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On the Cover: Jennifer McGee ’93 is seen during a training session with Kaylee, a bottlenose dolphin. Jennifer is the lead keeper of the Marine Mammals Department at the Brookfield Zoo, a 216-acre facility run by the Chicago Zoological Society just outside of Chicago, Illinois. Having recently celebrated her 12th year with the Brookfield Zoo, Jennifer oversees training sessions and live-audience performances for dolphins, seals and sea lions.

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A associate Professor of Social Sciences and Education Maurissa Abecassis was named the 2008 New Hampshire Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). The honor is one of the most prestigious to recognize undergraduate teachers and their influence on the lives and careers of their students.

Professor Abecassis, who joined Colby-Sawyer in 2000, designs and teaches classes in psychology and child development. Her areas of specialization include child and adolescent development, normal and atypical social and emotional development, and child and family social policy.

“What is most meaningful to me is that this award honors not only one’s work in the classroom, but also what one tries to achieve across time,” says Professor Abecassis, referring to the research and clinical work that informs her teaching practice. “I try to find teaching methods that link theoretical material to real life situations and help students see the link between policies and the real decisions that affect the practical lives of parents and children. I feel my greatest strength is in helping my students find what they are most passionate about and expanding their sense of possibility.”

Professor Abecassis earned a Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota’s Institute of Child Development and a B.A. with Honors at the University of Winnipeg. She has been a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Massachusetts/Amherst since June 2004, where she is working toward clinical re-specialization. Since completing clinical course work, she has been responsible for treating clients at the university’s Psychological Services Center and has completed a practicum in neuropsychology at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.

Professor Abecassis’s teaching skills were previously recognized when she received the New Hampshire College and University Council’s Excellence in Education Award in May 2008, and Colby-Sawyer’s highest faculty award, the Jack Jensen Award for Excellence in Teaching, in May 2007.

Deborah A. Taylor, academic vice president and dean of faculty at Colby-Sawyer, said Professor Abecassis has developed a collaborative teaching style which emphasizes that the responsibility for learning is shared by teacher and student.

“Maurissa’s goals are—in her words—to plant seeds’ and ‘foster minds’ rather than simply deliver information, and she aims to promote engaged learning in students,” said Vice President Taylor. “Students in her courses report that she structures her classes so that they must grapple with, think critically about, and apply what they have learned. She carefully calibrates the amount of material in her classes, rigorously connecting theory, research and practice. She simultaneously encourages an informal, comfortable, playful classroom context for learning.”
In 2008–2009, Colby-Sawyer College hosted its first Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence, Isaac Nyamongo, an associate professor and director of the Institute of Anthropology, Gender and African Studies at the University of Nairobi in Kenya. Dr. Nyamongo is a medical anthropologist with expertise in ethnology and research methods who focuses on public health issues in Africa.

As part of Colby-Sawyer’s Environmental Studies Department, Dr. Nyamongo spoke to classes on such subjects as HIV/AIDS and the environment, his international travels, and environmental issues in Kenya. In the spring semester, he taught a Wesson Honors class, Health, Sickness and Healing in Africa. He also addressed the larger college community about President Obama’s Kenyan roots and the Kenyan people’s strong interest in his journey to the presidency. The high altitudes and cooler climate of the Gusii Highlands, where Dr. Nyamongo grew up, had traditionally kept the incidence of malaria low, but in the last two decades, due to global warming and a host of other human-mediated changes, malaria has encroached on populations with little immunity to the disease.

“Because of that lack of immunity, malaria’s effect on these people is devastating; they are not protected,” he says. “I wanted to understand how perceptions of the etiology of the disease influence the behavior of malaria patients in the course of seeking treatment. For example, if they use malaria drugs and get better, then they start to think they don’t have malaria, and this affects their next decisions. They might stop taking the drugs and this new decision affects their condition.”

Dr. Nyamongo’s research findings have been used by a non-governmental health organization, Medical Emergency Relief International (Merlin) of the United Kingdom, to design interventions that help people deal with illnesses and lessen the impact of diseases on their communities. In the last decade he has continued to conduct research in Africa regarding public health issues such as malaria, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and health systems.

Extreme Makeover Home Edition

Richard “Dick” Baynes ’76, a master wood craftsman, was asked this past winter to travel from New Hampshire to Connecticut to work on a television episode of “Extreme Makeover Home Edition.” Dick says he “put in two grueling, but fun-filled days.” He went on to say the work was accomplished in an amazingly short space of time and that “the operation was not unlike military maneuvers I’ve been on that involved 50,000 people.” Dick’s job was to help craft a wooden snowflake headboard more than seven feet across, as well as a table, shelves and shutters, all with the snowflake motif. These pieces were used to decorate the room of a seven-year-old girl named Hannah whose father had drowned. “Snowflake” was the name her father had always called Hannah.
By the time they graduate, 98 percent of Colby-Sawyer students complete some kind of professional preparation experience, including internships, clinical internships, student teaching and service-learning. Internships offer students the opportunity to try out the skills they have developed, test their knowledge, and make professional contacts related to a potential career. Most importantly, internships allow students to learn directly from experienced professionals.

Colin Bellavance ’09, a sport management major and business administration minor from Dudley, Mass., spent two months last summer as a sports and recreation program specialist at The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp in Ashford, Conn. The residential camp serves children between the ages of seven and 15 who suffer a variety of illnesses. Colin is president of the class of 2009, plays on the men’s soccer team, is an Admissions tour guide, and serves with the New London Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter.

