cruise on the Rivers from Sept. 30 through Oct. 16. Steve still goes to his office at MIT 3 days a week. Doc and I managed to get down to Manchester, NH, last Aug. for the funeral service when Si brought his wife, Eleanor “Toni” Hutchins Snider, north to be buried in the family plot. It was nice to have talking time together. Please see the notice about Bernice Arrison Johnson in the obituary section. As for Jane in Philadelphia when she visited with her daughter, Bonnie McCausland, over the Palm Sunday week. Shirley Merz Bryant writes, “Presently I am trying to sell my FL home in a very slow market. I will move to NC in time, I hope, to attend UNC-Chapel Hill football games. My grandson, Ryan Taylor, will be playing and I want to cheer them on to victory.” In Feb., Shirley attended a wonderful brunch where she met President Thomas Galligan, and she says, “Colby has a gem in him.” From Vero Beach came a card from Louise Fiacre Krauss, who mentioned bumping into Lois Jackson Ray there, and also Jean Thurman Ramsey ‘43, who has since moved away. Louise has 7 great-grandchildren ranging from 8 years to 6 months. As she wrote, “My grandchildren are prolific.” But they live far away—in TX and NM. She still plays golf—all 18 holes! Good for you, Louise. Recently she met a Colbyite, 20 years her junior, in her Dames Club! Another interest of hers is genealogy. I wonder how many of you are tracing your history? We seem to have quite a few classmates who are living in FL, full time or seasonally. One is Alice Crowther Brooks, who heads north this summer for a month or 2. She had children and some “grands” for a Christmas visit. Golf is part of their life—a nice 3 par course—which they play regularly. “Toledo” also asked if there were any Colby alumni living in the Naples, FL area. If so, her e-mail is Paul.Brooks@att.net. Someone who wants to say a special Hi to “Toledo” is Pauline “Polly” Tringa Beckley, who lives in Athens, GA. She is eternally busy with gardening, jewellery tee-shirts, awaiting a great-granddaughter and shopping with 3 daughters. Sounds like a good life, Polly; as you said, this keeps your arms and legs in perpetual motion and that’s important. She sends wishes that everyone in our class is well and happy. I wish that I could write that of all our remaining classmates. Yes, lots of them have passed on. An e-mail from Natalie “Nat” Swanson Goslee’s son tells of her fading physical situation. She is in a nursing home in Alpharetta, GA, but at least she is close to her only family. Cynthia Alexander Carlson, who lives half the year in WI and the other half in FL, wrote that life is like playing roulette: each year “we see who is still 6 ft. above the ground.” She states that all of her grandchildren are as brilliant as everyone else’s (sounds familiar, doesn’t it?) and she drives and her husband cooks! Myrtle Furbush Mansfield dropped a card from ME, saying that she keeps busy with knitting, quilting and putting one foot in front of the other! She lost her sister this winter from a brain tumor. I guess it is an inspiration to us to just keep on moving and shaking. From Freedom Village at Brandywine, PA, a note from Jane Earle Wright expressed her and husband Doug’s desire to leave in early May for their log cabin in ME. Their life too consists of 2 choices, between moderate climes and the brilliant colors of autumn. Another year has passed since hearing from Jessie “Jay” Yfe Armstrong of NJ, who writes that many of her “crones” have either moved away, gone into “homes” or passed on. She says it’s hard to find a 4th for bridge. Jay has been a widow for 22 years and just lost a son at age 44, but she still has 3 children and 8 “grands” all close to her. You are lucky, Jay, to have family nearby. Jay still hears from Barbara Tolley Martz and Jo Allen Wood. Another card brought news from Barbara.
Phillips Mello who has 7 great-grandchildren and 2 more expected this year. It would be fun to hear from you all, the number of grandchildren and great-grands that you have. I wonder who would top the list? Now to NH grandchildren and great-grands.

Mary Deming Kramer is living in a continuing care facility in OR. Shirley Tunison Eustis still loves living in Annapolis, despite the snowfall in early April. From Berkeley, CA, came a bittersweet note from Elizabeth “Betsy” Vangorder Minkler. Her husband, who has been very ill and in a nursing home for 2 years, is now in hospice care. Betsy has maintained close ties with Jane MacCabe Kelly, Jean Bush Gabriel, Mary Jane Niedner Fletcher Mason and me, and this has meant so much to her in recent years. She was looking forward to a May trip to China, her birthplace, with her 60-year-old son, who was eager to learn more about his mom’s roots. Betsy adds, “I continue to be amazed at how well I feel at age 82. Hope all of you are well also.” As for me, Jeanne “Penny” Boles, life has been kind. Although Dick had polio as a 2-year-old, he manages to play golf several times weekly, and we both enjoy swimming in the wonderful pool here in Dunedin, FL, where we reside in the winter. Our volunteer work continues in FL with Meals on Wheels and church work, and in western MA with the food pantry and hospice. We have enjoyed chatting with you all during these 3 years or so, and I look forward to sharing this page with Jean Bush Gabriel in the future. Be well, be kind and remember a true friend is the best possession.

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1945

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Because of her husband’s stroke, Ruth Wilgus Rockwell and Jack have given up trips and are enjoying their life at home. They like the change of seasons in Atlanta; usually they are able to count on a nice snowfall, but not this year. Global warming? Three mornings a week, she takes part in an aerobics class, as she has for 23 years. Ruth paints, studies conversational French and enjoys yard work, of which, even with a yard man, there is too much. It may not sound exciting but they are happy and were looking forward to 59 years of marriage in June. It was so great to hear from those of you who answered my postcard plea for news! I came up with some interesting statistics on our class of 174 women… we have only a record of 19 e-mails! It would be helpful if everyone would notify me of their numbers. We have 54 deceased on our list and have lost track (no addresses) of 26. So that leaves just 94 of us to report on! Irene Bartholomew Brower and her hubby celebrated their 60th anniversary recently in FL and look forward every year to driving to VT in Sept. She has visited the campus recently and is impressed, as am I. Irene keeps in touch with Dottie George McConnell. Elizabeth “Libby” Bryant Parker is active in church, women’s clubs, Historical Society and still has time to volunteer at a local nursing home. She has some health problems, but that doesn’t keep her down. Mary Lou Craftey Ackley, since selling her business 10 years ago, keeps busy serving on boards of volunteer organizations. She enjoys worldwide seminars called “Great Decisions.” Last summer she attended a cousin’s graduation from CSC and wedding. There were many alumnae at the reception. What fun! Suzanne “Suzi” Curtis Smythe has lived in New Bern, NC, since 1988 and works with Special Olympic children in the swimming pool where she swims laps every day. She sees Mary June Troup Kingsbury most summers. Jean Morley Lovett and her new hubby, Bill, took a great cruise last fall into the Hudson River, Canada, and the Saguenay River, which has the most southerly fjords in the northern hemisphere. They are 500 ft. deep with salt water on the bottom and fresh water on the top. Interesting geography lesson! Joan “Smitty” Smith McIver writes that Lillian Quimby Easton, June Mitchell Douglas-White and she lost their mini-reunion friend Ruth Gunnarson Brandes this past year. Joan has had health problems, which are resolved, and she’s enjoying life with her hubby, 4 children and 6 grands.

June Mitchell Douglas-White has exciting news about her local writing group and she is hoping to publish! Please let us know, June! Barbara Macaulay Watkins writes that in Diamondhead, MS, things are pretty much back to normal after hurricane Katrina, but the whole Gulf Coast still has a long way to go. She had no major damage, but needed a new roof and had lots of debris to clean up. She lost her hubby George in January, and you have our sincere sympathy, Barb. Eileen Lutz White enjoys living in a retirement community at Hilton Head, SC, playing golf and looking forward to her 1st grand’s wedding in Sept. Her other grans are applying for business and medical school. Dutton Harder Long and Henry were celebrating their 59th wedding anniversary in May and live in a beautiful home he built in the country area of Watertown, CT. Their 4 daughters live nearby and they enjoy their 8 grandchildren.

Mary Starbird Bardwell has a new address in Grunville, ME. Gus and I had a great visit last fall with Nancy Dean Maynard, who is trying to sell her condo in order to move closer to her daughters. We also spent a couple of days with Shirley “Shal” Glidden Splain, whose garden is unbelievable—and she does all the work herself! We ate fresh blueberries and raspberries and enjoyed hearing about the toy museum she operates. Shal compares antique dolls news with Jean “Jay” Stanley Puckhaber often. I am writing this column with Easter a few days away, but you won’t read it until sometime in July. So, if news is not up to date, you will know why. Keep it coming! I can’t do this without you and I love hearing from you all!

1946

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Hello again, classmates. This year’s update is fairly brief compared to previous years. So many
of you are out and about! That's a good thing. Jean Andersen Bazzani and Joe are doing well now. They were trying to get back in stride for a while there and I'm pleased to tell you both have accomplished their goal. They have restored 16 barns in NY State, which keeps them going, they say. It's no wonder they need a breather now and again to regain their strides! Their children are settled across the country. Joe and Jean have finally joined the “empty nester club.” Shiree Woodman Colcord still lives in Groveland, a charming little city in the eastern part of MA. Sadly her husband passed away last year and she is still adjusting. Both of her daughters live nearby; they have cared for her and helped her through this period. Jean Hollmuller Dodson—if you read this, please call me with your telephone number. I'm sure we'd all like to hear what you have been doing this past year. Eleanor Chandler Hall is recovering from gall bladder surgery and I'm glad to tell you she is doing well. Her granddaughter recently graduated from Simmons College and they headed to Disney World to celebrate. Eleanor and husband Kenneth looked forward to celebrating 59 years of marriage this June. They reside in Portland, ME, as do many of our Colby Girls. Marie Meder Grout now lives in a lovely one bedroom apartment in Fairfield, CT. Her husband, Phillip, passed away in 1980 and her sons are grown, one residing in ME and the other in PA. Marie's health is great. She refers to it as “the best asset” she has! Lois Lippincott Lang was playing bridge when I called, but I spoke with her husband, Richard. They have been married for 57 years and both are doing well. Their granddaughter is a William & Mary graduate who is going for her master's in sports management. Their grandson, a Naval Academy graduate, is a career fighter pilot awaiting his next assignment. I'm sure we all wish him the very best. Richard told me that during the Korean War, in which he served, Lois and the children came to Casablanca to live so the family could stay together. She said it was their best year! So you see, Lois, though I couldn't speak to you, your husband was able to bring me up to date with you and yours. That's it for now, girls. Wish I had more to report. Please write to me or call me so you, too, may be included in the alumni notes! Love ya, Hoppie.

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1947

Class Correspondent Needed
Betty Funk Smith wrote to let us know that Marilyn Perry Sagar, our class correspondent for a number of years, was suffering from cancer. Sadly, the Alumni Office was informed that Marilyn passed away April 30. Marilyn served as the 1947 class correspondent from 1996 until her death, and she will be missed dearly.

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1948

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Betsey Cook Willis and husband, Dave, who live in Brevard, NC, were thrilled and honored to be invited to former CSC President Anne Ponder's induction ceremony as the newest chancellor of UNC-Asheville. Betsy and Dave enjoyed the entire program from seats in the 5th row. They were not sure why they were so privileged, although they had met and spent time with Anne Ponder before. Anne's sister sang the national anthem; Anne's mentor of many years gave the keynote speech; and Anne's talk was, as usual, very impressive. The Willises stated that UNCA is so very fortunate to have her. Poor Betsey fractured her left arm and shoulder in March and has been undergoing some very painful therapy. Hope all is well! Jane “Jimi” Adams Darnell lost her husband Carter in Sept. He had been fighting lung cancer for some years. Carter was multi-talented as a poet, voice coach, choir director, and was a baritone of note. In his spare time, he was in the home construction business in the San Diego area. Jimi still divides her time between summer and winter homes in La Jolla, CA, and Sanibel Island, FL. It's been a tough year for Jimi as she also had to have her 2nd hip replaced. When she wrote, she was having trouble convincing her 2 Siamese cats that it was time to return to La Jolla for the spring. We all send our very deepest sympathy, Jimi, at a time of great sadness. A nice note arrived from Sybil “Billie” Adams Moffat in Jan. Sybil and husband Paul are still very active in their spinning, weaving, and blacksmithing guilds, and often volunteer for fairs and county historical societies. In the fall, they traveled to a few of the western states and visited old friends in WY. Barbara “Bobbie” Schulz Watts and Peter dined with the Moffats at Wake Robin, their winter CCRC in Shelburne, VT. Billie says the views of the Adirondacks and Lake Champlain are most spectacular from their home. The Watts gave the Moffats a standing invitation to come snowshoe with them in Waterbury Center this winter. Bobbie and Peter spent 2 weeks in Dec. working on the statewide vote recount for the Office of the Auditor of Accounts. They traveled some and had several interesting border crossings coming back into the USA. Not sure if they meant the northern or southern borders! Nancy Dexter Aldrich and Roger are still enjoying life in Sugar Hill, NH. To them, the real start of the New Year is Dec. 21 when the sun rises at 7:53 a.m. They watch the sun rise over the same spot of the Franconia Range as Nancy’s family, the Hildreths, did when they first arrived in 1819. Nancy still enjoys painting and attends weekly classes, though finds it a bit sad now as she lost a lifelong best friend and painting companion in the autumn. She also plays her piano in the early morning hours before most people start their day. Roger continues to collect and paint soldiers and build ship models. He has finished the hull of a clipper ship, the Ringleader, a ship that one of Nancy's maternal grandfathers sailed on around Cape Horn for 7 or 8 voyages. They own a full scale Mountain Howitzer which Roger gets out of the barn on the 4th of July. He fires it for the amusement of the customers at Polly's Pancake House. The Aldriches use it at local picnics and as a starting gun for a few races. In 2006, Nancy took on a monumental task with several friends and compiled a scrapbook for the Sugar Hill Community Church, from its beginnings to the present. Nancy is thrilled as her granddaughter, Emmy, seems to be interested in art. She has looked at many schools, but has decided to attend the U. of the Arts in Philadelphia, much to the delight of the family. Nancy's talented trumpet-playing grandson, Chris, is in a jazz group, a chamber group, and a classical orchestra at Milton Academy in MA. Polly's Pancake Parlor is still going strong and Roger and Nancy like to keep their fingers in the pie by making maple spread and helping in the dining room. Their daughter and son-in-law now run the family restaurant and continue to make large strides in the application of their management skills. Last May, they were recognized by the James Beard Foundation and
invited to NYC to receive the James Beard Award for Excellence in the “America’s Classic Restaurants” category. On occasion, the Aldriches leave the mountains to spend a few days at the shore. In ’06 they made trips to Wells, Rockland, and Bar Harbor, ME, where they always scoff down lots of seafood and lobsters in between their sailing and seaside activities. I always get a chatty Christmas card from Madelon “Maddy” Pennicke Cattell. All is well in PA and she had a wonderful lengthy phone chat with Barbara “B.J.” Smith Barnett. Part of Frances “Fran” Wannerstrom Clark’s Christmas Holidays were spent vacationing in Mexico. There was a great photo of Fran swimming with a friendly dolphin in Playa del Carmen. Fran also had a Royal Caribbean cruise with her 2 fun-loving daughters and 3 energetic grandchildren. They had great fun in a Jamaican jungle and were able to snorkel with stingrays in the Grand Cayman waters. Fran says keeping up with the family helps her stay young. She plans an “assault” on AK with her daughters and grandkids later this year. I had a 2nd note from Fran wishing me a happy birthday and saying “I love you.”

Val di Nievo, better known as Montecatini Alto, in Tuscany. They designed exciting canvasses while using palette knives to apply colorful slabs of oil paint. She also spent time in Florence, Monterosso, and the Cinque Terre. Her painter roommate was great and they turned out to be like peas in a pod. Both women had an exhibit of their works in Feb. Later, she enjoyed an intergenerational Harry Potter adventure in Oxford, England, with her grandson, Wyllie, on an Elderhostel program that was integrated into J.K. Rowling’s books. They experienced a banquet in Christ Church College’s dining hall, a day in the 2nd largest maze in the world at Blenheim Palace, a steam engine ride to Hogwarts on track 9 3/4, and they held owls at the Hawk Conservancy. She also rode with Wyllie on the London “Eye,” and took a Pub Walk just for grand-parents. Before going to the UK, the travelers had 4 days in NYC. They found the environment varied and interesting and loved everything from the Whirling Dirvishes ceremony to the cave homes of Cappadocia. She had 5 days on a Gulet ship along the Turquoise Coast from the Mediterranean to Aegean Sea and said her Turkish bath experience got her so clean that she almost slid of the marble table. In the fall, Ann spent time in America’s west and visited the home of well-known artist Georgia O’Keeffe, near Santa Fe, NM. Those of you who were also art majors may remember that our great history of art teacher, Melanie Muller Woodman, was a good friend of O’Keeffe. Ann’s last fling of ’06 was a trip to Antarctica. She and one of her daughters are writing a children’s book about penguins and are finding Ann’s Antarctica photos very useful. Barbara “Bobbie” Hamilton Hopkins sent a card showing her, husband Rick, and 16 members of the Hopkins family led by their 3-year-old granddaughter, Hannah, on top of Mt. Kearsarge. Bobbie’s comment was, “This is happening 60 years after our first Mountain Day in 1946!” It’s the same trail up but a longer one down to the parking area at Winslow State Park. The visibility was extraordinary as they could even see the presidential range. The Hopkins are now grandparents of a college student at Lawrence U. of the class of 2010. Carol “Shoe” Shoemaker Marck and Chuck left the Poconos and spent 2 months in Bethesda, MD, before driving out to CO in Feb. I always bug Shoe to pass along the news after she gets together with our classmates Emily Simson Croke and Cornelia “Nini” Hawthorne Maytag. Shoe phoned Emily last Nov. as she likes to plan their annual Feb-March reunion at their Snowmass, CO, condo! Emily celebrated Thanksgiving with her daughter and one of her sons. Her news is mostly second hand as she is another CSC classmate who wants nothing to do with computers. Too bad she can’t chat “online” like the rest of us! Emily keeps busy with her family and is a big volunteer at a small Episcopal Church in the historic town of Georgetown, CO. Emily and Nini arrived at the Marcks’ on Emily’s birthday in March and had 4 days to chit-chat. Shoe wrote that Snowmass is being rebuilt and everywhere they look there are huge cranes dominating the landscape. It will take years before it’s completed but it’s remarkable to view! For people who have never been out West, Shoe highly recommends a visit to Snowmass and Aspen. Soon after the Marcks left CO, their daughter, Christina “Christy” Marck MacCormack ’82, flew to the family’s Snowmass condo with her 2 sons for a week of Spring Break skiing. The Marcks went to Bethesda, MD, to help take care of Christy’s daughter, Catherine, whose Spring Break was at another time. The Marcks enjoyed being “home” in their old Bethesda neighborhood and returned to the Poconos at the end of April.