Was this internship opportunity easy to come by?
The application process was quite extensive due to the popularity of the camp and its founder, (the late actor) Paul Newman. Each year about 400 people submit applications for the 80 spots, so it’s very competitive. I was fortunate that my position at the camp counted toward my Colby-Sawyer internship requirement.

What were your most important duties?
I was required to program and plan daily recreational activities for the children. Some activities needed to be adapted for our campers who had illnesses or physical limitations. This proved to be the most challenging component of the internship, but it was also the most rewarding in that I learned a great deal about creating activities for everyone. I was also required to have First-Aid and CPR certifications and attain my high and low ropes elements site certification, which the Hole in the Wall Camp provided.

How does this internship intersect with your studies at Colby-Sawyer?
My education at Colby-Sawyer had a tremendous impact on how I presented myself in a professional setting. I value the courses that place high importance on effective communication skills. My Writing 105 class prepared me for writing clearly and effectively. I was required to submit a written assessment each week to my site supervisor, and I was confident my writing skills were where they needed to be for that task.

I took Philosophy and Ethics of Sport, and that helped me a great deal during this internship. Ethics of Sport changed the way I look at sport and what constitutes sport. Because I was dealing with such a unique population of children, I realized that almost anything can be considered sport, and any activity can be adapted to meet the needs of its participants.

What challenges and triumphs did you experience?
My biggest challenge was creating and adapting activities to meet the needs of all our campers. Many of them were faced with physical limitations, but what I realized during the internship is that there is no such thing as “normal” activity; there is simply activity that has been done the same way for a long time. When you introduce a game that has never been done before, and you have ill children participating together, who’s to say what isn’t normal? It doesn’t matter what the game is called, how it’s played, or what the rules are; it’s the simple fact that a group of children come together, struggle together, and triumph together.

This experience was truly eye-opening for me. From the very first day, I was filled with excitement but also nervousness. Through the summer my nerves settled, and I began to run with ideas for activities and games. I was able to laugh and have fun while learning a great deal about the field of sports and recreation.

The camp serves some really wonderful children, and it’s hard to put into words all of the amazing moments I experienced. The camp director always said: “We get to dance on the edge of life and death and say, hey, let’s have some fun!” It’s a short but powerful message that truly signifies the magic and spirit of the camp.

How beneficial do you find the internship requirement?
The internship process is an integral part of the Colby-Sawyer experience. It allows students an opportunity to network and provides a great learning experience in a professional setting. I feel the internship requirement has a direct correlation to the success of students after their time at Colby-Sawyer.

To read about other student internship experiences, visit www.colby-sawyer.edu/academics/experience/internships/index.html/
Colby-Sawyer would like to thank these five professors for their years of service to the college and for all their contributions in molding the intellects and the lives of their students. These fine educators will be missed, and we wish them well in their future endeavors.

LaVonne M.O. Batalden—An associate professor of Natural Sciences, LaVonne began teaching at Colby-Sawyer in 1994 and is retiring at the end of this academic year. She received her B.A. from Augsburg College and her M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota.

Gerald M. Bliss—A professor of Fine and Performing Arts, Jerry began teaching at Colby-Sawyer in 1988 and is leaving the college as part of the Mid-Career Change Program at the end of this academic year. Jerry received his B.A. from the University of New Hampshire and his M.F.A. from the University of Florida.

Marc A. Clement—A professor of Social Sciences and Education, Marc began teaching at Colby-Sawyer in 1974 and is retiring at the end of this academic year. He received his B.A. from Villanova University and his M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Massachusetts. Marc was a valuable contributor to college functions in his role as the Marshal for the College.

Janice K. Ewing—A professor and chair of the Social Sciences and Education Department, Janice began teaching at Colby-Sawyer in 1995. She is leaving the college as part of the Mid-Career Change Program at the end of this academic year. Janice received her B.A. from the University of British Columbia, her M.A. from Washington State University, and her Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina.

Michael E. McMahon—An associate professor of Humanities, Mike began teaching at Colby-Sawyer in 1968 and is retiring at the end of this academic year. Mike received his A.B. from Colby College and his M.A. from the University of Scranton.

A Standing Ovation for Professor Jerry Bliss

Professor of Fine and Performing Arts Jerry Bliss directed “Waiting for Godot” in February, the last of the 40 theatre productions he led in his 21 years at Colby-Sawyer. Following his final play, Professor Bliss was treated to a special tribute and a “Name that Play” game on stage, which was introduced by Nathan Corddry ’00 and performed by dozens of his current and former students and actors. Corddry has gone on to an impressive acting career in theatre, television and film. He currently appears in “United States of Tara” on the Showtime Channel. He credits Professor Bliss as his greatest acting teacher.

Break a leg, Professor Bliss. Your students will remember you and all you taught them long after the curtain falls.
From the Faculty Bookshelf

Plenty of people want to write a book. If they’re lucky, they’ll find someone who wants to publish it. If they’re extraordinarily lucky, someone will approach them about creating a book, and then publish it. Such was the good fortune of Assistant Professor of Humanities Margaret Wiley, who has edited her first book, *Women, Wellness, and the Media*, a collection of 13 essays written by scholars from a variety of disciplines. The book grew out of a chance encounter with the Cambridge Scholars Press, and it explores the relationship between media stereotypes and women’s health. It analyzes the “tangled discourses of religion, aesthetics, consumer capitalism and scientific research” that women wade through when making decisions about their health,” Professor Wiley explains. “People needed to know more about their medical system, for example, that U.S. healthcare is the most expensive in the world, but we’re ranked 37th for quality,” she says. “And they needed to know that, overwhelmingly, women are more likely to seek health care than men, and half the reasons women seek care are socially mediated, such as aging and hormone replacement.”