Cornelia “Nini” Hawthorne Maytag wrote that spring had sneaked through to the Rockies with 70° weather and daffodils and crocuses in bloom. The warm weather was bringing an end to skiing, so Nini’s son, Jim, and daughter, Kristen, quickly took off for Vail, CO, for one last fling before all the snow melted! Nini resurrected some old postcards from New London’s Twin Lake Villa and sent them along. Let me tell you how old they were! Each card had a place for a one-cent stamp! Nini was in NYC in the fall, but was so tied up by her hosts that she was unable to have a get-together lunch with our Colby Dorm roommate, Nancy Hobkirk Pierson. She spent a big part of her summer on a painting retreat in VT. Her oldest daughter, Amy, recently opened a yarn and knitting store in Dorset, VT, which is doing very well. Now that Nini and Jim have 2 daughters who live near their Pawlet, VT, vacation home, it’s a busy time all the time. After returning to their NJ home in the fall, the Piersons took off for Northern CA for 5 days to attend a family wedding. They enjoyed themselves immensely as the CA weather is gorgeous that time of the year! I email quite frequently with another former New Jerseyite, Jane Maynard Gibson. Jane and Jack live 2 hours away in Ponte Vedra, FL. We try to get together but we all lead busy lives, and so far we have never got around to it! The Gibsons traveled to Monte Carlo, Spain, Amsterdam, and ended up in Copenhagen. Everything was wonderful except the time...
spent in the Atlanta airport! At Christmas, they went south to Epcot and Disney World and stayed at the Grand Floridian hotel. They love the high tea, the piano, and the dance band at night. Jane says it is an “up” and happy place with lots of good restaurants and, with Mickey and Minnie, who needs people? Jean Klaubert Friend and Paul’s Christmas card sent holiday wishes, thanked me for doing the news column for so many years, and said they were off to Naples, FL, until March 1. They had a great time in FL in Jan. and Feb. and are back in Pinehurst, NC, doing their best to hit that little white ball on a daily basis. Susan “Sue” Hight Dennyspent time in NYC over Christmas with her son, Chris, the Broadway producer/composer/arranger. Because Chris has so many friends in the business, Sue was looking forward to at least one Broadway musical and lots of other shows! They were joined by Liz Sheridan, Sue’s Rehearsal Club roommate when they were “Broadway kids” living in NYC. (Liz played Jerry’s mother in “Seinfeld” on TV and wrote a memoir about her relationship with James Dean in which Sue is featured.) Christmas in New York turned out to be “The Week from HELL” for Sue! She discovered at 3 a.m. Xmas morning that her bag of gifts brought from DC were never collected from the trunk of her cab. 15 wrapped gifts were gone forever! 6 more gifts ordered from Amazon never arrived as they were “lost” by Parcel Post. Then, Sue got food poisoning the next night. On a happier note, her son Chris visited her in Jan. when he went to DC for the closing performance of “Light in the Piazza” at the Kennedy Center. Chris and the leading man, David Burnham, had just made a CD together. Sue said not to miss that play as it is pure theatrical magic! Sara “Sally” Ackerman Frey and Leonard are continuing to enjoy their semi-retirement. Sally volunteers big time in the Archives Office at Memphis’ Hutchison School, helping the archivist organize, record, and research information about the school’s history. Leonard has been teaching French to 18 7th grade girls, all of whom have assumed names of famous French women. They use these names in and out of school which makes it difficult to remember their real names. Both Freys have been honored by having sections of this school named after them. There is a “Sara A. Frey History Center” and a “Leonard W. Frey World Languages Center.” Don’t think for a minute that the 2 of them aren’t proud of these fine school centers of learning! Instead of traveling abroad this past year, they spent time in VT visiting Sara’s sister, Susan, and taking in concerts at the Killington Music Festival, of which Susan is one of the founders. In their spare time, the Freys are active in their church and volunteer at another church in a food and clothing for the homeless program. Leonard continues to record books for their regional radio station, WYPL. These 2 people are so active that they will never be bored! Mase and I, Phyllis “Les” Hartly Wells, keep pretty busy ourselves. We just manned the scoreboards for UF’s Lady Gator Golf team’s annual invitational for 18 college women’s golf teams for the 23rd year and are writing a monthly newsletter for the Lady Gator Golf Boosters, Inc. Time is precious; as I write this, we are leaving this week for our dream trip to South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, and Zambia. We may be a bit old, but it’s something we’ve wanted to do for a long time so we’re going anyway. We’re thinking positive about elephant rides and safari tents, had our overseas shots, and are armed with malaria pills for the areas tainted with mosquitoes. We even bought a Steripen for water purification. If it all fits into our suitcases, we’ll be in good shape. To those of you who haven’t written in a while, please send some news along for the next issue.

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Editor’s Note: Our sincerest apologies to class correspondent Roberta “Bobbie” Green Davis and Fran Black Roshborrough. In the fall/winter 2006 issue of the Alumni Magazine, Bobbie’s news was mistakenly printed with Fran’s name.

I got a nice letter from Cornelia “Bubsy” Vaughan Tuttle with details of her life. She and her husband owned a motel and raised 4 children in Manchester, VT—all ski racers. Their lives have centered on resort living. Her husband taught skiing and was the manager at Bromley for 22 years before moving on to Orvis and the fly fishing school. She started her own real estate career. They lost a daughter in a skiing accident in Bostwana, and Zambia. We may be a bit old, but it’s something we’ve wanted to do for a long time so we’re going anyway. We’re thinking positive about elephant rides and safari tents, had our overseas shots, and are armed with malaria pills for the areas tainted with mosquitoes. We even bought a Steripen for water purification. If it all fits into our suitcases, we’ll be in good shape. To those of you who haven’t written in a while, please send some news along for the next issue.

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Joyce Bertram Diehl let us know that she has advanced lung...
cancer. She remains positive, though, and is fighting hard. She says this is the result of "Too much time in the Butt."

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1954

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This is the time to watch for the mail carrier, who brings us news from classmates around the world. This gal walks up the driveway at the same time each day, no mind to weather. She won't hear of regrets for not having a path ready for her, saying cheerfully, "If I didn't think I could handle it, I wouldn't do the job." She brings an order of stamps to the door and picks up all the large bulk mailings we have going out. Pretty neat arrangement. Asking what sort of weather you experienced this past season brought us a note from Anne Dwyer Milne. She reported taking a trip to Chile in March; the day she left from NH and the day she returned there were major snow and ice storms. At least the airplanes were in service. Arriving in Chile's Patagonia region she enjoyed lovely fall weather, finding the fjords and glaciers breathtaking. Anne is still involved in NH's Episcopal Diocese as well as with the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester. They also own and operate the only Frank Lloyd Wright house open to the public in New England. I, Jo-Anne Greene Cobban, say every summer that I will get a tour of that house that I have driven by so many times in the past. Anne enjoys giving tours of the house and this has to be our year to go. Hope we pick the day she is on duty! Natalie Langley Webster wrote a note upon returning with her husband from spending a month in FL. She talked with Nan Langdon Darche of Tequesta and had some pleasant luncheons with Cynthia "Cindy" Bryant Reavis of West Palm Beach. Back in NH, "The Ladies" gathered at Jane Shoemaker Storm's '55 for paddle tennis. That includes Jean Crain Ingverson, Sandra Davis Carpenter '55, Sarah "Sae" Bond Gilson '52 and Anne Dwyer Milne. Sandra and Natalie still believe they are tennis players and Jane, Anne and Jean are considered the ace downhill skiers. Sarah plans on going back to skiing when she moves to the Hanover area. Another couple spending time between FL and VT is Coralyn "Lyn" Whiting Samson and her husband. They spend their summers at a cottage in VT and winter in their home in FL. Our congratulations to them on having celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Aug. 2006. They feel fortunate to have good health and enjoy a few weeks traveling in their R.V. each year. They have 2 daughters, both of whom teach at Milton Academy, Milton, MA, and 4 grandchildren: 3 girls, ages 18, 16, and 14; 1 grandson, age 13. The oldest granddaugther will attend Wesleyan in the fall.

Nancy Paige Parker is another classmate that enjoys living in 2 states, dividing her time between Marblehead, MA, and New London, NH. She spent quite a bit of time this past year going to classic car events. Her friend owns a 1941 Lincoln Continental convertible that has been judged several times and done very well. She also mentioned that she visits with Jack and Carol Nelson Reid and Helen Johnson Sargent. Helen also wrote a nice note, saying that she is going by Mrs. Helen Sargent, but married Mr. Richard Lindholm in Savannah, GA, on March 22, 2007. Congratulations! Some years back, they had a date for their first senior prom in high school and also skied together while Helen was attending Colby. Both widowed after being married for 50 years, they found each other once again. Healthy, happy and pleased that their family and friends are happy for them, they are enjoying their time together in Kennebunk, ME, and Lake Wylie, SC, with a little travel in between. Elizabeth "Bets" Laidlaw lives in Manchester, MD, having moved a few years ago to a smaller community within the same county. She writes, "What a joy not having to deal with parking meters." Bets' retirement community has plenty of planned activities to participate in and yet her friends are still close by. With no maintenance to worry about she's ready for all those spring activities. Glad to see that Sachiko "Sachi" Mizoguchi Taneda didn't mention anything about earthquakes in her area in Japan. She did write that they had their first snow (only a few flakes) on March 16. Sachiko said that is unusual even in Tokyo, as it was the first time it has not snowed in Jan. and Feb. since the weather bureau opened 150 years ago. She added that a man who runs the ski lodge in the mountains said on tv that he normally opens 70 days in the winter, but this year was only open for 2 days, and he is in debt because of it. Sachiko was a volunteer translator for a bulletin put out by the Alzheimer Assn. but has since retired from that position, though she translates at the town hall when it is required. She continues to enjoy bridge with her friends and has joined a group of taQtiquan lessons. She added, "Hope you are all enjoying good health." Snow was the main topic in CO, as it provided quite a show for many days on the television. We saw what too much snow will do to daily life and then in March there was tornado destruction in one area. Margot Thompson noted, "I had a good ski season but we certainly had a lot of major
storms, both in Denver and in the mountains.” Hopefully she didn’t lose electricity but we know of others who did. She had no international travel plans this year but was planning on attending the President’s Alumni Advisory Council on March 30, and was to be the guest of Anne Dwyer Milne. Looking ahead to springtime, Margot planned on building a new garden, volunteering, and improving her golf game. FL has been home to Deborah “Debbie” Mathes Liebewein, but her area has begun to resemble larger communities. She has decided to put the house up for sale and buy a place in Hattiesburg, MS, close to her family and the grandchildren. One of them is going to medical school in Aug, and another will be married. She and Hutch, who declare themselves diehard conservatives, go back and forth between the South and his home in a Chicago suburb, and find that there is really a dull moment. Debbie keeps in touch with Annette Nilsson Connor by e-mail. Good to hear from you and write after you get settled in MS. FL didn’t escape stormy weather and the tornado destruction was a nightmare to many. Joan Dryden May wrote they were better off than some areas, but did experience some unexpected storms. She, unfortunately, had a very bad fall in mid-Jan. that resulted in injuries to her left leg. It required many weeks of sitting around and being visited by a nurse who changed the bandages over a 7-week period. Her husband, Mike, planned his retirement for spring and together they made plans to move to The Villages, a Nancy Lopez-Arnold Palmer development just above Orlando. “It has heaps to do and lots of golf, most of it free.” They were in the process of organizing their 50-year accumulation for the move. Their son, Mike, and his family in Dallas visited often. He works for the Heritage Bag Co. while daughter-in-law Mary Ann cares for Sydney, 8, and Bailey, 6, who attend a school called Lamplighter. While in Dallas, Joan visited the Kennedy Museum, the grassy knoll, and the Book Depository building, where they saw the window that Oswald shot JFK from, and where he tried to hide the rifle. Joan’s daughter, Whitney, and her husband continue with their professorial duties at IN University in Bloomington. Whitney worked hard to develop a new science department and the college now offers a degree in human biology, the only department of its kind in the midwest and eastern universities. It’s nice to see the women of today contributing more and more in today’s culture. Good for her. And Kip, her husband, was awarded one of the top awards in the country for the work in his field of criminology. He writes books and travels to Washington to speak to Congress. After work, farm duties include 5 horses, 20 Nubian goats, lots of chickens and cattle, plus 7 dogs. Joan is kept posted on all the activities going on at the farm but admits she gets tired just listening to them. It was a great South American trip for Shirley Wright Cantara and husband, Bill, in Sept. 2006. They were in Peru and Ecuador, saw Machu Picchu, and then went on to the Amazon. To top it off, they lived were able to swim with sea turtles and sea lions. Barbara Knight Price ’55 lived through the unusually long rainy weather CA experienced. She has always enjoyed ceramics and although her group lost 3 key people, efforts to keep the program going have probably produced results by now. Barbara and Jo-Anne Greene Cobban were about the only ones on campus that would bring out the bows and arrows and shoot at those big targets out on the green. Now Barb shoots pool. She said she didn’t think she was very good at sports, “but I’m not too bad at 8-ball.” In Cape Cod, Barbara Dennett Howard is keeping busy after being asked to become president of the local Women’s Club for the next 2 years. She willingly resumed the duties of the past president in Jan. when she became ill and had to resign. Our classmates have assisted and participated in many organizations. It’s important to give back to our communities and we hope it continues. Although spring had arrived on Amelia Island, FL, when Joan “Joanie” Potter Nelson wrote her note, she was already planning to head home to Harpswell, ME, the first of May. Next on their calendar was leaving Boston for Stockholm, Sweden, and sailing for a couple of weeks, crisscrossing the North and Baltic Seas and visiting various countries along the route. Our New London residents also sent word about their activities. First, Elizabeth “Libby” Moss Phillips said their Christmas was especially joyful due to a 9-day visit by their WA state daughter, Elly, and her teens: Lizzie, 18, who will attend Seattle Pacific College in the fall, and son Randall, almost 16. Also arriving for the festivities were daughter Maggie and her family, and son Jim and his family. A grand time together, even though more grass than snow could be found. Kids had fun on what was there. Libby continues singing in the church choir and is busy this year with the New London Playhouse 75th anniversary. She reports that husband Wen continues to be “overly busy” with architectural practice. Downsizing isn’t easy and quite time consuming reports Margaret “Peg” Lewis Moreland. Finally, she made her move to smaller living arrangements in the center of New London, “a clean and cozy” place where her furniture fit in the rooms nicely. It’s an easy walk around town and up the hill to the college campus. All the assisted living residents are friendly, and some she already knew. Great food and people are very helpful. Peg can now enjoy the many activities provided there and also continue with her town archives work nearby. Her daughter, Jody, her husband, Jim, their 3 children and 2 dogs will now enjoy living in the homestead and the woods around it. Glad to hear it all worked out for her. Frances “Frannie” Pryor Haws, who lives in Kaneohe, HI, recently recovered from a total shoulder replacement, caused by doing so many athletics. She has 4 great-grandchildren and the oldest is entering 2nd grade. You live on such a beautiful island, Frannie. Elinor “Daisy” Deford Crane received a gift from her 4 children: 2 weeks in South Africa. During this “trip of a lifetime,” she hiked in Namibia, went on a safari in Botswana, and then traveled to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. Anne Batchelor De Grazia and Joe were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary June 30, joined by 2 sons and their family from the Atlanta area, and 3rd son and wife from HI. She helps with newsletters at church, enjoys Garden Club and church circle, and likes to visit older neighbors in their area. Arline Soderberg Eli has given in to semi-retirement and spending more time with Laura and Thom. She and Thom planned to go hiking and kayaking in Alaska’s Kenai Peninsula in June. She joined the Women’s League for the Arts, which raises money for scholarships. This past winter she enjoyed skiing at Stratton and Mad River, VT, and cross-country skiing with friends at Notchview in Windsor, MA. Even though it’s the first week of April as I, Glenice Hobbs Harmon, write this, it looks like a winter wonderland here. I am enjoying working on a church committee, which makes up food baskets for families in crisis, and recently I joined a local choral group. Soon
I’ll visit my daughter and her family in VT and will be joined with family from AZ and together we’ll visit Bryce and Zion National Parks. Must not forget to take camera! Emily “Em” Spencer Breauagh and her husband escaped 2 March snowstorms by vacationing in Hilton Head, SC, FL, and took an Eastern Caribbean cruise. She writes that Auxiliary to the Sons of the Union Vets of the Civil War commitments keeps increasing, and that they will attend the NationalEncampment in St. Louis in Aug. She wonders if any other classmates have Civil War heritage. Thank you all for your news and keep it coming!

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Greetings, everyone. I hope you have all recovered from the record storms from the winter and early spring of 2007. It appears that, no matter where you live, you were somehow affected. Congratulations to Barbara Frostholm Vreeland and her husband, Dick. In Nov. they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by going with their family of 16 on a Holland American cruise on the Zuiderdam. Barbara and Dick’s daughter Sally and her 4 children, ages 18, 17, 13 and 11, flew from Newark to Ft. Lauderdale. Their son, Peter, his wife and twin 12-year-old girls drove from SC. Their daughter Susan and her husband and 17-year-old daughter flew from Anchorage, AK; their daughters, ages 23 and 21, flew from Los Angeles. Barb says that they had fantastic weather, visiting Grand Turk, Tortola, the British Virgin Islands, St. Thomas and the Bahamas. They enjoyed glass-bottom kayaking, catamaran sailing, snorkeling, shopping, parasailing, horseback riding on land and into the ocean, and deep-sea fishing. Barb said it was great having all their family together and watching all the cousins really enjoying each other. Sounds wonderful! I also received a very thoughtful e-mail from Rosie Carhart Keenan shortly after she learned of the death of Dean Louise Koory. Rosie remembered fondly Miss Koory’s being her dorm mother in Burpee and the role she played in so many of our lives. I, too, went into my bank of memories of Miss Koory. She and I spent a lot of time together during my 2 years in Burpee, sharing lengthy discussions into the wee hours of the morning, some tears and loads of laughter. She was one of my best friends there, and I was deeply touched when she and Miss Dorothea Adams came to Ken’s and my wedding. We remained in touch all throughout the years—a great, great mentor and a very dear friend! Ken and I will soon celebrate our 49th wedding anniversary. Just where does the time go? Our 5 children and our foster daughter and their families are scattered all over the place from Chicago to Ithaca to Cherry Hill, NJ, to Enfield, NH, and to Burlington, VT. We are so fortunate to have 11 grandchildren (counting the steps and the foster grandchildren) and 5 great-grandchildren, the youngest having arrived just a week ago! Life has treated us very well! Please feel free to e-mail me at any time—and please put CSC in the subject line of your e-mail so my computer will recognize it. I am really looking forward to hearing from each and every one of you. And, whenever you are in the vicinity, do give me a call!

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Thanks to all those classmates who sent me Christmas cards and news. Ruth Rissland Kreuter and Hank had a wonderful time at Reunion. They spent Christmas at their daughter’s in VA, then travelled to CA in Jan. to see their other children. Mary Gale Gilchrest enjoyed our 50th and now regrets not making more of them. See you in 2011, M.G.? Sally Ann Calbertson and John planned to retire in June and will from Rosie Carhart Keenan shortly after she learned of the death of Dean Louise Koory. Rosie remembered fondly Miss Koory’s being her dorm mother in Burpee and the role she played in so many of our lives. I, too, went into my bank of memories of Miss Koory. She and I spent a lot of time together during my 2 years in Burpee, sharing lengthy discussions into the wee hours of the morning, some tears and loads of laughter. She was one of my best friends there, and I was deeply touched when she and Miss Dorothea Adams came to Ken’s and my wedding. We remained in touch all throughout the years—a great, great mentor and a very dear friend! Ken and I will soon celebrate our 49th wedding anniversary. Just where does the time go? Our 5 children and our foster daughter and their families are scattered all over the place from Chicago to Ithaca to Cherry Hill, NJ, to Enfield, NH, and to Burlington, VT. We are so fortunate to have 11 grandchildren (counting the steps and the foster grandchildren) and 5 great-grandchildren, the youngest having arrived just a week ago! Life has treated us very well! Please feel free to e-mail me at any time—and please put CSC in the subject line of your e-mail so my computer will recognize it. I am really looking forward to hearing from each and every one of you. And, whenever you are in the vicinity, do give me a call!

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Beverly Stearns Bernson ’55 has enjoyed a successful career doing something she loves, although it wasn’t what she set out to do. As a young woman she was determined to be an artist. After graduating from Colby Junior College, she studied graphic design at the Massachusetts College of Art. Her dreams, however, collided with reality when she went to work as a graphic artist at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. This was not quite the artistic life she had imagined for herself. Looking back on this period she laughs, saying, “When you go to art school and find out that you’re not the great artist you thought you were, you find something else.” For Beverly, “something else” turned out to be the world of antiques.

Beverly had long been interested in objets d’art, spending countless hours attending antique shows with her childhood friend Lorraine Altschuler. In 1963 the two women decided to become antique dealers themselves. Calling their business Any Old Thing, they began renting space at local shows. Gradually they were able to expand their horizons, and by the time their children were grown the enterprising duo were displaying their wares at shows all over New England and New York City. They specialized in smalls—pottery, decorative arts, utilitarian items, essentially everything but furniture—and dealt strictly in Americana. All this changed, however, when they discovered London.

In the mid-1970s, the friends traveled to England to visit Lorraine’s daughter who was spending a year abroad. Here, they discovered some of the most impressive antique shows in the world, sprawling markets filled with treasures from all over. “The fun for us,” recalls Beverly, “was buying as much as selling.” And buy they did, acquiring items from across Europe, with a focus on English and French smalls. With their business now renamed Altschuler/Bernson, the duo developed a faithful clientele, managing to successfully navigate the market shifts in taste and trends. They continued to visit England several times a year, attending a tremendous number of antique shows, including the fabled Newark Fair, which houses literally thousands of antique dealers. Beverly estimates she has made more than 60 trips across the Atlantic, often staying for weeks at a time as she made the rounds of antique fairs searching for collectibles. She jokes that their husbands, close friends, were never interested. “We could go off and travel to England. It gave us some independence.”

Sadly, Lorraine passed away in the early ’90s, but Beverly has kept the business name as Altschuler/Bernson so that her friend “will be forever with me.” She has scaled back in recent years and no longer makes an annual pilgrimage to England, but you will still find her at Brimfield, the largest antique show in New England. Reflecting on her career, Beverly says she is lucky to have been able to do something she loves. “The antique business, in particular, lets you meet people from anywhere, any age. You have instant friends—they’re in the booth next to you. This business is a lot of work, but it’s just as much fun.”

—Mike Gregory
be returning to the Cleveland area to be close to family. It was 
great to hear from you, Sally. Tell me more about your family 
and your new address when you have one. Joan Cochrane Pelletier 
also enjoyed Reunion and being with her roommate, Virginia 
“Ginny” Messmer Krebs, again. They were thrilled to be able to 
see their triple in Abby. It was Ginny who married in 1959, had 
2 sons and opened an insurance agency with her husband, 
George. It was a bit confusing the way it read in the last class news. 
Ginny also enjoyed the 50th and spending quality time with her 
roommate. I hope to see you both back in 2011. The way time 
goes as we get older it will be soon. Karen Fowle Johnson 
wrote a very nice note to inform me that she had a wonderful 
career with United Airlines and NOT American as was reported. 
I’m glad you picked up on my mistake, Karen, and glad to know that 
you read the class notes. Karen was surprised and pleased to 
bump into her roommate a couple of years ago at Dulles 
Airport and to find her living in the next town! Karen, says they 
had lost touch in the ‘60s but now enjoy having lunch together 
and reminiscing about their time on the hill. Who was your room-
mate, Karen? Augusta “Gussie” Crocker Stewart and Dick were 
planning on Reunion but unfore-
seen repairs to their summer 
home in Manchester, MA, had 
first priority. Gussie said it was 
hectic trying to remodel in the 
rain, floods and fog, which turned 
the basement, garage and drive-
way into a “moldy mess!” This 
all had to be done before June 
when the renters arrived so the whole family pitched in to help. 
Gussie is now painting, very 
successfully, in acrylics and oils. 
In late Jan. they were off to the 
British Virgin Islands to paint, 
swim, hike and enjoy a vacation. 
While cleaning out her workshop, 
Gussie came across a Winter 
Carnival id button from when 
she was head of CRA and ran 
Winter Carnival. The button is 
now at the college for the 
archives. Sally Marker Hayward 
hit a couple of milestones this 
year with her 70th birthday and 
their 50th wedding anniversary. 
Congratulations, Sally! Their 
children will join Sally and Don 
for a week on the beach in 
Charleston, SC, in July to help 
them celebrate these big occa-
sions. Your ears must have been 
burning during Reunion because 
many classmates were unfamiliar. 
For a small college one would 
think everyone would know 
everyone, but not so! Barbara Ann “Barb” McInture Haskins 
was sorry to miss Reunion but was busy showing her dogs. 
She and Richard spent a week in 
Oct. on the Cape, with 4 sisters 
and their husbands celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. 
Barb and dog (Andy) do pet 
therapy at a couple of nursing 
homes. Here in Brunswick the 
nursing homes look forward to 
“pet day” as they call it. Sarah 
Rudy Terhune and Frank have 
also recently moved into a retire-
ment community in Hanover, 
PA. Sarah says they had a great 
time last June seeing old friends. Have you ever wondered who 
decorates the lovely Christmas 
tree in Rockefeller Center? The 
company is Turtle and Hughes 
and our own Suzanne “ Sue” 
Turtle Millard is CEO of the 
family company. Sue says every 
year she prays the lights will go 
on and they have not failed in 
over 70 years! Please contact me 
if you would like to have the 
address or telephone number of 
a classmate. 

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Linda Lamlein Gilman
lost her brave battle with leukemia on
Nov. 8, 2006, in Detroit, MI. Born in Fitchburg, MA, the 
dughter of Dora Seacrist and 
Walter Lamlein, Linda grew up in 
Leominster, MA, and attended 
boarding schools before Colby-
Sawyer. After graduation from 
Colby, Linda lived on Beacon 
Hill in Boston, MA, and worked 
as a buyer at Filene’s Department 
Store in Boston. She married Dr. 
Sid Gilman, and had 2 brilliant 
sons, Jeffrey Scott Gilman and 
Todd Seacrist Gilman. Linda lived in 
Hastings-on-Hudson, NY, for 
10 years and studied design at 
NY School of Interior Design in 
Manhattan. After graduation she 
and her family moved to Ann 
Arbor, MI, where she had a 
successful career in interior 
design. Linda lived for 20 years 
in Ann Arbor, and then moved to 
Northville, MI. Aside from 
her devotion to her family and 
friends, Linda enjoyed gardening 
and traveling to places around 
the country where she could 
photograph outstanding gardens.

Jane Baxter Richardson 
writes from Wooster, OH, that her 
youngest granddaughter gradu-
ates from Virginia Tech this 
year and her oldest is teaching 
special ed near Albany, NY. 
“Was delighted after AAAW 
decided to allow junior college 
graduates to join the group. I 
 enjoy their bridge group, out-
and-about group and dinner and 
movie group.” Carline Johnson 
Thompson writes from 
Clermont, FL, that her husband, 
George Bone, passed away 3 
years ago and she was recently 
remarried to Jim Thompson from 
Ipswich, MA. He is a retired 
reserve Army colonel whom she 
has known for 16 years. Carlene 
had a wonderful surprise meeting 
with Jan Leonardson Shellard 
poolside last summer. Not only 
had they come from the same 
hometown of Hamden, CT, but 
attended the same church and 
were at Colby at the same time. 
They didn’t know each other in 
those days, but have become fast 
friends since. Elisabeth “Leesy” 
Wallace McDonnell went to the 
MA School of Art and the School 
of Medical Illustration at MA 
General Hospital for 3 years and 
took a job with NIH in Ghana, 
West Africa for 2 years as a
medical illustrator and medical photographer. Then to the National Cancer Institute for 4 years and then to Walter Reed, and the Dept. of the Army until her retirement in 1999. In between she was raising and showing quarter horses and breeding and showing her German Shorthaired Pointers in the breed ring, obedience and in the hunt field. In 1978 she became an EMT, medic and firefighter and is now co-chairman of the emergency department volunteers at Frederick Hospital, training new volunteers and serving on the auxiliary board. “I am down to 2 dogs in my old age who take great care of me. I occasionally do graphics for friends: (page layout, logo design, posters and animal portraits.) A big hello to all whom I knew in Best Dorm. We had a good time there.” Ellen Fower Jamison wrote, “A few years ago I drove through the campus and saw all the changes. I get a kick when I think of Best Dorm being new when we moved in and now a 30-year-old building isn’t so new. Ellen retired 2 years ago after 27 years with an investment firm. She continued, “I went on a safari to Kenya and got ‘hooked’ and now I will be returning for the 5th time in May.” Susanne Schumann lives in Portland, OR, where she is retired from her practice as a clinical psychologist. She says that after graduation, she returned to her native Germany for 2 years, then received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the U. of MI. She and her husband had 3 children before divorcing in 1990. Her children are all well. She writes, “I am 36, single, beautiful, a yoga teacher and massage therapist, lives here in Portland. Benjamin, 35, is married, a realtor, lives in Eugene, OR, and about to adopt a baby from China. Nick, 31, is married to an OB/Gyn resident at the medical school in Honolulu where he is an assistant professor in OB/Gyn.” Susanne keeps busy taking art classes at Portland State U. and traveling to many 3rd world countries, where she collects antique glass beads and other jewelry components. “With these ingredients I design and string necklaces, bracelets and earrings, which you can look at on my website, www.Suschu.com. I have done this for 30 years.” Susanne has also been a competitive swimmer, making the US Masters and even the World Masters top ten list for many years. “My highest achievement was a US Masters championship and a number 3 ranking in the world in breast stroke. Two artificial hips, a very painful back, a bum knee, and a bad foot later I still swim about 3,000 yards 3-4 times a week, way slower than I used to though.” Susanne would love to see Colby folks and invites everyone to visit her ever “in the neighborhood.”

Joan Lowcock Goodison writes, “Probably the most wonderful news is that we became grandparents 2 years ago and now have 2 granddaughters, aged 6 and 20, adopted by our daughter, Lynn. We had been resigned to not having kids in the family, so it was a great joy to say the least! Jim and I have been retired since 1991. We spent 5 years sailing in the Sea of Cortez, moved from CA to OR in 1997 and now enjoy traveling to obscure spots in Mexico every winter to enjoy the sunshine. We spend about 2 months on the beach camping, kayaking and swimming. We love living along the Rogue River.” Gayle Sheldon Juliani wrote to say that her grandson, Alexander Thomas Juliani, arrived in March 2007. Susan Lovell Garrison ’58 wrote, “After retiring from the National Marrow Donor program in 2006, a friend and I headed cross-country to visit my daughter, Heather, and her family in Phoenix, AZ, stopping in ME, NE, WV, AZ, TX, LA, NC and PA, which I duplicated in the fall.” She visits her son, Theron, and his family as often as possible in CT and sails and power boats.
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Windmuller's husband, Rudy, died in 2003 and her first grandchild was born days after his death. She retired from school nursing in 2004 after 19 years. She loves retirement, improving her home, volunteering and traveling with friends. Hopes to come to the 50th Reunion.

Barbara Shepard McCoy writes that she and George celebrated 46 years of marriage. They have 5 grandchildren. She and George winter in AZ for 3 months, are involved with their church, and enjoy going on cruises (Panama Canal and an upcoming trip to the Greek Isles). Diane Yale Hake Oberg writes that she is enjoying thebest of 2 worlds, the mountains of VT and the ocean and beaches of FL. Her oldest grandson is looking at colleges, reminding her of her wonderful days at Colby.

Susan Gurney Buckley writes, "Mal and I moved into Sawgrass Country Club this summer in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. We are playing lots of golf, meeting new friends, and entertaining overnight and weekend guests." Their 4 children and 3 grandchildren (one set of twins) live in various parts of the States. Phyllis Hall Rick's husband, Greg, is a gastroenterologist, still practicing, but may retire at the end of 2007. Phyllis, a retired school teacher, enjoys bridge, her book club, and membership in PEO. They have 3 grown children and 2 grandchildren who live in Kansas City. Erica Hartmann moved to Portland, OR, in 1992 and is happily surrounded by her 4 children and 2 grandchildren. She says Portland is a wonderful city for hikers and bikers. Carole Hamell Wenthen is looking forward to attending our 50th. She and Fred continue to enjoy retirement. They recently returned from Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, visiting friends. Their 3 children live nearby in Syracuse and they see them often; no grandchildren yet. She reports that son Dennis keeps his mom and dad up to speed in the computer world. Don't we all wish we had someone like that in our family? Carole also keeps in touch with former Burpee-ites Jacquelyn Mason, Marilyn Winn Goodwin and Priscilla Tufts Battie. This included a mini-reunion in Albany last summer. In 2005, Suzanne “Suzy” Parris Ten Broeck and Peter moved from Framingham, MA, where they have lived all their married life, to Amherst, NH, nearer to their married children. They have a freestanding house in a 55+ condo community. It is wonderful to be able to attend the 5 grandchildren's soccer games, concerts, etc. Suzy retired from Fabric Place, where she was a decorator for 31 years. She has now joined the Amherst Garden Club and has become active in her new Episcopal Church home. Since 1990 they have had a summer home in Fryeburg, ME.

Patricia Bowker Lach and her husband, Marion, moved from Savannah, GA, to Aiken, SC, 3 years ago and love it. They are settled in a gated golf community which has lots of stuff going on. Between them they have 6 children, 14 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. They try to see them all at least once a year! The summer is spent at their home on Lake Erie in Ontario, Canada, where the family gathers and they have perennial and vegetable gardens, which they enjoy. Pat stills sings with the Harmony River Chorus chapter of Sweet Adelines. Priscilla Tufts Battie says she is still living in the same house (41 years) and still working at the same job (29 years). “Guess I don’t do changes.” Working in early intervention has really changed over the years. The program now serves over 350 children at any one time and includes a developmental day school which serves 14 severely handicapped children that the public schools are not able to provide for. She and Dick regularly see their 2 children and 6 grandchildren. Caroline “CeCe” Parker writes from Brad, OR, which is in the high desert and has an average of 11 inches of snow/rain per year. But, Mt. Bachelor Ski Resort is 20 minutes away, and averages 300 inches a year. So she skis in the morning and golfs in the afternoon. What a life! Living next to a golf course, she plays as often as possible. CeCe remodeled a house 2 years ago and enjoys it with her 2 “kids” — dog Katie and cat Buster. She has just started painting again and enjoys her gardens. She has visited Becky Stout Henmigan, who lives on the OR coast. Marion Henshaw Hauck lost her husband, Roger, to pancreatic cancer in May 2004 after a year and a half fighting the disease. Her mother died in Oct. 2003. There was much sadness losing the 2 people who made up the biggest part of her life. She has adjusted to living alone by getting involved on the board of the Littleton, MA, Historical Society and Long Range Planning Committee for the library, plus daily swimming. Two of Pinty's children, 4 of Roger's and many grandchildren live close by. She is enjoying traveling with Elderhostel and in the summer goes to a family summer home in Brookfield, NH, on Kingswood Lake. Her granddaughter is a freshman at Davidson in NC. Ginny Cerf Brookins still lives in Wayne, PA, and is on the board of the local senior center, and the library board of Eastern U. (a local college), and just completed her 2nd term of 2 years as Altar Guild director for St. David’s Episcopal Church. She is still involved in gardening and is a member of the Philadelphia Unit of the Herb Society. Ginny has 3 children and 5 grandchildren. Joyce Anderson lives in North Falmouth, MA, on Cape Cod where she enjoys long walks on the beach and her family and friends. She has 3 children and 5 grandchildren. Ruth Malquist Crafey is the proud mother of Karen Crafey Eldred, who graduated from Colby-Sawyer in 1986 and has been elected to the Board of Trustees of Colby-Sawyer. Ruth says, “As any graduate would be, I am very proud of her.” Sadly, Ruth's husband passed away in 1999. She continues to be involved in all sorts of clubs and actives in Falmouth, MA. Marybeth Lutz Dawson is married to Roy and they have 3 daughters and 5 grandkids. Marybeth is a master teacher and owner of Reiki and Remedies and loves living in the beautiful Dragoon Mountains, an E. Cochise stronghold in southeastern AZ. Their volunteer work includes patrolling campsites with the U.S. Forest Service ("really our ‘backyard’"), surrounded by the Coronado National Forest, site stewards for the State Historic Preservation Office, and weather watchers for the National Weather Service. Bonnie Bladworth Fallon says her 60s have proven to be the “decade of contentment.” She loves the wide views and country silence of her VT ridge home. Her children and grandchildren are her grandest blessings. Linda Perlmutter Goldman loves her home in the nation's oldest city,
For people of a certain age, the phrase “a dog’s life” suggests hardship and misery. Younger generations, however, tend to interpret the phrase in a positive manner, equating the life of a dog with a life of ease and cushiness. This linguistic shift might not surprise Marianne Walling Morris ’61. She and her husband, Walt, are owners of the Morris Animal Inn, a state-of-the-art pet care facility in Morristown, N.J., that pampers its guests with almost unparalleled luxury.