David Elliott, Humanities Department faculty member and the director of the Writing Program and the English Language and American Culture Program, has a new children’s book, *Knitty Kitty*, which the *Concord Monitor* described as “the sweetest bedtime story since *Good Night, Moon.*” The picture book, illustrated by Christopher Denise, would be “great for holiday giving, all snuggly and warm and as comforting as homemade soup. And pie,” according to the *Monitor.*

The Kirkus Review also had high praise for *Knitty Kitty*: “Elliott’s simple, onomatopoeic text with a twist at the end will satisfy storytime and bedtime audiences alike. Reminiscent of Galdone’s *Three Little Kittens*, though without its folk simplicity, this is a winner for all collections of kitty lit.”

Assistant Professor of Humanities Craig Greenman published his first book, *Expression and Survival: An Aesthetic Approach to the Problem of Suicide*. In the book’s preface, Professor Greenman outlines his premise that “while life can be horrible, art, broadly construed, can help us survive it.”

The book explores the philosophical problem and the ethics of suicide through the lens of personal experience and the texts of venerable philosophers, writers and artists. Though it examines a sad and serious topic, Professor Greenman promotes alternative and positive ways to view and, perhaps, to surmount the terrible specter of intentional self-destruction.

Award-Winning Graphic Design Professor Featured in Alumni Art Series

Brandy Gibbs-Riley, assistant professor of graphic design, was the featured speaker at her alma mater Bates College’s Alumni in the Arts Lecture Series this past February in Lewiston, Maine. Professor Gibbs-Riley graduated from Bates in 1996 and went on to receive her MFA in graphic design from Boston University. She traveled to the Netherlands in 2001, where she was a student of modern and contemporary Dutch design in Amsterdam and The Hague.

Before coming to Colby-Sawyer, Professor Gibbs-Riley was employed by high profile graphic design firms and worked on accounts for clients such as PepsiCo, Pfizer, Boston Acoustics, IBM, Duracell, Johnson & Johnson, Siemens, Ocean Spray and *The Boston Globe*.

Among her recent honors, Professor Gibbs-Riley received a merit award presented by *Creative Quarterly*, the journal of art and design, in the professional graphic design category of the journal’s first combined professional and student show. Her work was exhibited in the March issue. She also earned two Awards of Excellence in the prestigious University & College Designers Association’s international design competition, and three of her designs were selected for inclusion in the American Institute of Graphic Arts juried exhibitions.
New Academic Programs Expand Students’ Options

Since September of 2008, Colby-Sawyer students have been able to choose from several new academic programs, including majors in Art History, Creative Writing and Environmental Science, minors in Chemistry and Education, and a Coaching Certificate program that can be combined with any major. The new programs will augment the college’s 12 academic majors and 16 minors.

Colby-Sawyer’s last new major, Community and Environmental Studies, was created ten years ago and has been renamed Environmental Studies as part of a new Environmental Studies Department.

“Our goal is to enhance the college’s academic programs and deepen the quality of the educational experience for students, as well as draw on the teaching interests of our faculty,” says Academic Vice President and Dean of Faculty Deborah Taylor. “It’s desirable to have a larger array of programs, particularly since a number of our students come in undecided about their major.”

N.H. Women’s Studies Program Honored

The N.H. Chapter of NARAL Pro-Choice America held its 36th Roe v. Wade Anniversary Gala on Jan. 27 at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord. This year’s celebration honored women’s studies programs in the state. Representatives from Colby-Sawyer, Keene State College, Plymouth State University, and the University of New Hampshire were in attendance to receive recognition.

Colby-Sawyer was honored “in grateful appreciation and support for its commitment to equal education and integration of gender analysis within the liberal arts curriculum.” Colby-Sawyer community members who attended included a professor and five of her top students.


IN MEMORIAM

Loyal Alumna Barbara “Barbie” Johnson Stearns

Barbara Johnson Stearns, who graduated from Colby Academy in 1930 and Colby Junior College in 1932, died peacefully on Dec. 25, 2008, at age 96. The college’s first president of Student Government, Barbara went on to earn a bachelor’s degree from Connecticut College for Women in 1934.

Throughout her life Barbara maintained a strong connection to Colby-Sawyer College, which deepened after she and her husband moved to New London in 1981. She and her family set up the Barbara Johnson Stearns Leadership Awards, which established an office for the Student Government Association and each year honors a young man and woman for their leadership activities with the college.

A trustee of the college from 1957 to 1973, Barbara was named a Life Trustee Emerita in 1974. She was the recipient of the college’s Alumnae Service Award in 1981 and the Town Award in 1999. In 2008, she was honored with the college’s highest award, the Susan Colgate Cleveland Medal for Distinguished Service, for her years of extraordinary involvement and contributions to the college.

“Barbara Stearns was a truly special person who was a symbol of Colby-Sawyer and New London since her graduation in 1932,” said President Tom Galligan. “She was beloved by the college, the town and beyond.”

Colby-Sawyer community members who attended the event included (l-r) students Aubrey Thomas, Xanthe Hilton, Margaux O’Connell, Ashley Finethy, Assistant Professor of Humanities Melissa Meade, and student Magbe Savane.
Judy Condict, 67, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2008, after a courageous struggle with cancer. She was the college’s longest-serving staff member, joining Colby Junior College in July 1970 as a financial aid officer and then moving on to serve as the director of financial aid for more than two decades. Since 1994, she had served as the college’s director of institutional research.