Four-legged visitors to the inn are treated just as two-legged ones would expect to be at a luxury resort. There are private suites with room and maid service. There are pools, indoor spas, and jacuzzi tubs. There are lawn play areas and indoor playrooms in case of bad weather. There are multiple skylights and music throughout to create a bright atmosphere. There are even flat-screen TVs. Boasting 25,000 square feet of pet-friendly space, the Morris Animal Inn is far more than simply a kennel.

It all began almost 50 years ago. Walt’s father, a professional dog handler who had shown a miniature poodle to Best in Show at Westminster in 1943, opened his own kennel in 1960. Walt took over the business in the late 1970s, and at first it was a one-man operation. When he found himself leaving the phone off the hook because he didn’t have time to answer it, Marianne joined the business. She laughs as she recalls a favorite family joke: “We doubled the business by putting the phone back on the hook!”

Originally half the size, the inn has evolved as the industry has changed, adding more and more amenities. Dogs make up the bulk of the guests, but cats are welcome too; occasionally, a more exotic visitor such as an iguana or ferret arrives for a stay. Pets come from as far away as Japan to luxuriate in the inn’s surroundings.

In addition to her role with the inn, Marianne is an active member of her community. In 1993 she was awarded the Harding Township Distinguished Citizen Award, recognizing her volunteer and committee work.

As for the future, the Morris’ daughter, Joanne Morris Smith, recently became vice president of the operation, ensuring that this one-of-a-kind facility will continue to be a family tradition for years to come.

For more information on the Morris Animal Inn, visit www.morrisanimalinn.com.

—Mike Gregory
returned from a fabulous trip to Asia. She and Albert started off in Thailand, visiting Bangkok and Chiang Rai, and then crossed into Laos where they took a 2-day trip down the Mekong River to Luang Prabang, which is quite an international town, now a UNESCO site. From there, they flew to Hanoi and then went to Halong Bay, where they stayed on a boat for 2 days enjoying spectacular rock formations, floating villages and caves, before continuing to Ho An and then Saigon. From there they went to Angkor Wat in Cambodia, which has many ancient ruins and exquisite massive temples. It was an extraordinary adventure, and Susan recommends that everyone put a trip to Asia in their travel plans. Merle Rockwell-Modell wrote that in June of 2006 she stepped down as director of the Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery County, MD, a community-based, non-profit organization she started over 6 years ago. With the “creative” part accomplished, she thought it was time to move on. She is now pursuing her interest in elder mediation and is part of the Nat’l Elder Mediation Network, helping caregivers (institutional & familial) have positive dialogue when faced with making difficult and emotional decisions with their elders. In her spare time, she and her husband enjoy their 3 grandchildren who are the “light of their lives.” Carol Schmid von Wattenwyl e-mailed me with her news. She left America in 1963 and has never lived here again after marrying a Swiss from Bern. They have 4 children (42, 39, 37, and 34) and enjoy being grandparents. Her husband retired 2 years ago, and they are enjoying unscheduled time at their chalet in the mountains, where they do a lot of walking and cross-country skiing. They also play bridge and go cycling in Switzerland, Germany, and France with friends. She added that Switzerland is a wonderful country to bring up one’s children—good education, lots of possibilities for sports and outdoor activities, plus a healthy political situation. They also have their problems, like any modern democracy, but she finds the quality of living very high.

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Hello CJC classmates. I heard from 5 of you this time and would like to hear from more. E-mail is the easiest method but if you can’t do that, please write or even call. Life’s good for me and hubby, Cliff; wintering in Naples, FL, and summer/fall running our B&B in Shaftsbury, VT (near Bennington). If you’re ever in or near one of those places, give me a call and stop by to give me your news first-hand! Some sad news from Patricia “Monie” Cunningham Sullivan, who reported that Bonnie Whitney Burton died last fall of MDS, a rare blood disease. She was president of Best Dorm. Tara Purcell Fell and her hubby, Dave, are retiring to the Cache Valley in northern UT from the South River near Annapolis, MD. She’s looking forward to the mountains and snow. They have children both east and west and are expecting their 12th grandchild. Sandy Newbert Fitts and her hubby, Jeff, also winter in Sarasota FL, just north of Naples where I am. They’re busy with friends, golfing, and visiting grandchildren. Sandy dined with Mimi Zimmerman Hoff and Les while in Stuart, FL, celebrating her mom’s 90th birthday. Karen Archambault Hubbard and husband Skip still live in Chester, CT, their home for almost 42 years. They’re not retired yet, but look forward to it. They attended a family gathering with their children and grandchildren in Marco Island, FL, over Easter. Nancy Burgess True has never given us her news before but she came through this time. She’s been married to her husband, John, for 41 years and lived in Winnetka, IL, and now Northfield, IL. She has 3 children and 5 grandchildren to date. Nancy and John are both still working. She is in contact with Cindy Childs Over, Julie Alfonse Clark, and Lee Rademaker Meyer.

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1964

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Ellen Terhune Schauf, Kathy Wood Hallsworth and Lee Norris Gray recently had their quarterly luncheon. All who want to have news reported, join The Loop at www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends so that we can get your information.

1965

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Sue Clapp Douglas lives in Stockton, CA, and is program coordinator for an interesting non-profit (www.landbasedlearning.org). She coordinates 2 programs with high school students, doing hands-on projects and teaching them about the impact of their choices. She is also looking for someone to grow into her position in case anyone is interested in environmental education. I, Chris Murray McKee, saw Tina Biggs Ferraro at the President’s Alumni Advisory Council meeting in March. We meet twice a year to brainstorm ways to promote the college and to connect past alums with today’s Colby-Sawyer. There will be a golf tournament in the fall and Tina and I will be playing, so if there is anyone else who can swing a club, let me know. It is a
1966

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Ann Blackman was guest speaker at a woman’s conference in the Minneapolis area coordinated by Jane Skelton Veitch. Ann’s presentation was “A Front Row at the Circus,” in which she recalled stories about the powerful women in Washington she has interviewed. As many of you know, Ann has authored 3 books: Seasons of Her Life: A Biography of Madeleine Korbel Albright, The Spy Next Door: the Extraordinary Secret Life of Robert Philip Hanssen; and Wild Rose, Civil War Spy, A True Story. Ann and Jane dined together the night before the conference and enjoyed catching up about life since Colby. Ann has great Watergate stories!

Carole Larson Pratt and her husband, David, live in North Pole, AK, close to 2 of their children. Gunnar and Hope have a son, Chase, born last Oct. Dustin and Tonya have identical twin daughters, Hailey and Danielle, who are 4. Carole writes, “We love the Alaskan life, including 4-wheeling, biking, boating and fishing up the Salcha River, and shooting our guns. We live close to wildlife here, including the grizzlies that share our lake parks right out back...which is why we carry weapons when venturing out.” Carole and David moved up there 2 years ago from Scottsdale, AZ, having previously lived for many years in Hanover, NH. She retired early from the graduate engineering school at Dartmouth College. Their other 2 children are twins: Sarah lives in Tucson, AZ, and her brother, William, lives in MA. Because of the dark Alaskan winters, Carole takes frequent trips to sunny places, the most recent on a Mexican cruise. She also gets back east to see her 92-year-young mother, who is an active Internet user! Sandra Scott Fullerton retired after 22 years as a sales rep with Liberty Mutual, and now works part time for a small insurance agency. She says, “We still host B&B guests in our home as we have for the last 25 years. Free time is spent traveling, visiting with friends and family, and following our beloved Red Sox. When home you can find us antiquing, where some of the ‘antiques’ are younger than we are!”

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Hello and a happy summer to everyone in the class of 1967! Don’t know how many of you made it to the 40th Reunion this year, I couldn’t because I promised my daughter-in-law that I’d assist with my granddaughter’s 2nd birthday party bash on June 2. Hope everyone who did go had a wonderful time! News from our classmates —submitted way before June 1: Betty Bland Homeyer reports that she’s retiring from teaching. [Gee, and I’m just getting started!] She says that next year she’ll be doing some substituting, gardening, taking long walks with their “newfie” and golden retriever, and looking after her 2 grandchildren, Amelia (3) and Isaac (born March 27). She’s trying to figure out when she and hubby might find time to travel, and what time of year is best to do that! Did you make it to the Reunion, Betty? From Allison Hosford we learn that things are quiet on their farm as they await the birthing of lambs; we imagine that they’ve all pretty much been born by now! She says Roger’s practicing at being retired and that she loves doing water coloring at least once a week. At the end of March they

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Colby-Sawyer Flashback: After the photograph above ran on page 71 of the fall/winter 2006 issue of the Alumni Magazine, we heard immediately from Sis Hagen Kinney ’67, who let us know the gal pictured is her classmate, Anne Jennings Feeley. Seems that the photo was taken for an ad for Honda of Newport, which ran on page 223 of the 1967 Colbyan yearbook.

(L to r) Polly Whisnand Butler ’67, Janet Sawyer Campanale ’67, Lynn Macdonald Bishop’68 and Martie Siegfried Fritz ’67 at the wedding of Janet’s daughter in Kennebunkport, Maine, during the summer of 2006.
were both quite anxious to have all the snow disappear; we’re quite certain that it has by now—although this was a very odd winter for snow, so who knows? Roberta “Robby” Bell reported that they were headed to England for a long-overdue holiday, but that they expected to return to Canada (Calgary, AB) in late spring, in time to get her gardening company ready for another busy season. Hope that all of this weird snow weather didn’t adversely affect your business for planting, Bobby! Didn’t really hear any news from Anne Baynes Hall, but she did invite us to join her group of friends on The Loop. For those of you not yet familiar with this, it’s the college’s way of letting us stay in touch with everyone—whether it’s your classmates in the class of ’67, or from other years. We joined—of course!—and hope that those of you with e-mail will do likewise by going to www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends.

Marcia Bibens Tammeus sent us the lengthiest piece of news. She says life is good out in Kansas City, MO. She indicates her husband, Bill, has retired but is in the process of collaborating with a local rabbi to write a book about gentiles who harbored Jews during the Holocaust. Marcia’s 4 children and Bill’s 2 children all live in the Kansas City area and Marcia and Bill spend weekends hosting their grandchildren—siblings come together to spend an evening or the weekend with them. They have 6 grandchildren, and Marcia said this is a wonderful way to really get to know them. They even had the 4 oldest over for their own New Year’s Eve celebration! Marcia and Bill continue to be involved at their church (Second Presbyterian) and she says that Kansas City is a great place to live, especially with the new Sprint Arena going up and with great theater and restaurants—“a lot of activity in the downtown area.” Marcia says, “If you are ever in KC, don’t hesitate to get in touch.”

Prudence Hostetter sent us a brief note that she’s going to retire at the end of the year, which she said “will be under the wire,” but by September she will be able to travel again. Prudence volunteers at the top children’s hospitals in the country. Marcia indicated that she’ll be retiring in Sept.; we know the hospital volunteer program will miss her, but that will free her up to become involved with other projects. One of these pet projects is their grandchildren. Marcia’s 4 children and Bill’s 2 children all live in the Kansas City area and Marcia and Bill spend weekends hosting their grandchildren—siblings come together to spend an evening or the weekend with them. They have 6 grandchildren, and Marcia said this is a wonderful way to really get to know them. They even had the 4 oldest over for their own New Year’s Eve celebration! Marcia and Bill continue to be involved at their church (Second Presbyterian) and she says that Kansas City is a great place to live, especially with the new Sprint Arena going up and with great theater and restaurants—“a lot of activity in the downtown area.” Marcia says, “If you are ever in KC, don’t hesitate to get in touch.”

Taydie Poor Drummond about her battle with breast cancer. She indicates that she had a 2nd proactive, mastectomy in March and that the sale of her book, Tiptoe Thru the Chemo: Fighting Back with Attitude, Rhyme and Humor, has been a success, allowing her to make a substantial donation to the Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. [We thoroughly enjoyed reading your book, Taydie, and saw much wry humor therein.] Taydie is back riding and has plans to compete in the regional competitions this summer. Her husband, Kent, plans to retire next year and they will be moving to Divide, CO, to be closer to son Eric and his family. Her horses will go with them, and they’ll be about ¼ mile from Pike National Forest. Taydie indicates that they’ll have room for guests, but no more official B&B, and encourages anyone to get in touch! Thanks, Taydie; it was good to hear about the success of your book, even though it took some tough experiences to get it. Way back in Sept.—after the last issue had gone to press but before we actually received it—we heard again from Ginger Mueller Rundlof, who said that she took a part-time job until something else came along. She was working as a hostess for a builder and showing the houses in certain developments; this achieved her long-lost dream of being a realtor! At any rate, that was quite some time ago. Did you ever find a “real” job, Ginger, or did this job become better than it started out to be? Do let us know. Also way back then we heard from Martha “Marty” Friberg, who had found her old roommate, Paula Ickeringill, in ME, raising alpacas! Marty still practices ear/nose/throat medicine in Portland, ME, and said if anyone had hearing loss to come and see her! Gee, Marty, wish you lived closer to SC; my husband has cause to visit you for that! So, finally, from the heat of SC we report that life continues to come at us fast! Too fast! I’m finishing up my first year as a 4th grade teacher in a 100% free/reduced lunch school way from the wilds of Wyoming, we hear from Marcia’s 4 children and Bill’s 2 children all live in the Kansas City area and Marcia and Bill spend weekends hosting their grandchildren—siblings come together to spend an evening or the weekend with them. They have 6 grandchildren, and Marcia said this is a wonderful way to really get to know them. They even had the 4 oldest over for their own New Year’s Eve celebration! Marcia and Bill continue to be involved at their church (Second Presbyterian) and she says that Kansas City is a great place to live, especially with the new Sprint Arena going up and with great theater and restaurants—“a lot of activity in the downtown area.” Marcia says, “If you are ever in KC, don’t hesitate to get in touch.” Thanks Marcia; it was nice to hear so much about your life! Do keep us posted on that book of Bill’s! From Pru

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out in the “boonies.” It’s not really in the “country,” but it is rural and very, very poor. We have had some trying experiences, but are looking forward to next year. We continue to enjoy having free time with our daughter, Natalie, who’s now a junior (where does the time fly?) at Winthrop U. in Rock Hill, SC (just south of Charlotte, NC). We also enjoy visiting with our son Ted and his wife, Felicia, and their daughter, our precious Savannah, who turned 2 on May 31st! They live just southwest of Raleigh, NC, and the other 2 boys (Kenny and J.R.) live in Raleigh. We keep trying to have a mini-reunion with Colby Big Sister Linda Redland Klemmer ’66, but for one reason or another we keep missing each other. She’s in Durham, NC, for much of the year, but it seems every time we’re up in Raleigh she’s gone to her farm in VA. Her husband, Bobby, continues to enjoy working on his ’64 Buick Skylark convertible and our travels to the Rock Hill/Charlotte and Raleigh areas often coincide with car shows. So, we guess Savannah’s Rock Hill/Charlotte and Raleigh areas often coincide with car shows. So, we guess Raleigh areas often coincide with car shows. So, we guess Raleigh areas often coincide with car shows. So, we guess Raleigh areas often coincide with car shows. So, we guess Raleigh areas often coincide with car shows. So, we guess Raleigh areas often coincide with car shows. So, we guess Raleigh areas often coincide with car shows. So, we guess Raleigh areas often coincide with car shows. So, we guess Raleigh areas often coincide with car shows. So, we guess Raleigh areas often coincide with car shows. So, we guess Raleigh areas often coincide with car shows. So, we guess Raleigh areas often coincide with car shows. So, we guess Raleigh areas often coincide with car shows. So, we guess Raleigh areas often coincide with car shows. So, we guess Raleigh areas often coincide with car shows. So, we guess Raleigh areas often coincide with car shows. So, we guess Raleigh areas often coincide with car shows. So, we guess Raleigh areas often coincide with car shows. So, we guess Raleigh areas often coincide with car shows. So, we guess Raleigh areas often coincide with car shows. So, we guess Raleigh areas often coincide with car shows. So, we guess Raleigh areas often coincide with car shows. So, we guess Raleigh areas often coincide with car shows. So, we guess Raleigh areas often coincide with car shows. So, we guess Raleigh areas often coincide with car shows. So, we guess Raleigh areas often coincide with car shows. So, we guess Raleigh areas often coincide with car shows. So, we guess Raleigh areas often coindi...
It would be nice to hear from them, too. Sounds like you are in NH, Wendy, so I’d love to get together and see you. Hope you all read the article in the winter issue of the Alumni Magazine (p. 80) about Elizabeth Early Sheehan who lives in Derry, NH. She is a professional organizer, working with small businesses, professional individuals, parents, students and people with ADD (attention deficit disorder); learn more at www.eesheehan.com. Peggy Weinheimer Bochynski and her husband, Kevin, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary this June—congratulations! They are having fun working on a family history project, so if you know of any descendent of William Russell of Cambridge 1636 to 1640, please contact her. Peggy is still a copywriter, as well as a freelance essayist, at Christian Book Distributors, Salem State College. Although she loves this project, she has been busy helping and caring for her 51-year-old sister who recently suffered a severe stroke that left her paralyzed on one side. She urges all of us—since we are all getting older—to have some knowledge of stroke symptoms and prevention, as this could happen to any one of us or our families. Thanks for that advice, Peg. Linda Burpee Smith has been working at Goodall Hospital in Sanford, ME, for almost 30 years as director of health information management. She is divorced with one son, 23, who graduated from the Culinary Institute of America and is working as a chef at Hugo’s Restaurant in Portland, ME. I’d love to see you, Burp! News from me is that my son, Jarrod, turned 16 and has his license…yeah! I look forward to more of you writing so our column will have some news. Just remember to give me your last name used when enrolled at Colby. (You know—I’m in menopause land so I need the help) Thanks, again, for the notes. If I missed you I will surely add you next time.

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Jean Bannister, Gigi Buonocore Franzmann, Leslie Parsons, Susan Rich Daylor and Diane “Dee Dee” Brinley Wright all got together in April at the home of Inger Shaw in Lunenberg, MA. Inger had recently been diagnosed with stage 4 metastatic cancer after surviving 2 cerebral aneurysms. Jean writes, “We all gathered together to share memories, eat, drink and say goodbye. We took a road trip to New London to see Colby and, of course, made our way north to Dartmouth…the scene of our many adventures! It was a very bittersweet weekend knowing that our wonderful friend would not be with us for long. Inger died peacefully at home on May 1, 2007. She leaves one son, Peter Gallaudet of Clinton, MA, and a daughter, Langdon Gallaudet of New York City. Her memorial service was held May 19 in Dedham, MA. We will all miss her sparkle and spark; she was the glue that kept us all together these 35 plus years.”

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Hi, everyone! June will have passed by the time you read this...so I hope I will have seen some of you at our 35th Reunion this year and have the latest news to pass on! Haven’t heard too much from anyone lately, so I pass on what I do know. Barbara Hartson Tricarichi wrote that she would have loved to be at Reunion but her youngest son was finishing his senior year of high school and that weekend was just before finals, so she couldn’t come. I think it is terrible high school seniors have to take final exams! Her son, Matt, will be attending U. of NV at Las Vegas, majoring in engineering.

Colby-Sawyer Flashback: Do you recognize these gals? If you can identify any of the alumnae in this photo, please contact Tracey Austin in the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving at (603) 526-3886 or taustin@colby-sawyer.edu.
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It is with great sadness that I report the passing of Pamela “Pam” Guthman Kissock. She died peacefully on Dec. 11, 2006, at San Diego Hospice in CA at the age of 53. Pam was a well-known antiques dealer, writer and expert. She grew up in Westport, CT, where she attended Staples High School. Pam, Sheila Smith, Vicky Simpkins and I were all friends in high school and went to Colby Junior College together. Pam was a devout Christian Scientist and worked as a practitioner, or spiritual healer, in San Diego. After college, she worked for the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, MA. In the early ‘80s, she worked for the Antiques and Arts Weekly. She was also a freelance writer for a variety of publications writing widely about friends, travel, food, antiques, outdoor pursuits, environmentalism and faith. Pam and her mom operated Pat Guthman Antiques in Southport, CT, and spent 9 months designing and building a commercial/residential complex in Southport with shops downstairs and an apartment upstairs where they also gave cooking demonstrations. I remember Pam best for her incredible energy and enthusiasm. She was highly social, and loved to organize parties at her home during high school where she would try to match people together. I never saw her depressed or dissatisfied; her personality seemed to be pure sunshine. I saw her at our high school reunions over the years, where she was always smiling, laughing, meeting new people and doing what she did so well; connecting with her fellow human beings. She was also extraordinarily devoted to her mom. I regret being out of touch with her in between reunions and chance encounters in CT, and will greatly miss her spirit in this world. It would be lovely if other Colby alums could write about their memories of her.

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1974

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Hi, everyone. I’m sorry to report that Marcia Clemmer Carrier ’73 wrote with the very sad news that her sister, and our classmate, Leslie Clemmer Dean, died June 2006 of breast cancer. “She was my Irish twin,” writes Marcia, “and we were so close, not only in age, but as dear friends.” Leslie lived in Richmond, VA, and left a husband, David H. Dean, and 2 sons, Brian, 21, and Sean, 19. “She had a difficult battle fighting this disease,” Marcia continued, “but she held her head high to the end with great courage and dignity. I was so proud of her zest for life, and she was so loved by anyone that met her. She loved her time at Colby and we were at Burpee together for one year. There is one less light on earth, but one more star in heaven.” Gail Fraser continues producing her Lumby series of books. You can see for yourself what she’s been up to by visiting her at www.lumbybooks.com. One of our other published authors, Sally Williams Cook’s new book, Hey Batta Batta Swing! The Wild Old Days of Baseball, was published by an imprint of Simon & Schuster in Feb. The San Francisco Chronicle called the book “an absolute treasure.” The New York Yankees used 1,000 copies of the book for their opening day dinner gift bags on April 2. Sally also volunteers for “Project Sunshine,” an organization devoted to helping children with chronic illness. She regularly visits schools and libraries all over the country and talks to children about the writing process. Her son, Alex, will be a freshman at Tufts this coming fall. Her daughter, Liz, will be a junior at Marymount Manhattan in New York City. Sally and her family will be trekking in Ladakh (northen India) in Aug. Heidi Christ Colella lives in Barrington, RI, with her husband, Pete, 2 cats and 2 dogs. Her daughter Annie is an advertising and special project coordinator at Newport, RI’s Visitors and Convention Bureau. Daughter Martha is a junior at Roger Williams U., majoring in graphic design. Heidi recently retired from orthoptics, which was her major at Colby-Sawyer. She worked for many years with a pediatric ophthalmologist in RI. Honor Parr Mindich recently took a trip to the Bahamas with her youngest son.
Chasen, age 12, for a few weeks of snorkeling and island hopping. She heard from Stephanie Sheridan recently, and wants to know if anyone has heard from Joni Bacon ’75. Honor stopped by Suzanne “Susie” Cook Kinsellagh’s house a while back, but since Susie was at work, she and her 3 boys spent some time talking with Susie’s husband, John, whom she said “was so sweet and very gracious.” Ann Flanders Damon spent the winter teaching skiing at Cannon Mtn. in Franconia Notch, NH, and will be starting as a special ed teaching assistant soon. Susan Curtis Gile tells me it’s great to read the class notes and hear how our classmates are doing. (Thanks for the plug, Susan!) After 24 years in Atlanta, Susan and her husband, John, moved to Denver in 2004. They very much enjoy life out there, and have not missed the Atlanta traffic at all. Her 3 daughters are all in college this year—a senior at DeVry, a junior at NYU, and a freshman at the U. of Alabama. Her son is in 8th grade. Leslie Short Skibitsky and husband Gene now have an empty nest. She works in an elementary school as a special ed tech, primarily with behavioral students. Leslie loves telling people, when they ask where she went to college, that her diploma is unique—“Colby College—New Hampshire”—funny how we were the only class from that “institution”! Susan Tubbs Blakeslee lives in Evansville, IN, where she is a senior supply manager for Bristol Myers Squibb, working on her 31st year. Her 23-year-old is going to Ole Miss. Real estate is hot as a firecracker down in Austin so life is good all around. Hope all is well in New England.” Sarah Keith-Verfaillie has lived in TX for the past 10 years with her husband and 3 daughters. She received her master’s from TX A & M and teaches 1st grade in Corpus Christi. Her husband has retired from the U.S. Coast Guard and they were planning a move back north to their house in ME this summer. Sarah would especially love to hear any word from Betsy Gibson. Stephanie Sheridan lives in VA, in a house that sits on the Shenandoah River. She writes, “I am still riding horses, actually won 2 National championships during our last show season, hoping to come close to repeating that this summer! I keep in regular touch with Martha Walsh Schaefer. I am looking for Patricia Crowell ’74 and Susie Cook Kinsellagh ’74.” Dorothy “Dar” Rush Sullivan was in Grantham, NH, for a week in Feb. and had the chance to visit the Colby-Sawyer campus several times. She was “impressed with all of the new buildings” since she graduated. “Seeing the campus brought back lots of good memories. Go ABBEY, A-B-B-E-Y...ABBEMY!” Carla Pearson Marshall’s older daughter, Kate (25), was married last Sept. 30th to a local guy, Kolt Cook (cool name, eh?) from Danbury. They were married outside in South Danbury, NH, on a hillside overlooking Mt. Kearsarge. Carla writes, “325 guests were seated on hay bales for one of the prettiest ceremonies I have ever seen—not biased, though. Younger daughter, Devon, who was graduating from Gettysburg College this spring, was maid of honor. I turned 50 last year as did all of my friends from high school (makes sense!), so I rented a cottage on Winnipesaukee for a week and invited them (including Susan McArthur and Susan Kelly who attended CSC 74–75). Funny how you can pick right up where you left off 30 years ago. I just enrolled in massage therapy school where I will be for another year, while continuing to help out here and there at my husband’s garage in Elkins. Hard to believe I am taking Anatomy & Physiology again; Harold Currier (my CSC professor) is shaking his head from heaven on that one!” Richard “Dick” Baynes just returned from SC where one of his children graduated from basic training at Ft Jackson. Barry recently graduated from CSC with a dual major in history and psychology and is on to law school. Tom graduated from Full Sail in FL last year and is looking for work in the music industry as a technical engineer. Dick is still in the Manchester area and hopes to get back up to the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee area in the next couple of years. He hopes everyone is well! Barbara Stevens Morton writes, “I am currently looking out the window at the beautiful Andes Mountains in Aguas Calientes (Machu Picchu Pueblo). Am on a 15-day Peru trip having a fabulous time—beautiful country and I am able to speak Spanish as well. Still teaching junior high students in math, mainly algebra. Our daughter is graduating from U. of Victoria in Canada this May—yeah to one less tuition payment! Our son is finishing his 2nd year at Montana State U. in Bozeman. Have very fond memories of CSC and always glad I attended this college and graduated as well!”

Ellen Moorman Helms ’76 and her family.

1975

1976

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Rita Ahearn Keenan writes, “Both kids will be in college next year—yippee! Emily is at TX Tech and Weston is going to Ole Miss. Real estate is hot as a firecracker down in Austin so life is

(L to r) Anne Tilney Brune ’76, Kathy Burke ’76, Carol DiGennaro Meyer ’78, Kathy Burke’s daughters and Barb Carroll ’76.
Gave me a lot of confidence in myself and polished a lot of other needed characteristics. If in Salt Lake City, call. Is anyone interested in swapping travel stories for useful information? I can help with hostel, transportation and sites for some areas like Peru. Best, Barbie. Nancy Hill Smith writes that she has been living in Bedford, NH, for the past 20 years. After teaching 18 years at Pembroke Academy as a special education teacher, she took a job at Bow High School, Bow, NH, where she has been for the past 10 years. Her husband, Harry, works for Genesis, a company that develops alternative energy. Her daughter Jennifer graduated from Bentley College, works at Northeast Delta Dental in Concord, NH, and was to be married June 9, 2007. Her daughter, Heather Smith ‘06, graduated from Colby-Sawyer in May 2006 and is teaching in New London. Nancy still gets together with Maura, Linda, Kathy, Emmy, Beth, Suzanne, and Anne. She says they “are all doing GREAT and look TERRIFIC! We used to meet at Maura’s in NYC but we now meet at her place in Redding, CT, which is unbelievable. Looks like something out of House Beautiful!” Stephanie “Taffy” Allen Palenski ’77 e-mailed me that after moving to Nantucket 9½ years ago, one of the first people she met there was Louisa Herrick Crosby ’77. Also working at the hospital where she began was Donna Dorey Fleming. Taffy is in touch with Sarah Lynn Cribb, who is creating art in Ashland, OR, and Gail Conathan Wren recently came to the island for a visit. Taffy says she looks just the same. They plan to get Sarah Minor down when Gail comes east again. Taffy also wrote, “My dream was to live on Nantucket and I found the Baha’i Faith here and then realized that it must have been divine interference! I wasn’t ready in my crazy college days. I have 2 sons; Ted, who is a freshman at Yale, deferred a year and volunteered at an orphanage in Santiago, Chile; and his brother, Stephen, a freshman at UVM. Ted, who like me is a Baha’i, went with me on a pilgrimage to Haifa, Israel where the Baha’i World Center is located.” Taffy used to have sheep on the island, processing the wool, spinning, dying and selling it at a local yarn shop. But it was a labor of love and hard to do while she also worked online for Brigham and Women’s Hospital, wove, and worked at the local farm. Taffy finished by saying, “Ever since I lost my dear brother and went through the change of life, I have been so scattered! Where does the time go? Life is truly but a fleeting moment. Enjoy each moment!”

Mary Davenport Phelan is a senior VP, market manager for premier banking at Bank of America in Hartford, CT. She has been with this company and its predecessors for 20 years. She and her husband, Chris, have 2 daughters. Their oldest, Maggie, 23, works as a manager in the new Capital Grille in Burlington, MA. Younger daughter, Sara, is a junior at U. of GA, although last semester she was on sabbatical in Tanzania teaching English to young children. Chris and Mary are still pretty busy with their careers but do make good use of their leisure time by just being leisurely and having fun together. They bought a big old house several years ago which keeps them constantly engaged in new projects and they also took up riding motorcycles a couple of years ago—"my husband wishes I'd take up golf instead! It's a good life." Dawna Cobb writes from Baltimore that she loves her new job as dean of students at the U. of Maryland School Of Law. She says, “The students are smart, interesting and appreciative of all the efforts that my staff makes to help them with whatever problems they face. Over spring break, my family and I went to the Grand Canyon, which was wonderful. Even my hard to impress teenagers were wowed by the immensity and beauty of the canyon. My oldest son, Anders, is off to Haverford College next year, which I can’t believe. It will have me thinking about my move into Burpee and those magical but scary first few weeks away from home. I have been e-mailing with Brooks Bolston over the last few months, which has been wonderful. Other than that, I haven’t heard from Colby friends, but I hope when things slow down I will reach out to them over the summer." Lynn Hastings Traver now lives in Westerly, RI. Her 2 older children, Ali and Will, are attending URI; Ali is a junior and Will is a freshman. Her youngest, Sam, is in 6th grade, playing baseball for the Westerly Middle School. Terry works for a horticultural company based out of Seattle, WA. She still has a home jewelry business that pays for her tennis addiction. Lynn plays tennis for about 4 USTA teams and loves every minute of it. She has been in touch with Madeleine McClintic Harty ’79 and hopes to have a reunion with her sometime soon in RI. Ellen Moorman

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Mary Olzewski Magnusson
(Best dorm) sends her regards. Mary is an executive assistant to a CEO in Greenwich, CT, and says “the shorthand classes I took at Colby-Sawyer with Mr. Lamontagne opened many doors for me.” Mary’s oldest son recently completed 4 years of military service with the US Navy assigned to the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) in Norfolk, VA. All 3 of her children are now college students: Jeff and Missy at
the U. of CT. Scott at the U. of Tampa. After losing touch with each other for almost 30 years, Mary recently located her Big Sister, Ellen Merchant Kahler ’77, through the Colby-Sawyer directory and is planning to visit soon! Kay Kendrick Reynolds lives in Henniker, NH, with her husband and 2 boys. She keeps very busy working part time at the Golden Pineapple Gift Shop and at the Henniker Junction Restaurant, which she and her husband have owned for 13 years. If any of you are ever in the Henniker area, she would love for you to stop by either place and say hi! Their son Dave has had a successful high school experience and now he’s headed to Ithaca College in the fall. Dave has a friend that is going to Colby-Sawyer in the fall and she is very excited about it! Their other son Matthew will head into 8th grade. Kay and her husband spend as much time as they can at their condo in Marco Island, FL (actually Isles of Capri). Kay still stays in touch with close friend Morah Alexander, who has a lovely home in Reading, MA, and works for GE in Boston. I am still back and forth between New London and NYC where I freelance part-time for an interior designer. You could say I have spent over 30 years now. As always, I wonder what the great City of New York and the wonderful town of New London, which has been my home for 30 years now and always, I hope to hear from more of you for the next issue of the magazine and look forward to seeing many of you at our 30th reunion next June. Can you believe it? Have a great summer.

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Greetings to the Class of 1983!
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I have assumed the role of class correspondent, attempting to fill Sallianne Picara Lake’s shoes, so here goes. I sent out postcards and received about 10% back. We were a very small class but help me out here, ladies! We will start with Sally McDermott Morse, who is actually my personal assistant as far as this column goes. She still teaches at Windy Hill and is married to Leigh. She has 2 children, Sarah (13) and Jackson (11). Sally works with the child development students and children of alumni—it’s a small world! As a family they travel to various mountains to ski race in support of her daughter’s racing. Beth Haverty Burns missed Reunion last year because of the birth of her first child, daughter Quinn Elizabeth. She resides in Arlington, MA, with her family. Kristin Takala Tishman lives in Wellesley, MA. Tricia Vaillancourt Shea lives close by in Milford, NH, with her family, Liam (10) and Molly (6). Judy Jarvis-Densmore lives in ME with her husband, Don, and children Drew (15) and Joanna (13). They love to ski, camp, and visit the ocean. Penny MacDonald Shirane is still involved in the ski industry as she is co-owner of World Cup Supply. They are waiting to hear about a recent bid for the 2010 Vancouver Olympics. Her children, Zoe (16) and Marley (13), and husband, Jeffrey, keep her busy in Thetford, VT. The “buzz” is Penny is still bee keeping (9 years!). Wendy Charles Maguire from Peachtree City, GA, just opened a coffee shop called Coffee n’ Cones, Robbie (14), Erin (13) and Colin (9) are assured summer jobs, but their own sports keep them busy. Wendy’s husband, Frank, is VP of global sales and operations at EGL. I recently spent the afternoon with Betsy Cividotta Pontius and her family in Wellfleet, MA. My husband, Jack, was consulting with Betsy’s husband, John (JP), on installation of acoustics.
in their restaurant. They recently rebuilt the restaurant, Finely JPs, and it is fabulous. As if the rest doesn’t keep them busy enough, Rosie (9), Johnny (6) and Camille (3) add non-stop activity! I also bump into Marcie Eckert Stockwell and her husband, Rich, around town. She loves teaching and is busy with her 3 children, James, Thomas and Maggie. Judith Nye is living on Cape Cod with her 3 kids, Murphy (14), Taylor (6) and Josephine (5). Judy works for Cape Code Five Cent Savings Bank. I received an e-mail from Fanny Lynne Esformes ’87 who has a child and is living in CA. She sounds happy and would love to hear from Stephanie Browne Andreottola. Laura Dewing Carlson lives in CO. Her son, Tyler, is off to CO State U. next year to study music. He auditioned for the vocal education program and was one of only 15 country-wide to be selected. Laura just finished her first book, an alphabet book filled with her artwork that is in the works with a publisher as we speak! She is still a treatment coordinator for an orthodontist practice with about 3,000 patients —she loves it! As for me, I still love working in sales for U.S. Foodservice, and Jack is very busy with his business as an acoustical engineer. As I write this, we are planning to go to Ireland in April with Laura Gidman Powers ’87 and Robin Jefferson Williams ’99. I also must mention the Madonna concert I went to in July 2006 with Laura Gidman Powers ’87, Sally McDermott Morse ’85 and Robin Jefferson Williams ’99 —great CSC memories from that show! As a result of this column, my “assistant,” Sally Mac, has been promoted to co-class correspondent. Lucky me! Thanks, Sal, and thanks to all who responded.