Judy, a Colby Junior College graduate, studied medical records administration. She was the valedictorian of her class and received awards in English, history, and for overall scholastic achievement. She also played basketball, performed in plays, and was involved in the Glee Club, Newman Club and public speaking, and she participated in essay contests. Following her graduation, she married Edgar R. Condict. Together they raised three children, Carolyn, Robert and Edgar. Judy went on to earn a B.S. in 1963 from the Massachusetts General Hospital School for Medical Record Librarians.

Deborah Taylor, academic vice president and dean of faculty who worked with Judy for decades said, “I found her to be a really good colleague and a wonderful person. Her response to any request was always, ‘yes, we can do that.’”

College Treasurer Doug Lyon knew Judy for 37 years and, like many, was fully aware of her love for Colby-Sawyer and her steadfast commitment to the college’s well-being. “For me,” Lyon said, “Judy was the historical expert on Colby-Sawyer; her memory was prodigious of all things Colby-Sawyer. She was a great source of information on virtually any topic. She did a wonderful job as the institutional research director.”

President Tom Galligan recalls Judy’s love for the college and her dedication to her work. “Judy was a fabulous member of the Colby-Sawyer family,” he said, “and we all cherish her friendship and her devotion to this wonderful institution. She will always be a part of this great place.”

A memorial service will be held for Judy in Wheeler Hall, Ware Campus Center, on Saturday, June 20, at 2:00 pm.
When it comes to our graduates, Colby-Sawyer is fortunate to have many multi-generational alumni families: grandmothers, mothers, daughters, sons, and grandchildren who have attended Colby-Sawyer. They share tales of their similar experiences at their “college on the hill” by reminiscing about classes in Colgate Hall, the trek up Kearsarge on Mountain Day, and just hanging out on campus. Now, for the first time in known history, a mother-daughter duo has joined the Heritage Society by including Colby-Sawyer in their estate plans.

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Hoopla on Hooves

In January, Colby-Sawyer hosted a ski joring competition organized by the North East Ski Joring Association, as part of New London’s Winter Carnival. The sport originated in Norway and involves horses and riders pulling skiers by ropes over a flat course with jumps and obstacles. The competition was featured on the Discovery Channel’s “Wreckreation Nation with Dave Mordal” on March 31.

Hundreds of spectators came out to watch skiers compete in five categories. Art student Anthony Marrone ’10 (photos at far right), the only snowboarder to enter the competition, was pulled by New London resident Chris Butler and his horse.

“It was definitely a good time,” Anthony said. “It wasn’t that much different than riding down a mountain. The hardest part was just holding onto the rope because there was no bar to hold onto.”

Butler’s camel, Josh, was also on campus to promote the event, and attracted many curious people who wanted to pet his shaggy coat.

*The North East Ski Joring Association was started by Geoff and Brooke Smith of New London. To see more photographs and learn about the sport, visit www.nesja.com.*

Doubly Dedicated–Doubly Generous

by Douglas Lovell

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College Appoints New Members to Board of Trustees

The Colby-Sawyer College Board of Trustees has elected Bill Clough, Tina Ferraro, George Jamieson, Robin Mead and Will Reed to the Board.

William “Bill” P. Clough III
The Clough Family has many connections to Colby-Sawyer College and the town of New London. Bill is retired from a successful career in education, including 18 years as headmaster at Gould Academy. He currently serves as a trustee for the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust in New London, The Betterment Fund (N.Y.C.), and is a director of the Environmental Funders Network in Maine.

Christina “Tina” Biggs Ferraro ’65
Tina is the co-founder of Ferraro & Forbes, Inc. in Hingham, Mass., a distributor of orthopedic products to orthopedic clinics, hospitals and sports medicine professionals in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

George Jamieson
George enjoyed an illustrious career with Price Waterhouse (now PricewaterhouseCoopers) that spanned 34 years until his retirement in 1997. Among his achievements, board positions, and service to his community, George was recognized in 1977 by the American Liver Foundation for his significant contributions in the fight against liver disease. He was presented with their Humanitarian Award for his years of effective leadership at the National and New England Chapter levels. The award is now called the George Jamieson Humanitarian Award and is the American Liver Foundation’s highest form of recognition.

Robin L. Mead ’72
Robin, who served on the board from 1998 to 2007, and who currently serves as co-chair of the Arts Center Steering Committee, is the property manager and secretary/treasurer for the Mead/JRRR Corporation in Endicott, N.Y., a privately held, family-owned company. Mead/JRRR is involved with venture capital investment, real estate management and development, and oil/gas drilling.

William “Will” S. Reed
Will is retired following a career spanning 40 years in academic institutions and non-profit organizations. He has served as an administrative officer of the Ford Foundation and as a government contracts officer. Currently, he is a trustee of the Davis Educational Foundation and is a consultant to The Forum for the Future of Higher Education and two Japanese universities and colleges.

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As the three students arrive and sit down together in a sunny corner of the Lethbridge Lodge, their family relationship is immediately obvious. Kassandra, Courtney and Adrian Pike are all tall, blond and thin, with lovely, almond-shaped blue eyes and long eyelashes. These siblings, born within minutes of each other 19 years ago, and nearly inseparable as children and teens, are now beginning their college lives together on the same small campus.

“When most kids go to college, they have to leave their families, but we still have that connection. We can go talk to a brother or sister anytime,” says Kassandra, who emerges as the trio’s lead spokesperson. “We have the best of both worlds. We were born together and get to grow up together.”