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Hi, everyone. I hope you are well. I enjoyed hearing from classmates and getting updated. I get to see Jill Dean and Jane Barhoff Ypsilantis 4 times a year. We get together for dinner and drinks; it’s a nice tradition that I look forward to. Both Jane and Jill are doing well. Wendy Johnstone Collins is still up on the North Shore. Life is good raising her 2 little girls, Sophia, 7, and Emalia, 3. She began a job hunt after being out of the work force for 8 years! Wish Wendy luck! She walked the Breast Cancer 3 day in Boston in Aug., a total of 60 miles! Wendy lost one of her best friends to this horrible disease in April and walked in her honor. Wendy hopes you are all well.

Janice Johnson Madden also did an Avon Breast Cancer Walk for her best friend, walking 39 miles with a friend in Chicago. Tracy Howe moved into a new home in early March, and started a fantastic new job with Sepracor Pharmaceuticals. She says the new place is wonderful, and the new job is even better. In Jan., Barbara Ellen Bitondo launched More Than Skin Deep, a consulting firm that designs, develops and delivers workshops, retreats, tele-seminars, video-mail classes and individualized programs that advance personal transformation using a unique blend of appreciative inquiry, neuro-linguistic programming, narrative practice, earth-centered spirituality and frontier science processes. In the most popular retreat, “Positive Image,” these techniques help people develop a life-giving relationship with their beauty, image and aura. Some call it a make-over from the inside out. That is really wonderful, Barbara! Please contact me with new information about you. Your classmates would love to hear from you.

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Palm Springs to celebrate our 3rd wedding anniversary, and after that I headed to Indianapolis in June to watch the Indianapolis Grand Prix Formula 1 race held there each year. In Nov., I'm off to Singapore and Thailand for a 10-day vacation with my friend Courtney. My parents will be coming to CA to celebrate Christmas with Justin and me this year in the hopes of escaping the cold NH winter for a few short weeks. Kristi Dyer has been living in Santa Fe, NM, for almost 9 years. “I work for myself as a therapist, specializing in myofascial release, and absolutely love what I do! Every day is a new experience! I am able to utilize my skills as an AT and LMT but do not work directly in the athletic field as I once did. MFR has helped me to heal in many ways, including ‘growing’ 2 inches—no more rounded shoulders! I live alone with my 2 dogs, Lilly and Mollie, in a 2br apt, and I work out of my home. There’s nothing like the fresh outdoors and clear blue skies here. I’ve been enjoying playing tennis lately and hope to play USTA sometime in the near future. In the meantime, we’ve been having a wonderful winter in which I can snowshoe and cross-country ski with my dogs in my back yard. I’m looking to contact Deb Fournier; if anyone has any updated info on her I would greatly appreciate any help. Thanks!” Don’t be shy, everyone. Your classmates want to hear from you, so send your news and updates.

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Carolyn Norris has been living in England for almost a year now and says that life there is going very well. During a weekend visit in Nov. with friends in Riga, Latvia, her boyfriend, Chris, flew out to surprise her with a wedding proposal. They are planning a May 2008 wedding on Santorini Island, Greece.

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Tracie Long Fitzpatrick wrote, “Thanks to The Loop [find it at www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends] I’ve been able to reconnect with my old vertically-challenged roommates (aka Jen D’Orazio Hollingsworth and Marcy Bronzino Bettencourt). After all these years, it’s been a great reunion! Unfortunately, we are not planning to come back East this year. My husband is still in shock over the mosquitoes he had to fend off on our trip to MA last summer! But I did get to see Melissa Tucci ’93, who hasn’t changed a bit, so it was a great trip! We will probably attempt to come back next year. At the time of this e-mail, our family is happy, healthy, and gearing up for the long days ahead as my daughter Kyleigh’s spring soccer season begins. Things are quiet and routine, just the way we like it. Enjoy your summer!”

Anthony Barbier sent in an update. He and his wife, Kristin, recently had their 4th child, Elliott, who joins AJ, Isabella, and Ethan. They recently celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary and live in Stillwater, MN. Anthony works with 3M in St Paul, MN, as a quality and new product development engineer. The family enjoy going to the lake on the boat, and he is coaching his son’s football team. He says it’s a busy life, but they love it.

Holly Long Maturo writes that all is well in CT. “I continue to work as a vocational counselor for the mentally ill, and recently started my own Medicare consulting venture called Medicare Matters. I help seniors pick the Medicare plan that best suits their needs. My husband and I just enjoyed a long awaited vacation to Turks and Caicos. We are expecting a visit from Dawn Reid ’93 and Hillary Waldbaum this summer and can’t wait to reminisce.”

Serena Moxon Pines graduated from Florida Coastal School of Law on May 12, 2007, and then
planned to take the Florida Bar. Kate Van Rensselaer Rench was married in Sept. 2004 to Craig Rench from IL. She writes, “We live in Steamboat, CO. I am an owner and head chef of a successful fine dining restaurant called Cafe Diva, www.cafediva.com. My husband runs a custom design furniture company. We have 2 dogs, no kids. Just do the Colorado thing: hike, bike, telemark, snowboard, pretty much any outdoor activity. My husband and I both won the town challenge mountain biking series last summer for our division.”

Megan Reilly lives in Laconia, NH, with her husband, Leslie, and 2 little girls. Molly Harding lives in South Hampton, NY, and is a great pastry chef. That is all the news I have. Hope all is well and life is treating you all well.”

Tracy Sutherland Fitch and her husband, Donald, are very proud to announce the birth of their son, Chase William, on March 31, 2007. Hillary Waldbaum still lives in her own condo in “Manchvegas, NH,” and is very happy. She recently went to Martha’s Vineyard with Dawn Reid ’93 for a weekend of relaxation and found Amy Love Reynolds. Amy has been living there for 10 years now and is married and happy. Hillary said it was great to see her and reminisce. She is looking forward to visiting Holly Long Maturo this summer, and she would love to hear from Alyson Drew and Kim. She promises to contact Matt Landry.

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I, Jeanne Corcoran Wiggin, enjoyed a wonderful winter and spring with my family. We introduced our 2-year-old to skiing and fortunately he loved it. Class correspondent Caroline Herz is an audit manager at United Rentals, Inc, (URI) in Greenwich, CT. URI is the largest equipment rental company in the world. Caroline reports directly to the chief auditor and she is responsible for overseeing the audit function for the company. Class correspondent Wendy Mansson Olsen reports that although the Sierras, their door is always open for visitors in Reno. Heidi Stevens Freeman writes that her daughter, Iris Olympia Freeman, was born on Oct. 7, 2006, at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. “She surprised all of us by coming 5 weeks early,” she says. Iris weighed in at 5 pounds 2.6 ounces at birth but by 4 months she caught up to her age group in weight and height. “Iris enjoys being pulled in the ski pulken as often as we can get out on snow and we hope to get her on cross-country skis next winter,” she writes. Heidi and her husband, Justin, are living at the New Hampton School as dorm parents. Justin teaches pre-calculus and physics and Heidi works part time in the development office at the Sant Bani School in New York.
Sanbornton, NH. Kevin Galuski says hello to everyone. He is entering his 7th year at the University of Albany as the assistant athletic director for equipment and operations and director of the New York Giants Training Camp. He celebrated his 3-year anniversary with his lovely wife, Shannon Galuski, on Nov. 21, 2006. “It’s been a great year here at Albany. Our men’s basketball team almost pulled off the biggest upset in Division I NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament history against UConn, and our men’s lacrosse team beat the number one team and most storied men’s lacrosse program in the country, Johns Hopkins,” he writes. Kevin also had a great experience in South Beach Miami at Super Bowl XLI and he sends his congrats to Matt Godbout and his Indianapolis Colts for winning Super Bowl XLI. Last but not least, Kevin had a pleasant surprise this past fall when his old teammate and good friend Jay Geiger ’94 was named head athletic trainer at Albany. Matt Godbout reports that he and his wife are doing well. “I’m still working for the Colts, and as you can imagine it was an exciting time out here this year. Denise and I had the opportunity to spend a few days in Miami and saw the Colts win the Super Bowl. It was an exciting time for the city.” Matt says that his children are doing well. “Gabrielle is now almost 4 and taking on the big sister role well with Andrew, who is 10 months.” Matt was out East for the Red Sox game on Patriots day in April and enjoyed being back home for a few days. Debbie Casner Shapiro and her husband, Matt, welcomed a baby girl on Nov. 2, 2006. Ava Marie was born 7 pounds 5 ounces and was 19 inches long. Debbie has been teaching in Sunapee, NH, for 10 years and will celebrate her 10th wedding anniversary in July. In Jan., Maura Higgins Semmes and her husband, Gibby, caught up with Chad Tassel and his wife, Vanessa, in San Diego. Maura also had a chance to catch up with Satesh Lokumal ’96 who is doing great. Lisa Casey LeBeau, her husband, Eric LeBeau ’94, and their 4-year-old daughter, Grace, reside in Vergennes, VT. Susan Olsen married Dave Schumacher at the Wequaset Inn Resort & Golf Club in Chatham, MA, on Oct. 15, 2006. Jessica Dacey Van Olst, her husband, Eric, and their son, Kai, recently moved to Moraga, CA, in the East Bay. Travis Wendel resides in southern VT with his “2 shorties—Liam and Simon.” Nadine Corrieri Lohr says “hello” to all her classmates. She lives in Chesapeake, VA, and loves the weather there. “It’s a big change from cold New England,” she writes. Nadine has been married for nearly 5 years now. For her 5th anniversary she and her husband are taking a trip to Yellowstone and Grand Tetons National Parks. They are looking forward to hiking and enjoying the wildlife. She invites people to e-mail her at cs1995@aol.com.

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Welcome to the family. Diana Amoroso Millet ’96 and Kristopher Millet ’96 with their children Elliott, Sean and Olivia on adoption day.

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Happy summer, class of 1996. Wow, it’s hard to write that in April when there are 8 inches of snow on the ground. Kristin and I hope you are all happy and healthy. It seems our class is keeping it short and sweet this time around. Hopefully next issue we will have tons of news to report. Don’t forget to register for The Loop at www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends; it is a great way to reconnect to fellow alums and allows us to keep in touch with all of you. We have really enjoyed it. I, Jen Rowell Pedersen, along with my husband, Mark Pedersen ’00, had a very busy year. We were lucky enough to adopt a healthy and happy baby boy. His name is Sawyer Miles Pedersen and he was born on Sept. 15 in Berkeley, CA. We were both there for the birth and after 2 weeks of being in CA, brought him back to NH. I am now a stay-at-home mom and I must say it is the hardest, but most rewarding job that I have had since leaving CSC. I, Kristin Sneider Mulready, am doing just fine. Josh and I are enjoying time with our sons as the school year winds down and we head into to summer. Jim McGilvery recently left AND1 after 5 years. He is starting up with a new company called Streetball Entertainment, LLC, created by several players and former staff of AND1. The Streetball tour (name TBD) will go around the world in major arenas and colleges (including Manchester’s Verizon Wireless Arena on Wed. 8/15/07). Jim says, “I hope to see many alums there on that day.” He is still living in Philly and living the dream…still playing ball from time to time. He was on campus in Feb. for the annual game and was able to connect with some of the old crew: Fawna Gallant Hattrup ’97, Josh Pincoske ’97, Hillary Woodward Pincoske, and Kyle Battis ’99. He also got to meet the new president, Tom Galligan, who was nice enough to come over to the gym and meet some of the alums. Jim is looking forward to playing in at least one more alumni game so he
can get a chance to play on the new floor that will be installed this summer. I would have to agree with Jim when he says "it is very exciting news and I'm glad administration made that move." Jim also wanted to add a shout out to TJ Gondek '95 for his induction into the brand new Athletics Hall of Fame and to Matt Godbout '95 and his Super Bowl Champion Indianapolis Colts. Matt also sold the naming rights to the new Colts' stadium. Huge feather in his cap! Great job buddy! Eric Lacombe and his wife, Gretchen, welcomed their 2nd child (another boy) on Oct. 30. Eric was able to take 5 weeks off from work to spend time with Aidan, 3-years old, and Tyler. Sarah Racine Vallieres and her husband, John, welcomed their 3rd boy to the family on Oct. 16. Caleb joins his big brothers Joshua and Jacob! Sarah is also about to embark on a new career; she will be opening a home daycare in Sept. Amy Cheney writes that she is still living in Quincy, MA, and working in the dental field. She finally met a great guy in the fall of '06 after coming off of a very long 7-year relationship. All in all things are going really well and she couldn't be happier! She still keeps in touch with some of her CSC classmates, including Amanda Wood Lopardo, Cheri Thibodeau Boulanger '97, Chris Tulloch '97, Patrick O'Neil '95, Missy Yachinski '97, and Amy Goldstein Carey. Everyone seems to be doing really well.

Chris Boire was married in Lake Placid, NY, on Aug. 19, 2006. Chris and Jennifer were lucky enough to have several CSC alums in attendance, including Jim McGilvery, Hillary Woodward Pincoske, Josh Pincoske '97 and Kyle Battis '99. Tiffany Taylor Merrill writes that she is enjoying her time with daughters Brooklynn and Kristin, who are 4 and 2.

Diana Amorosa Millet and Kris Millet write that they have been married for nearly 11 years and are currently living in DeRuyter, NY. Kris is a housing coordinator at Syracuse U. and Diana stays home with the kids. She writes that she completed her master's in special education and taught preschool special ed for a while, but with the arrival of their 3rd child she decided to stay home. They have 3 children: Olivia, 5½, Sean, 3, and Elliott, 2. The whole family is excited to have finalized the adoption of the boys in Jan.

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Hello, all! Hopefully lots of you are connected through The Loop by now. If not, check it out at www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni. It has been a busy winter for us! My husband, Mike, has taught our little guy, Luke, to ski this year. He loves it and it is amazing to see how fearless tots are. Our new baby, Janie, has kept me busy; she is adorable and I am enjoying the cuddle time before she starts crawling! I am hoping to spend some time with my old roomie (now sister-in-law) this summer, both at her house in MD and then a long weekend in Boston. We see each other via webcam and chat daily but are still excited for the visit. Erik Daly, wife Betsy and little Harper Daly live just over the border from us in VT, and we are able to see them fairly often. Erik is still with the College of St. Joseph as assistant director of the athletic department; teaching and coaching keep him busy during the school year. Hi class of '97! Hope everybody is doing well. I, Regan Loati Baringer, have been keeping busy with my 2 little girls, Camryn, 3½, and Audrey, 10 months. This year we are experiencing the craziness of preschool with Camryn. The field trips, school parties/functions and play dates seem to never stop. Luckily, my husband and I have taken a break from our home renovations after recently redoing our kitchen and are now just enjoying what we have accomplished. We’re looking forward to a less hectic summer and hopefully having a visit from my sister-in-law (Amy) and her family. I hope to also meet up with Erica Wells Leighton in Boston this summer. She still enjoys life in Exeter, NH, with her husband and 2 boys. She recently returned to work in sales and is enjoying the change of pace.

Chris House is still hard at work in West Lebanon, NH, at the Golf and Ski Warehouse. He’s also hard at work trying to have the most alumni contacts on CSC’s new online network, The Loop.

Jolene Thompson Stratton and Alicen Jesser ’99 recently caught up along with Jolene’s 2 sons, Beyden, 3, and Camden, 2. Alicen says “Jolene is still making beautiful smiles” (as a dental hygienist) in Littleton, NH. Kyle Houghton returned to the states on Dec. 24 after living in Adelaide, Australia for one year. He was in a teacher exchange program and taught first and second grade while there. Kyle and his wife, Melissa, traveled as much as they could, spending 3 weeks camping around New Zealand, and also traveling to Tasmania, Kangaroo Island, Queensland, and the Great Barrier Reef. They enjoyed their time in Australia, but are happy to be back in CO.

Anne Skaife Willet wrote to say she was celebrating her 5th wedding anniversary in June with husband, Bob. She returned to school and graduated from UNC-CH with an MSN. She lives in Cary, NC, with her husband and her daughter, who is getting ready to enter high school. Her other 4 daughters/stepdaughters are in college full time. She is staying busy with family, work and traveling. Katie Josephs Flint writes, “My husband, Scott, and I have 2 boys, Harper, 4, and Jonah, 2, and we live in Sunapee, NH. I’m working part time at Tuck School at Dartmouth, and I love the extra time with my family. I have
learned how to do stained glass, and besides a few minor accidents with a hot soldering tool and shards of glass, it has been a blast." Congratulations to Lauren Powell who completed her first marathon in Philadelphia in Nov. and is planning a repeat performance! Lauren lives in Ardmore, PA, where she works at a computer store! It is great to hear from everyone and hope even more people get in touch for updates now that The Loop has made it so easy! Thanks!