The Pike triplets didn’t necessarily plan it that way. Kassandra and Courtney, who are also mirror identical twins with the same DNA, knew they wanted to attend college together. Adrian was more open to going off on his own for the right opportunity to both study athletic training and play basketball.

“Colby-Sawyer was one of the first schools we looked at, and we saw other schools together—like one in Vermont and another in New Hampshire,” Kassandra says. “I remember on the car ride home from one of them we were talking and we all agreed: it just felt better at Colby-Sawyer.”

Adrian found he could pursue athletic training and play sports at Colby-Sawyer, a combination that some schools don’t allow due to the major’s demanding requirements. Courtney and Kassandra were drawn to Colby-Sawyer’s small size, its close proximity to their hometown of Fairlee, Vermont, and the promise of a friendly community and accessible faculty.

“If you grow up in a small town, you like being part of a community. We wanted to keep that community feeling,” says Kassandra. “The three of us were pretty much adored in our town, and we left our footprints,” Courtney adds. “We want to do that here at Colby-Sawyer, slowly but surely.”

WE ARE ONE

The Pike triplets are used to people’s curiosity and attention, and they are amused by and well prepared to respond to the constant questions that come their way.

“I’m the athlete, Courtney’s the brain, and Kassandra has the social skills,” Adrian says, neatly summarizing how they differ. Kassandra jumps in to elaborate. “All three of us have brains; we wouldn’t be here otherwise. But when Courtney sits down to study, everything has to be totally silent. Adrian is very easy-going—’I’ll get it done when I get it done.’ I’m like my dad. I have that charm and like to talk. We have all these separate qualities, but we make up only one person: we’re really one being.”

“We are one,” Adrian echoes, with a nod. “I can look at them and know what they’re thinking. They’ll be thinking of a song and I’ll start whistling it.” Kassandra
adds, “We all have the same drive to be successful, whether it’s working with an athlete, treating a sick dog, or talking to a patient...” Courtney quietly interjects: “That’s what sets us apart. We have this drive to be involved, whether it’s to put a smile on a friend’s face or to be part of clubs or teams or student government.”

The triplets have always talked to each other about their aspirations, whether it was to walk on the moon, take care of ailing animals, or play professional sports. “One thing has remained consistent; we were always going to be there for each other,” Kassandra concludes.

TIME FOR TRANSITIONS

While sibling rivalries arise now and then, the triplets seem comfortable with the notion they are all “one being” and separate individuals with unique personalities and character traits. They interrupt and yield to each other constantly in conversation without a hint of tension or competitiveness. It’s as if they depend on each other to articulate their shared thoughts.

The Pikes are also close to their older brother Nicholas, who was two years old when the triplets were born. He was quickly pressed into family service. “All of a sudden our parents had four kids,” Kassandra explains, “so they raised us to depend on each other. Nick would help diaper us on this conveyor belt system they had, and he helped to keep us in line. He grew up quickly; his toys became our toys.”

In small-town Vermont, the Pike children roamed freely in the woods, making forts, fishing with their hands in the nearby river, and pilfering raspberries from neighbors’ yards. Adrian became a standout athlete in basketball and soccer, while Courtney was drawn to caring for animals and dreamed of living on a farm. Kassandra was growing into a natural leader with a strong desire to help people in need and understand the deeper meaning of the choices people make about their lives.

As they transition into college and adulthood, the triplets’ early proclivities are leading them in positive and somewhat predictable directions. In high school, Adrian knew he wanted a career in athletic training, and he took classes in biology, kinesiology and chemistry to move toward that goal. In his first year at Colby-Sawyer, he’s taking core courses in the Exercise and Sport Sciences Department and playing recreational sports, and next year he hopes to compete on Chargers’ intercollegiate teams.

“I see myself graduating as an athletic trainer and would really like to join a professional team and help the athletes,” Adrian explains. He’s played many sports—golf, soccer, baseball and basketball—and would still like to compete on a professional team, although he’s not sure he has the requisite level of skill. “I’d like to play on a European team. I just want to feel what it’s like to be part of that culture,” he says.

Yet, Adrian struggled in his first semester to adjust to the heavy demands of a full course load. The rigorous curriculum of his intended major required him to take courses in biology and exercise and sport sciences, in addition to his first-year writing, Pathway and Stepping Stone classes. “It was a rough transition when I first came here,” he admits. “It’s taken a full semester, but now I feel comfortable.”

Jennifer Austin, assistant professor of Exercise and Sport Sciences and Adrian’s teacher and advisor, says that many freshmen, especially those coming into a “curriculum-tight program” such as athletic training, flounder at first. “The transition is more difficult for some who feel ‘out of their element’ with the extreme variety of coursework. With that said, I’ve seen a great turnaround in Adrian this semester,” she adds. “He’s certainly quiet and reserved, but he’s not afraid to step up and offer solutions or questions during class. He appears to be motivated to be successful, and from my first impression in a classroom environment, he seems to be

LOOKING INTO A MIRROR

Kassandra and Courtney Pike are mirror identical twins, a phenomenon that occurs among close to one quarter of identical twins. Mirror twins are genetically identical with identical DNA. One twin is right-handed and the other left-handed, and their internal organs and skeletal features reside on the opposite sides of their bodies.
finding his place on campus.”