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Greetings and salutations, class of ’98! It is so nice to be writing this update while the sun is shining brightly and the weather is warm. Hello, summer! As we said in the last Alumni Magazine, the past couple of updates have been lacking in the number of classmates we are hearing from. This alumni update is, for some folks, the only venue we have to hear about the exciting lives of our fellow classmates. Please take a moment to send Jamie or me your e-mail address and a brief update so we can keep in contact with you; or if you haven’t already done so, log-on to The Loop at www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends, and let us know how you are doing. We miss you! Jamie Gilbert recently bought a condo in Middletown, CT, and is currently studying to become a doula (labor coach) all the while maintaining a very busy massage therapy business. My wife and I are preparing for our daughter’s 1st birthday, which we will be spending in the beautiful Rocky Mountains in CO. It is so hard to believe that she is already turning 1. Where does the time go! I got a chance to travel back to New London in April and hang out with Nate Camp, Marty Binette and Pat Quinn. Marty brought out the ‘80s hair music and we reminisced about time gone by. Rob Gagnon wrote to say that he bought a new house in Danvers with his fiancée, Peggy, and is busily planning a Nov. 10th wedding. Congrats, Rob! Gary Kennedy has been traveling this spring, just coming back from Jamaica and Las Vegas. Lauren Bodkin Hunter plans to rest and relax for the summer at her new vacation home after finishing her 10th year of teaching at Brewster Academy. Shannon Zimmerman just bought a 10 acre horse farm in northern VA. She is planning a trip to Puerto Rico to visit with her boyfriend’s family this summer. Last fall, I went to visit Nate Kelly, Brian Karbel, Kevin Webster and Steven Townsend down at Brian’s new place in Watertown, MA. I will keep the stories in Watertown other than to say Nate, Brian, Steve and Kevin are all doing well. Brian Dyer and Mindy Rumery Dyer welcomed their new daughter, Gabrielle, in Nov. ’06. Jake Fish moved to Dallas in June ’07, accepting a senior account executive position with a PR firm. Kate Ireland writes to say she is anxiously awaiting summer with her daughter in Newburyport, MA, where she works at Darling Consulting. Meredith DeCola Trudel is also looking forward to spending the summer in Amherst, NH, with her daughter, Chloe, and her husband. That’s it folks. Get those updates to me. Have a great summer and fall everyone!

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Great to hear from you guys. Thanks to everyone who’s registered for The Loop so far. We will continue to e-mail for class notes twice a year but with all of the changes we hope that the Loop will be a place where everyone can connect. Check it out at www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends. I, Suzanne Blake Gerety, am now a mom of 2! My husband, Ed, and I welcomed a baby girl, Shannon Kendall Gerety, into our family in Jan. She joins her big brother, Ryan, who is 2. I had a memorable and fun 30th birthday; my husband threw a surprise party for me at the Portsmouth Brewery in Portsmouth, NH. Cara Falconi, Ari Lombardi Willey, Melissa Eckman Binette, Nat Ciulla Katz and Kelley Healey Blake were there to celebrate with me. Laura Deutsch Heath writes that in Sept ’06 she and her husband, Courtney, attended Abby Hamlin’s wedding in CO. They also got to see Holly Brooks, who was a bridesmaid in the wedding. She said they had a blast out

there. Laura and Courtney welcomed Jacob Michael Heath to the family on Nov. 13, 2006. Connor loves having a little brother! He also likes spending time with his buddy PJ Crowell, Tracy Rowe Crowell’s son. They are both growing so fast.

Benjamin Reeder is in his 3rd year working at Colby-Sawyer in the Admissions Office. For the last year he’s been living in Concord, NH, with Lucia Savage ’02. They were engaged over the holidays and plan to be married in Sept. They are planning a small ceremony at Flag Hill Winery in Lee, NH, and are excited to have several fellow CSC alumni there. Natalie Ciulla Katz celebrated her marriage to Yan Katz on New Year’s Eve 2006 in Boston. Ari Lombardi Willey and her husband, Ryan Willey ’00, had a baby girl, Brook Mary Willey, born Nov. ’06. Ali Jesser is back in VT until Sept. when her sisters, Leisa Jesser ’01 and Susanna Jesser ’02, get married. Ali writes that she is enjoying pursuing her photography career.

Jennie Mitchell Buckler and her family spent one month this winter in Scottsdale, AZ. Beth Freeman flew out and spent a week with them. Jen, Beth, and Jen James Ensign got together for a girls night at Jen’s house. Greg Hooven started a new job with a marketing agency in Manchester at the beginning of the year and has been really busy there, plus he and his wife welcomed their 1st child into the family this spring—a baby boy, Byland Packer Hooven. Hilary Crane writes that she is still working at the Hartford and enjoys her job on the death benefits phone team. She passed her Series 6 and was promoted to a senior service specialist. Hilary attended a 30th birthday party for Kate Ireland ’98 at the end of Dec.

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Hello, everyone! As May gets closer it is hard to believe that 7 years have gone by since graduation! This is Tara Schirm Campanella and I am all settled into life here in Newport RI. I graduate in May with my master’s from BU, so I am very excited to be done with all the hard work so I can enjoy my summer in Newport.

Maryellen Skuksi Mitranoff has gotten a bunch of professional dancing gigs around Boston, including the role of a dancer in the upcoming Kevin Spacey film and she was also in the Boston Phoenix online. I hope to catch one of her shows soon—she has quite a following in Boston!

Colleen McNinis Roaf writes, “Jason and I welcomed our daughter Sadie into the world on 7/31/06. She is happy and healthy and overtook our condo, so we just bought our 1st home! I still work part time as an individual and family counselor at a special ed school in Chelmsford, MA, and my husband, Jason, is a special ed teacher in Lowell, MA.”

Alison Calvarese Lopes, Ron Lopes, and I enjoyed being in Crissy Vallee’s wedding on Oct. 14, 2006. She was a gorgeous bride! Both Crissy and Alison are still enjoying running successful businesses, and Ron still enjoys teaching. Melissa Weymouth was promoted to manager of national team events and marketing at USA Volleyball. Melissa says, “This year the USA matches will take place in Portland, OR; Green Bay, WI; Chicago, IL; and Anaheim, CA,—any CSC alumni that want to attend are welcome.”

Anne Raeburn writes, “I am engaged to Brendan Connolly and we are planning a Aug. 2008 wedding. Also, I am currently in the midst of my MBA. Dan Darcy, Cindy Bailey Mace and I spent this past weekend in Stowe playing in the snow!”

Nicole Bennos Lentine says, “I got married in Boston on Feb. 17 and I could not be happier. Jacky Woyda Worbel was one of my bridesmaids and Todd Gully and Kerry Fleming came to the wedding. My husband and I now live in Marina Bay in Quincy.”

The only other news I have to report is that Melissa Labrie Ashley eloped on Valentine’s Day. Congrats, Nicole and Missy; I hope you both enjoy your first year as newlyweds. I hope everyone has a wonderful warm summer. Hello, class of 2000! I, Jennifer Prudden, hope everyone has had a great winter and is looking forward to spring. Things are going well here in Boston. I am still teaching 3rd Grade in Andover, MA, and living in the North End of Boston. I continue to see Kate Lovell often, as she lives just a few miles from me. She has been very busy performing in local theater and auditioning for shows in community theaters in the Boston area. Katie Sykes Follis, Zanna Campbell Blaney, Kate Lovell, and I got together at Jessica Dannecker’s new condo in Newmarket, NH. We had a great time catching up! Many of you sent in reports on how you are, but not as many as usual. Please remember to send your update as often as possible and to get the word out to fellow classmates. Here are the reports I did receive.

Chelsea Bisbee Correia writes, “On Aug. 17, 2006, my husband, Jay Correia ’97, and I became proud parents, as I gave birth to our darling daughter, Dakoda Correia. She is now almost 7 months old and has quite the bright personality. I continue to teach 4th grade in Bedford, NH, where we still reside. We recently purchased a condo in Miami, FL, where we plan to vacation in April. Jason continues to work for his family’s business in Greenville, NH.”

Jesse Lane wrote, “This year, I have chaired the Fine and Performing Arts Department at Brewster Academy, which has been an interesting task to say the least. I started full-time graduate work in Jan. at Goddard College, where I’m pursuing my MFA in writing.”

I have been in touch with Katie Sykes Follis frequently. She is now working for Merial (animal pharmaceutical company) as a field sales rep. Her company makes things like Frontline and Heartgard. She rang in the New Year with Zanna Campbell Blaney and her husband, Nic. I got to see Caroline Tully at our 10-year high school reunion and she promised to write. She reports, “I got engaged in Dec.
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Hello, everyone! I hope these notes find you happy and well. I wanted to make sure everyone has heard about The Loop. It's a wonderful way to stay connected to other alums, and I have found it to be a great way to catch up with old friends. If you haven't registered for The Loop yet, get to it! You'll find it at www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends. Now for the updates. Things here for me, Kristy Meisner, have been very exciting! I became engaged in Jan, much to my surprise, to my boyfriend of almost 4 years, Jason. We have been so busy since then, loving the engaged life and attempting to plan our summer 2008 wedding; it's been great! Professionally I started teaching early childhood education to students at Andover College here in Lewiston. I teach evening classes, which has been great for my other work schedule. It's been quite a transition being on the other side of the lecture table, but I love it! Our other classmates are doing well, too. Missy Brown has upgraded her job down a grade, which means she got a marvelous new job in a new district teaching a grade lower than she was last year. Missy writes, "Now I'm a 7th grade teacher and I love every second of this new job! I am already having sleepless nights (of excitement of course!) thinking of my wedding in Oct., and I'll be moving somewhere further south of Syracuse come Sept. I've been able to get together with Nikki Fowler Martin '02 and Randi Everett '02 a lot since they live so close to me now! Everything is exciting with so many people getting married these days!" Kristin Ozana Doyle shares, "I'll be attending SNHU part-time in the fall to work on my master's in curriculum and instruction. I'm still working at Raymond High, advising the Class of 2008. Also, I recently started compiling a book on the history of Raymond, NH, to be published in the summer of 2008. It's a lot more work than I anticipated, but it's really interesting. And I know that Jennie Coccia Labranche and I are looking forward to Sarah Lloyd's wedding this summer." Danica Letarte Medeiros and her husband, Mark, live in Arlington, MA. Danica is still working in Wellesley, but plans to take the summer off. Danica catches up with Susanne Day Teachout often. Kimberly

In August 2006, Kristin Danforth Surowiec '02 married Jason Surowiec in New London. Pictured (l to r) are Kristin Surowiec '01, Chris Scarpa '02, Amy Potter Drummond '00, Drew Drummond '02, Jason Surowiec, Kristin Danforth Surowiec '02, Sarah Reagan '02, Matthew Hagerty '02, Susanna Jesser '02, Kim Danforth '04, Greg McGown '04, Leslie Ricketson '05 and Laura Danforth '03.
Morrison Miller writes, “Our son, Peyton, is 9 months already on May 2. He is doing great! He is a world traveler. We have already taken him to Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Hawaii. I am staying busy with Peyton and doing foster care work for the local Golden Retriever rescue.”

Katrina Ryan actually ran into Kim and her son recently and says he is very cute! Katrina is heading into her 5th season at the RBC Center/ Carolina Hurricanes.

Heather Cole Thomayer recently went part time at her job so she can spend more time doing things she enjoys: learning natural horsemanship, riding her pony, traveling to events and clinics. Heather hopes to start school in the fall for radiology tech and she is planning a trip to see Julie Olson and Becky McKinnon.

Over the course of three seasons, each with its own distinct feel, the show has gained in popularity, and now has a devoted following. Internet TV network Blip.tv features Joppa in its regular programming and the show has been featured on Podcast Salad, a weekly online video highlight show.

Currently preparing to launch their fourth season, and now down to three performers following the departure of Therrien, the Joppans have something else in the works, something big. When asked about this new project, the enigmatic trio refuse to be pinned down, willing only to say that fans should visit the Web site regularly for updates. They do reveal, however, that the mysterious endeavor involves other Colby-Sawyer alumni, including longtime collaborator Kevin Kerner ‘01.

With the future looking bright, the group have gotten themselves an agent to help promote their efforts and bring their comedy to an ever-expanding audience. It won’t be long, we’re sure, before the whole world knows about Newburyport and the mysteries of Joppa.

To learn more go to www.whatisjoppa.com or http://joppa.blip.tv.

—Mike Gregory
Debbie Panza Brenner and Derek Flock. Hillary Cogen has had an exciting year! She began a new career back at CSC in Aug. 2006. She is busy planning her summer 2007 wedding and recruiting students for the admissions office. Hilary loves chatting with people on The Loop, the online alumni network at www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends. Jacob Jarvela was finishing his comic thesis at the Center for Cartoon Studies in White River Junction, VT. “It’s a collection of graphically told stories of bodily injuries I’ve sustained in my life. Gory! I’m a member of the inaugural class at the school, and we were all graduating on May 19, 2007.” This summer, my girlfriend, Elizabeth, and I will be heading to the city of Lund in southern Sweden for a couple of months. She’s enrolled there in a Swedish language course at Folkuniversitetet; I’m going along for the adventure. Upon returning to the states, we’ll both pursue career-type placement somewhere. Cheers!”

Debbie Panza Brenner married David Brenner on July 8, 2006, in New London, NH. “We had so much fun and couldn’t imagine having a better day than the one we had,” Debbie said. They purchased a house in Concord, NH, and say they’re enjoying every bit of home ownership. Debbie works as a guidance counselor at Franklin High School. It seems like the list of weddings never ends! Erin Slavin Tate was married to Jon Tate in Sept. 2006 on the Cape. She works for Verizon as a business development manager and enjoys working on fixing up and decorating her new house. Nikki Fowler Martin married her high school sweetheart on Feb. 20, 2007, on the island of Great Guana Cay, Abaco, Bahamas. “It was a beautiful day on the beach with the sand in our toes and our immediate family surrounding us,” says Nikki. The happy couple enjoys working on their house and being married in general. Julie Sheehan O’Neill was married to Brendan O’Neill on Sept. 23, 2006, at St. Rose of Lima in Northborough, MA. Congratulations, Julie! Their reception was held at the Wachusett Country Club in West Boylston, MA. The happy couple went to Tahiti and Bora Bora on their honeymoon. Tasha Beaudin and Kelly Wigmore Mastroianni were among the bridesmaids. Kristin Danforth Surowiec ’03 was married in Aug. 2006 to Jason Surowiec in New London. “It was an absolutely beautiful day and we shared it with some great CSC friends,” Kristin says. CSC alums in attendance were Megan Costello ‘01, Christopher Scarpia, Amy Potter Drummond ’00, Drew Drummond, Sarah Reagan, Matthew Hagerty, Susanna Jesser, Kim Danforth ’83, ’84, Greg McGown ’04, Anne “Leslie” Ricketson ’85, Laura Danforth ’81, ’83, Abby Lefebvre ’01 and Renee Liberty ‘00. Matthew Hagerty lives in AZ, teaching tennis and living with Hillary Cross. The 2 recently took a trip to Salt Lake City, UT, and saw Susanna Jesser and Leisa Jesser ’01, as well as Greg McGown ’04. Matt, Ramsey Hoehn and Brett Gaede also keep in close contact with Jason Schreck, who is doing much, much better. Mike Derr, Conor Anderson and Christopher Scarpia also recently took a trip to UT, skiing and snowboarding in Park City. Mike and his wife, Kate, bought a new house a few minutes outside of Philadelphia, PA. Ramsey Hoehn spent the winter in FL teaching tennis with Brett Gaede. Both are working on Nantucket this summer. Ramsey hopes to move to the Boston area after the summer to be closer to family and friends. Both plan on stopping in NC to see Rick Ellis ’95 on their way back north. Ashley Bramwell recently finished her master’s and is now teaching kindergarten in Scituate, MA. She still coaches basketball and softball. Ashley tries to make it out to AZ as often as possible to see Hillary Cross. Alisha Diliberto lives in Quincy, MA, and loves working as a police officer in Waltham, MA. “It’s a great job and I’m handling a lot of different issues,” she says. Stephanie Roy keeps busy teaching at a small private school in Nashua, NH, for kids with severe emotional and behavioral disorders. She also coaches track at Nashua High South. Stephanie recently returned from her yearly mission trip to Honduras, where she works with schools to help
improve the education for the children there. She plans to spend 6 weeks there this summer. **Neill Ewing-Wegmann** still lives in Portland, ME, working as a graphic designer at a print shop. He had a successful summer and fall full of gallery showings in 2006, and is talking with some galleries in NYC about future shows. **Stephanie Vickers** has also been living in Portland, ME, since Sept. where she works for an insurance company managing long-term disability claims. “The company I work for is really great, and I feel like the move to ME has been a very good one for me,” she says. She and her boyfriend, Jay, have kept themselves busy this past winter with many outdoor adventures, including snowshoeing, skiing and hiking. **Katie Lynch** still works for Ferraro & Forbes. She and **Erik Rocheford ’01** are working on the house they have recently bought, and the 2 are looking forward to a number of upcoming CSC weddings. **Karen Kotopoulis** lives in Brighton, MA, and has an exciting new job in the gourmet food industry that keeps her busy. **Mike Mooney**, **Thom Neff ’01** and **Ben Watts ’03** are in hiding—they’ve been trying to press forward with Joppa, but have been put under review by The U.N.I.C.O.R.N. “Any and all support you can give to bringing The U.N.I.C.O.R.N. back on the support you can give to bringing Joppa, but they’re pretty much settled in. Her daughter, Alicen, turned 2 in March and now the LaPerle family is just waiting for spring to arrive in VT. Kelsey says she has enjoyed the new alumni Web site, and says it’s great to catch up with CSC classmates. If you haven’t already done so, please sign up for The Loop at www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends, CSC’s online alumni directory. The Class of 2002 has its own group site, so you can keep in touch with your fellow classmates and keep Nikki and me posted on what you’re up to!

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Hello, all! I hope everyone has had a good start to 2007. I would like to start out by thanking fellow class correspondent **Tim Ingraham** for all of his hard work in the past issues. As for me, I have had a busy start to the year. In Feb., my fiancé, Adam, and I bought a condo in Newmarket, NH. We spent a month painting, cleaning and preparing to move in. It was a lot of work, but well worth it in the end. **Meghan Oriel Wallas** is enjoying married life and is still working as a customer service representative for the Glens Falls Civic Center in NY. She says it is a lot of fun because she gets to work for all of the concerts and meets a lot of the bands. She recently met Morgan, the drummer from Sevendust. Also enjoying married life is **Jamie Soucy Blizzard**, who was married in Sept. 2006 and now lives in Kileen, TX. **Brie Stanley Elliott** was her maid of honor and **Briana Angelone ’02** also flew down for the wedding. Her husband, William, is currently deployed in Iraq and Jamie looks forward to his homecoming in Oct. **Brie Stanley Elliott** was married 3 weeks later with Jamie by her side as her matron of honor. Also in attendance were **Jennifer Ljungvall** and **Briana Angelone ’02**. **Greg Hay** and **Nichole Lord ’01** were married.
on March 22, 2007, in an intimate ceremony at Buena Vista Palace in Downtown Disney. Kristen Horn Guerrieo became the bride of Christopher Guerrieo on Sept. 23, 2006, at the Danversport Yacht Club in MA. Both the bride and her mother, Susan Chapman Melanson ’66, are alums. Keri McGee and Tracy Ernst were both in the wedding along with a whole crew of CSC alums. Kristen and Chris recently bought a house in Billerica, MA, and she is working as a senior casualty adjuster at Arbella Insurance in Tewksbury, MA. Jaz Kirchdorfer finished her M.S. degree in child and family studies from Wheelock College in May and is now in a M.S. Ed. program at the U. of Miami. She is living in Miami with her boyfriend and says that south FL is fantastic! She recently saw Meredith Buzzi in West Palm Beach while coaching lacrosse. Karissa “Kris” Pignone was in the process of completing an intense one year master’s of education program due to wrap up in June. She also teaches 3rd grade and was planning her wedding due to take place in June. Kris says that when she is not studying or teaching, she can be found traveling all over Europe. She finished her e-mail to me by saying “Life is good!” Well, that is all I have to say right now. Congrats to all that are finishing or teaching, she can be very happy working for Babson Capital. James Blundon is still at the U. of New Haven, planning to graduate in 2008. He recently moved into an apartment with his girlfriend and says everything is going great. He still works part time to pay for school and is actively looking for a summer internship in the field of law enforcement. Erin Sawler Massa was married to Eric Massa on Oct. 14, 2006. Stacey Fraser was one of her bridesmaids and in attendance were Lisa Maggio, Melissa Leitch, Becca Groene and Michael Ricker. Erin says that Jason Feitelberg crashed the after party! She and Stacey spent St. Patrick’s Day in Southie and were planning a trip to NYC to visit Lisa Maggio and Michael Ricker for a weekend. Jessica Murray has been doing quite a bit of traveling this year! She vacationed in Aruba for a week with her best friend in Jan. In mid Feb. she and a group of 26 friends went on a weeklong cruise to the Mexican Riviera and in March, she and her family took a ski trip to CO to celebrate her older sister coming home from Iraq after a year of service! Jess says everything is going really well. She is still looking for a full time teaching job and is hoping something will come up by the fall! Tia Holt works as a mental health clinician at a residential facility for adolescent girls. She loves it, especially since she has her own office, which she has decorated like a dorm room. She even has her own fridge except now it is filled with soda! Tia says that she and Timmy Beaton ’05 are still going strong and recently came back from a trip to Mexico. Tia celebrated her 25th birthday with her first tattoo and a bunch of CSC alums, including Allison Huckabee, Tristan Stenson, Dayna Selvitella, Kelly Dubois, Stacey Fraser ’04 and Erin Sawler Massa ’04 (r), putting their heads together on St. Patrick’s Day.
Lauren Palma, Karen Salvo, Justin Litchfield, Chris Woods, Becky Brault, Megan Pollard, Chris Lane, Rose Dow, Steph Walsh Morran and Kerri McGee '03. Over the holiday Tia and a larger group of alums celebrated the third annual Litchmas at Maggiano’s in Boston. That group included Justin Litchfield, Shawn Manfredo, Josh Worthen ‘05, Mike Croatti ‘05, Bobby O’Hara, Matt Sherman, Chris Woods, Rory O’Donnell ‘03, Dave Shorman ‘02, Chris Lane, John Clay, Jason Noyes, Sean Hurlihy ‘01, Chris Ames ‘05, Tyler Martin, Ryan Willis, Lauren Palma, Allison Huckabee, Dayna Selvitalia, Karen Salvo, Steph Walsh Morran, Danielle Hilton Clay ‘05, Kelly Vachon ‘05, Becky Brault, Maria Lincoln ‘05, Lynsey Ells, Kevin Moran, Tristan Stenson and Timmy Beaton ‘05. Stacey Fraser still lives in Lexington, but plans to move back to NH in the fall. She was accepted to a master’s program in history with a museum studies focus at UNH, and is very excited about going back to school. For the moment she is still working at the Summit Educational Group. In March, she and her boyfriend went on a trip to Scotland where they stayed with some of her friends from Edinburgh. While in Scotland they rented a car and toured around the Highlands and the Isle of Skye. Stacey says that she sees Erin Sawler Massa, Tim Morin, John Marsh and Jason Feitelberg on a fairly regular basis. Lauren Palma works at Children’s Hospital in Boston and just got accepted to an accelerated nursing program for the fall. She says it’s a complete change from her communications major, but she loves it. She still coaches soccer in Windham and her team did great this year, finishing second in their league! Lauren says that her counterpart this year was Mike Hache ‘00, another Colby-Sawyer grad. His team did great as well. As for me, Mary Lougee Lambert, I am still working towards my 2nd bachelor’s degree in business with finance minor. My husband and I moved back to the New London area, which was really exciting. I love that area! It’s especially nice being right across from the lake. I am busy planning summer camping and hiking trips with friends for the summer and am looking forward to those. In March I got together with Jon Evans, Kim O’Connell, Mike Sullivan and Kelly Bateman to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day. It was a good excuse to get together, which we try to do on a regular basis! I also recently went on a shopping trip/girls day with Ginger Maston and Jenni Monger Campbell in VT. It was great to see those girls, but our 4th partner in crime, Sarah Southworth Stanley, was missing. She is still in AZ working on her master’s. I hope everyone is doing well! Looking forward to hearing from you for the next edition!

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Your class correspondents, Cody O’Leary and Monica Michaud, are still leading very busy lives. Not too much has changed for us. Cody is very busy traveling for her job and enjoys living in Boston; she tries to meet up with CSC friends as often as possible. Monica recently moved into her own place with some friends. Kristin Dere works as a special education teacher in Boston and also takes graduate classes at UMASS Boston in special ed. She recently moved into an apartment in Weymouth with her fiancé. Although life proves to be busy with work, classes and wedding planning, she plans to catch up with Krystal Heins ‘06. Dana Bickford is headed into her 2nd year at DCYF, continuing to investigate child abuse and neglect cases. She sees Tara Pannell on a regular basis, and back in Nov. in CT she also saw Beth Baker from HI, who went to CSC freshman and sophomore year. Congratulations to Megan O’Rourke and Mark Kischko who just bought their 1st house. Kristin Green works as a lease administrator for Leasing Resources and was planning to buy a 3-bedroom townhouse this summer. John Perkins still lives and works in Burlington, VT. In March, he met up with Meghan Gately ‘05 and Tony Giroux in Vail, CO, for a day of skiing. Tim Bradley and Andrea Griecchi ‘04 moved to Truckee, CA, in Aug. 2006. They have both been working at Northstar-at-Tahoe resort. He works on the terrain park staff, rated #4 in the country last year. He plans to remain in CA for the summer. Liz Reinecker graduated from the U. of SC in May with a master’s of public health and is working full-time as a health promotion consultant at Lexington Medical Center in Columbia, SC. She’s been busy playing with her new puppy, Barkley, a gift from her boyfriend, Chris. “He’s a puggle (pug + beagle) who loves to chew on everything!” She was lucky to have a visit from Jenni Beaulieu this past summer and invites any CSCers who are looking for some warm weather to stop on by! Lisa Falconi works and lives at New Hampton School in New Hampton, NH, where she is a tutor in their academic support program, a dorm parent, advisor, and the soccer and lacrosse coach. She says, “It has been a great experience, and although tiring at times being around kids 24/7, it’s been fun and rewarding.” Melissa Berry Pollman still lives in England with her husband, Les, at their August 2006 wedding.

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Anne Coulter ’06

According to Anne Coulter ’06, handball is the “ultimate American sport that Americans don’t know about.” She should know. After graduating with a degree in Exercise and Sport Sciences (ESS), this New Hampshire native earned a place on the U.S. Women’s National Handball team and a chance to qualify for the 2008 Olympic Games.

Anne, a stand-out basketball and volleyball player at Colby-Sawyer, was introduced to team handball after graduation, when a high school friend suggested she try out for the U.S. team. “I liked the idea because I could continue to play a competitive team sport, travel and network,” she says. “I contacted the coach and arranged a tryout.” The weeklong tryout gave Anne a chance to learn the sport while competing with players already on the team. She came away impressed. “Team handball is a fast-paced, physical, strategic game that requires tremendous athleticism.” The team was equally impressed with Anne, and she was invited to join in the summer of 2006. Her success on the team led to her being selected for the squad that represented the U.S. this past May at the 2007 Pan American Championships, a qualifying event for the Olympic Games.

While unfamiliar to many Americans, team handball is incredibly popular in Europe, where players compete in professional leagues. Stateside, it’s a different story. “There are a handful of club teams and the men’s and women’s national team,” notes Anne, “but none that pay players. I work part time between training and traveling to cover my living expenses.” The team also holds handball clinics to raise money and awareness about the sport.

Anne credits her years as an ESS major with providing a valuable background to her current situation, in which athletes are very involved behind the scenes as well as on the court. “We get limited funding from the USOC [United States Olympic Committee] because of the lack of popularity of the sport and the limited success in international competition. Every member of the team is assigned a job. I experience firsthand many topics that were discussed in my classes: sports marketing, grassroots programming, fundraising, organizing tournaments, working with a budget, Web site designing.”

Anne’s chances for Olympic gold were unfortunately dashed when the U.S. team failed to qualify at the Pan American Championships. Despite that, she can envision a bright future, insisting that “Americans would dominate worldwide in this sport if they had the opportunity to play.” Anne says she doesn’t have a set career plan after her tenure on the national team, but we think this determined competitor will have great success at whatever she chooses.

To learn more about U.S.A. Team Handball, visit www.usateamhandballwomen.com.

—Mike Gregory

Check out the Colby-Sawyer College Web site: www.colby-sawyer.edu

husband, Garrett. They had their baby on Feb. 24—a little girl named Tarynn. They were planning a vacation back to the states in July to visit family and friends with the baby and will be moving back to the states in the spring of 2008. Cheryl Oliveira now lives in Fall River, MA, but hopes to move up to NH in the fall while looking for a teaching job. Meaghan Smith graduated from Plymouth State U. with her M.Ed. in school counseling in May. She planned a much needed vacation during the last week of April to St. Thomas. “Things are finally falling into place it seems,” she says. Farah Rizvi works at Friend Box Company as a sales executive in package design and is also creating her own desktop publishing business. Last year she was in a skiing accident and tore her ACL; it’s been a year since and she’s finally getting back into running. Her goal is to be in the Boston Marathon in a year or 2. Good luck, Farah! Jamie Pagurko White was married in Aug. 2006 and was lucky to visit Elaine Szurek in MD and recently saw Kelsey Nadeau Reed and Monica Michaud. Lindsay McKeton teaches grades 1–4, Integrated Technology; she also has 2 crazy puppies and one kitten. Scott Turner was recently accepted into the Medical U. of SC in Charleston. He will be starting classes this summer for cardiovascular perfusion. Good luck, Scott! Tonya Kangas lives and works in Brattleboro, VT. She is a lead teacher in an infant/toddler classroom at Early Head Start and plans to attend grad school within the next year. Libby Bent finally got an apartment in Bristol, CT, down the street from ESPN. She works at the Hartford Courant, and also has a part-time job at a dressage barn called Once Again Farm in Meriden, CT. She also started doing freelance graphic design and photography. Allison Kelly lives in Hamden, CT, and works as a certified child life specialist at the Yale-New Haven Children’s Hospital, loving every moment. She has been very busy the last 3 months supervising their child life intern and this June was presenting at the 25th Annual Child Life Council Conference in Orlando, FL. Allison was looking forward to being a bridesmaid in Lindsay McKeton’s wedding in NH in May! How exciting and a chance to have some fun with CSC grads! Farah Rizvi hopes to plan a vacation with her boyfriend, Casey, this fall to either Europe to visit friends in France and Switzerland or get some sun in the Caribbean. A vacation is much needed after non-stop work! Shannon McNamara Frick was married on Oct. 7, 2006, and spent 2 wonderful weeks on a honeymoon cruise. She started a new job at Children’s Hospital Boston in the cardiovascular stepdown unit. She is looking forward to many weddings of Colby-Sawyer friends this summer. Kelsey Nadeau Reed just wants everyone to know that she didn’t marry Monica Michaud ’05 as the last alumni magazine indicated; she married her high school sweetheart, Joe Reed, in June 2006. Marissa Zinser bought a condo in downtown Minneapolis.
Stamford, CT, with her fiancé, Orly. She recently received a promotion at work. Gwen O’Neil Beaudet and her husband, Chris Beaudet, are enjoying the newly-wed life in Manchester, NH. They both work at Southern New Hampshire Medical Center: Chris has been there for a couple years as an RN and Gwen as a nursing aid. Gwen is pursuing her RN at Rivier College in Nashua and should have it complete by spring 2009. They are both in touch with Jim Blundon ’04 and Saeka Yoshizaki ’06. Saeka and Gwen got together in Boston this past fall. Angela Shaw lives in Boscawen, NH, and works at Flash Photo in New London, heading their growing graphics department. Jenni Beaulieu is finally stepping in the right direction towards her dream. She is working in Boston at the South Bay Veterinary Group as a veterinary assistant and loves it. She commutes from Billerica, but hopes to move into the city very soon. She’s been in touch with Liz Reinecker, as she continues to succeed down in SC, and she can’t wait for her to get her butt back up here! Douglas Cote ’06 and Elizabeth Park ’03 became engaged on Dec. 31st in Williamsburg, VA. He works as a government consultant for The Winvale Group in Washington, DC, and Elizabeth teaches kindergarten at Saint Mary’s Elementary School in Alexandria, VA. They are planning a wedding for fall 2007 in VA. Becca Bailey Wright’s new addition to the world is Carter John Wright, a healthy baby boy weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz., born at 7:15 on April 16, 2007.

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Hello to the Class of 2006! It’s hard to believe we are already a year out! I hope this column finds you all well and having a great summer. I have not heard from many of you in response to my e-mail and I want to start this off by letting you know if you have any news or exciting things going on in your life, please let me know so they can be included in the next magazine! Also, if you haven’t joined The Loop, our online alumni community, it’s a great way to stay in touch. Just go to www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends to register. As some of you know already, I, Tarren Bailey, have returned to our lovely college as assistant director of alumni relations and annual giving. So far I am really enjoying it and obviously still love the area! I am very excited to report that Sarah LaRosa is alive and well overseas, living in the Kingdom of Tonga as a Peace
Corps volunteer. She teaches at the government primary school in her village in the Vava’u island group, works with the ministry of environment to try and get a recycling plant on the island, and works with the non-profit organization International Fund for Animal Welfare developing environmental education programs. She also recently found out that on top of teaching classes 1–6 at the local primary school, she will also be the new school librarian. She asks if anyone has any school supplies (books, pencils, pencil sharpeners...) to please donate them to her village school. Her current address is Sarah LaRosa PCV, PO Box 136, Neiafu, Vava’u, Kingdom of Tonga. Matt Pallotta, Joe Albiston, Travis Jalbert, Allie Locke, Shawn Fleisner, and Matt Payne kept busy last summer by competing in a charity softball tournament. Taking place in Ludlow, VT, the Paco Valenti Charity Tournament raises money for a college scholarship. Although they didn’t walk away with a win, they sure looked good losing. Travis Jalbert won the best dressed contest as his baseball pants were about to split at the seams. Hope to hear from all of you for the winter issue of the magazine!

2007 Class Correspondent Needed

Did You Know 2007 is the Chargers Club’s 25th Anniversary?

Comprised of Colby-Sawyer College friends, alumni and staff, the Chargers Club has provided support for the college’s athletic teams for 25 years. Raising in excess of $340,000, the Chargers Club has provided the extras that make the varsity athletic program stand out among the top NCAA Division III members in New England. Over the years Colby-Sawyer has been able to purchase items such as team bags, trophy cases, outdoor bleachers, camcorders, a sound system, and let’s not forget the Chargers horse mascot costume.

Founded in 1982, the club’s original mission was to provide support for our teams’ basic needs through funding of uniforms and warm-ups, and to increase awareness of the varsity sports program. As the club grew we were able to expand our ability to support Colby-Sawyer athletics to include such assistance as raising funds to build the Kelsey Tennis Courts and install a new hardwood court in the Hogan Sports Center. We are also proud to be able to sponsor the Senior Athletic Awards Banquet held each year.

The Chargers Club invites you to learn more about our activities and welcomes your comments and suggestions. Visit our website at www.colby-sawyer.edu/chargers. Club meetings are open to all and are held the fourth Wednesday of each month. Meetings take place in the Chargers Club Conference Room on the second floor of the Hogan Sports Center. Come and check us out. Meeting times can be confirmed by calling the Chargers Club at (603) 526-3606, ext. 1.

Former Alumni Trustee Polly Black Koerner ’53 and her husband, Jack, bring a sense of purpose grounded in the past to everything they do. Their gifts to Colby-Sawyer over the years have enhanced their financial support to the college while serving as a model for others.

The Koerners believe a commitment to maintaining a private institution that is distinct and “uniquely Colby-Sawyer” is important, and it has helped to shape their philanthropy. The Koerners share a belief in Colby-Sawyer and its ability to adapt and continue to thrive as a small college that meets the needs of students who will best succeed in a highly personal environment.

A sense of community is fundamental for Polly, and she values that her college sees itself today as a community for teaching and learning. She fondly recalls the “very close-knit group of 500 students” and the “connectedness” from her student days in New London. Polly has described Colby-Sawyer as “a community where our differences are respected, but where we also find and celebrate our common bonds.”

The Koerners have generously provided for the future of Colby-Sawyer with a charitable gift annuity. By investing in the future of the college, they are helping to sustain and enrich our special community for future students.

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