As college roommates and best friends, Kassandra and Courtney’s daily lives are the most intimately intertwined. They served as the president and vice president of their high school, and immediately sought to serve in the Student Government Association at Colby-Sawyer as well. Kassandra was elected as president and Courtney as a senator for the Class of 2012, and the sisters belong to both the dance and philosophy clubs and share the same set of friends.

Despite their physical similarities and shared interests, the sisters have distinctively different personalities and life goals. Kassandra is verbal and assertive, while Courtney is more quiet and introspective. Both are drawn to the helping professions: Kassandra plans to study Psychology and become a therapist, while Courtney is pursuing Biology on the pre-veterinarian track.

Awakening the Citizen Leader was the right Pathway seminar for Kassandra, who hoped to sharpen her skills and learn about aspects of leadership she hadn’t gained yet from experience. She modestly describes her leadership style as “slim to none,” explaining that she doesn’t seek power, but rather, to empower others; she likes to be in a position to give people choices and help them discern which direction would benefit them most.

Associate Dean of Student Development Robin Davis works closely with Kassandra in her role as president and was her Pathway teacher. “Kassandra is definitely interested in growing and learning. She believes that everyone has leadership potential, and she also believes that leadership involves helping others—so, not leading for positional power but to help others grow.”

As president for the Class of 2012, Kassandra is working with her classmates to establish class unity and identity, according to Davis, and she was particularly impressed when Kassandra asked early on, “What does SGA do, exactly?”

“Most students, and certainly not first-year students, would not have the courage to ask a bunch of upperclassmen, ‘what is it that you do for students.’ I think that shows where her passion lies—with students and with making the Colby-Sawyer experience better for all students.”

Craig Greenman, the assistant professor of Humanities who advises the Philosophy Club, describes Kassandra and Courtney Pike as “strong, confident women.” He says, “They engage in class discussions and are confident enough to honestly sum up their understandings of difficult texts.”

Courtney, the triplet who yearns at times for the simpler, idyllic days of her childhood, chose the Long and Winding Road: Emerging Adulthood as her Pathway course. In this seminar, students reflect on the difficult transitions between adolescence and adulthood. She seems to struggle a bit more with the inevitable prospect of physical separation from her siblings and her parents.

“It was hard at first when I was here at Orientation. It didn’t hit me until my parents left and I was in my room unpacking my stuff,” she said. “I’m very family orientated and used to having my parents in my life, so it was kind of a shock.” And when Kassandra began a new close friendship and started to “drift a little” from her, Courtney became anxious. “There was a transition,” she admits. “We’re not always going to be together. That’s something we have to realize. We have to let each other do our own thing. The issue of growing apart has become a bigger deal in college than in high school.”

Adrian, whom his sisters say they look up to and can count on for protection, pipes up with his reassuring assessment. “We’re not always going to be around each other, but we’ll always be there for each other.”

**FINDING A NEW HOME**

As they begin their second semester at Colby-Sawyer, the Pike triplets are settling in and beginning to reflect on how well their early impressions and expectations of college life match the daily reality. “Colby-Sawyer makes you feel like you’re home,” says Courtney. “My mother will call and ask, ‘when are you coming home,’ and I say, ‘I am home.’ She doesn’t like that, but that’s how I feel. I like the fact that professors really talk to you. You can just walk up and talk to them like friends and family. I like that you can walk into a classroom not just to learn but also to make friendships. Professors should be there as another form of support; they should not just be a teacher, but also a friend and mentor.”

Kassandra agrees. “If I’d come to Colby-Sawyer and found professors weren’t that way, I would have transferred. You’re not just a number here; you feel part of the community.” Courtney intervenes: “The faculty are pretty much necessary to your success...” and Kassandra concludes “and they’re here not just to teach but to empower students.”

Adrian is feeling more confident about his studies and has no trouble fitting in socially. “A big thing for me is friends, doing things with them,” he says. “I like how easy it is to make friends here. People are social—they’re not afraid to come up to you.”

As she often does, Kassandra speaks for her siblings when she says, “People know us as triplets, but individually we want to make our own marks. Even though we’re triplets, I also like to be appreciated as an individual. But it’s kind of cute how people’s eyes light up when they see us. With us, you get the whole package. Colby-Sawyer was lucky: buy one, get two free! It’s a win-win situation.”
Trees retained their leaves and shed their bark instead, the swans were black, the eagles white, the bees were stingless, some mammals had pockets, others laid eggs, it was warmest on the hills and coolest in the valleys, even the blackberries were red.

—J. Martin, exploring Australia in the 1830s

The Spell of Wilderness

by Kate Dunlop Seamans
Photos by Jamie Trombley ’11

Perched on the edge of Australia’s Blue Mountains, there is a cinema that shows only one film. It tells the story of the Wollemi pine, one of the world’s oldest trees and long thought extinct, but discovered majestically alive just 15 years ago. “Wilderness is a spell that is easily broken,” the film’s narrator intones, urging a careful stewardship of this lost and found relic that dates back to the age of the dinosaurs.

Across the continent, in Broome, Western Australia—part of the Kimberley region depicted in the epic film “Australia”—small groups regularly gather at the headquarters of the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) to begin the adventure of immersing themselves in the wilderness, and they are extraordinarily careful not to break its spell. Often, they are searching for something they cannot define, and, magically, they often find themselves.

Such was the case for Environmental Studies major Jamie Trombley ’11, who last summer suspended life as she knew it in the United States and headed to Australia on an 80-day backpacking, sea kayaking and sailing program with NOLS. She came back certified as a Leave No Trace master educator, but her time Down Under has certainly left deep traces on her life.

It’s not even so much that it was Australia that she went to, though she says the island nation, known as “Oz” to its natives, will always have a place in her heart as the first place she’s visited outside New England. No, it’s that in the wilderness—in her days of fasting and exploration, in both her solitude and in the community she found with her fellow adventurers—she found herself and a new path to follow in life.

Sometimes You Have to Leave to Know What You Have

Jamie, who grew up in Warner, New Hampshire, just two exits down the highway from Colby-Sawyer College, has loved the wilderness for a long time. A good student who ran cross-country and was active in her high school’s outdoor programs, she always appreciated educational opportunities. Yet, school required too much time indoors, passively learning about things for which she had little passion. College, she hoped,
would be different—if she were able to go. Attending college, like surviving in the wilderness, was never a sure thing.

In Australia, Jamie recalls walking through the Outback and thinking, *This is beautiful, but where am I going to find water?*, only to come upon an oasis minutes later, complete with a waterfall. In high school, she remembers hoping to be the first in her family to go to college and wondering how to pay for it, only to receive the gift of education as the recipient of the Grace Hanlon Scholarship. The scholarship, provided by anonymous donors, provides tuition to Colby-Sawyer for graduates of the local public high school, Kearsarge Regional High School.

Like hiking in new boots, though, it took some time for Colby-Sawyer to feel comfortable. As a first-year commuter student, Jamie found it difficult to live at home with her family and their many animals while trying to find her place on campus.

“Last year I didn’t stay on campus at all. I was pretty isolated and didn’t really know how to interact or get involved. I wasn’t meeting people,” Jamie says. “Then I did NOLS and I came back to Colby-Sawyer and joined the cross-country team. I met people, and it encouraged me to get more involved. Now I’m making friends and it’s good. This feels like my real freshman year, and I have a more positive attitude toward college in general. I think about who I would have been if I hadn’t done NOLS. I think about how miserable I could have been for four years. I would have stuck out college because it’s an amazing opportunity and my family’s all proud of me and stuff, but now I’m doing more than just sticking it out—I’m really making the most of it.”

In Australia alone is to be found the Grotesque, the Weird, the strange scribbling of nature learning how to write. Some see no beauty in our trees without shade, our flowers without perfume, our birds who cannot fly, and our beasts who have not yet learned to walk on all fours. But the dweller in the wilderness acknowledges the subtle charm of this fantastic land of monstrosities. He becomes familiar with the beauty of loneliness. Whispered to by the myriad tongues of the wilderness, he learns the language of the barren and the uncouth, and can read the hieroglyphs of the haggard gum trees, blown into odd shapes, distorted with fierce hot winds, or cramped with cold nights when the Southern Cross freezes in a cloudless sky of icy blue. The phantasmagoria of that wild dreamland termed the Bush interprets itself, and the Poet of our Desolation begins to comprehend why free Esau loved his heritage of desert sand better than the bountiful richness of Egypt.

- Marcus Clarke, Australian novelist
and we had to find the van based on coordinates on a map. Our survival depended on paying attention and learning. “We learned all about bush tucker (the native herbs, spices, mushrooms, fruits, flowers, vegetables, animals, birds, reptiles and insects that can be consumed) and how to survive on that. We were in cook groups and had to make dinner, so we learned how to use the camp stove. Sometimes we played “Iron Chef” to keep things interesting. For sailing, we learned all about our boat, the 52’ schooner Pindan.”

In the parched landscape, she also learned that skinny trees don’t offer much protection from stampeding feral cattle; that when told to look for crocodiles while swimming, look—and look care-
fully. She learned that “Leave No Trace” means even drinking the water in which you boil pasta. That people do get lost in the Outback. That three months without a shower can make you look and smell pretty gross, but you won’t care. That you don’t need as much clothing or food as you think, but one must have chocolate at all costs. And, that as new as the environment may seem to a traveler, the Lost Generation and many others have known the land intimately and hold unfathomable knowledge of the place. “Learning from the aboriginal community about their past, and Australia’s past, was emotional and important,” Jamie says.

“I like NOLS as a school because they had us work on personal and academic things. They push you in ways you want to be pushed. We met with our leaders to talk about what we wanted to work on, like being patient, and they’d help you—when they noticed you being impatient, they’d call you on it. It was so personalized, and in an out-of-the-classroom setting. That’s why I like the Environmental Studies major: we’re outside every day and learning about things I feel are relevant.”

A New Direction

After 80 days in the bush and a tearful farewell to her fellow travelers in an overwhelmingly crowded airport, Jamie had to re-enter a noisy, populated world that expected her to shower and wear deodorant and shop in overflowing grocery stores. After weeks of silence from home, there was constant communication from friends and family, and an old life to resume, though with a new resolve.

“NOLS made me a positive person, made me realize I can enjoy what I do and that I don’t have to do stuff I don’t enjoy,” Jamie says. “I came back and changed my major to Environmental Studies, and over winter break I earned my Wilderness First Responder certification, so now I can lead groups in the wilderness. That’s kind of my plan for the summer; I’ve already gotten a job as a hut keeper in the White Mountains, so I’ll either do that or work for the Student Conservation Association, I haven’t decided yet. SCA would probably send me out West and I’d be in charge of a group of high school students, teaching them ‘Leave No Trace’ and working on a community-based project.”

While in Australia, Jamie made a list of things she wants to improve about herself. On the flight home, she read over that list and realized she’d already started. Though she hasn’t yet converted her car to run on bio-fuel, she can cross off her intention to earn Wilderness First Responder certification. Also on her list? Working for NOLS after graduation.

“Ideally, I’d like to work for NOLS and travel wherever they want to send me, though I really want to go to India,” Jamie says, her voice drifting off to yet another continent. “I want to work for NOLS and with youth. I definitely want to go abroad, but eventually I want to settle down and have my own farm. That’s the plan.

“But for now, because of NOLS, I’m so much more relaxed; I used to stress out so much more. Now, if I don’t get something done, it’s my fault but it’s not the end of the world. I’m a happier, more positive person—I’m doing what I want to do. It’s good. I like where things are going.”

The Grace Hanlon Achievement Award is a four-year scholarship program funded by anonymous donors that seeks to help academically motivated Kearsarge Regional High School students attend Colby-Sawyer. To qualify for the award, students must be admitted to the college, be financially needy and have strong academic records and a history of positive involvement in co-curricular and community activities.

The first in her family to go to college, Jamie Trombley says that without the Grace Hanlon Award she might not have gone to college at all. Because the Grace Hanlon donors are anonymous, all Jamie can do is offer her written thanks, along with photographs from her college and travel adventures.

“It’s really hard to thank someone for giving you an education. I wish they would meet me, but I don’t think they will,” she muses. “Ideally, I’d like to thank them in person; it would mean more if I could thank them in person and tell them how much I appreciate this gift. It means that not only will I get a college education, but that I’ll graduate without debt.”

Jamie Trombley ’11
As she stands on the pool’s edge in a wet suit and rubber booties, a whistle in her mouth and a bucket of fish by her side, Jennifer McGee ’93 radiates joy across the 2,000-seat facility. Her constant smile grows wider when Kaylee, a 15-year-old common bottlenose dolphin, shoots straight up from the water to touch Jennifer’s outstretched hand. The crowd of young children and their parents cheer as Kaylee swallows her reward and prepares to demonstrate another behavior when Jennifer asks.

Growing up the youngest of four children in Peabody, Mass., Jennifer spent as much time outside as she could, especially during summers on a Maine lake with her bird-watching parents. Shy, she navigated teen life in a high school where her class of 650 was bigger than Colby-Sawyer was when she attended. She enjoyed and excelled in art and biology, and though a childhood trip to Sea World had awakened a desire to be a dolphin trainer, art education seemed a more feasible path.

“I was always interested in being an art teacher, but I...
really loved dolphins and thought dolphin training was very cool,” she says. “I didn’t know how to do it, though—it’s not like you can go to college and major in dolphin training—so I thought, okay, I’m going to be an art teacher; I know how to do that.”

While McGee may have been less than certain about an art career, there was no doubt in her mind that she had found the right college in which to explore her options.

“I’d just gotten a brochure from Colby-Sawyer and a friend said she’d visited and thought it was really nice, that I should check it out,” Jennifer recalls. “As we were driving up, my dad kept saying, ‘We can’t afford this place, don’t get your hopes up, we can’t send you here,’ but as soon we drove in I fell in love—with the town and its picturesque New England setting, with the small college feel, everything. And it was funny because my dad had that same experience with me as we walked around the campus. After the tour I looked at him and said, ‘Dad, this is it, I have to come here’, and he just said, ‘We will find a way.’”

**Finding a Way**

To her surprise Jennifer’s voice cracks while sharing this memory, but she recovers quickly. “It was funny because my dad was not like that, but he was adamant when he said, ‘Nope, you’re going, we’ll make it work.’ I don’t know why I’m being sappy,” she laughs, adding that her father is alive and well, “but it was a big deal for my family; neither of my parents went to college

A ceramics and printmaking student, Jennifer was a sophomore racking up the arts credits when she went to the New England Aquarium on one of her frequent visits. That time, she happened to talk with a staff member who told her that most people start out in the field of dolphin training as a volunteer. Adding, or switching to a biology major wasn’t possible if she wanted to graduate with her class, but by the time she graduated from Colby-Sawyer, Jennifer was SCUBA certified and had spent three summers at the New England Aquarium volunteering in the marine mammal training area and Marine Animal Rescue Program.

Jennifer decided to give dolphin training a shot, promising herself that, if after a year she didn’t have a job, she’d go back to the art teacher plan. Holding out for a full-time training position, she applied all over the United States and landed one in Rapid City, S.D., far from any ocean.

After three years in South Dakota working with seals, sea lions and, eventually, dolphins, Jennifer moved on to Brookfield Zoo to work in a larger institution where she could learn more and propel her career forward.

Jennifer earned her master’s degree in biology from Western Illinois University and has just celebrated her 12th anniversary at Brookfield Zoo. She moves “a million miles an hour,” as she says, through days that adhere to a strict schedule of training sessions (five for dolphins, three for seals and sea lions) and performances that each require a change from the khaki zoo uniform to a wet suit, husbndray, and all the paperwork involved with overseeing a staff of ten trainers and the animals.

**Addictive Communication**

“There’s always an iron in the fire—there’s always something going on,” Jennifer says. “Right now we have two new staff members we’re training, and it can take awhile to get them up to speed, though I really like training new stuff. When that settles down probably a new animal will come in or something. There’s always an iron in the fire—there’s no such thing as normal here.”

While the interactions between animal and trainer are all play and based on positive reinforcement training, the days are also hard work for the trainers. In the maze-like area below the dolphin pool, one trainer scrubs and hoses down the enormous coolers where fish is stored for the marine mammals’ meals. Another trainer reaches for a clipboard to record how her dolphin performed in the show, noting behaviors performed, energy levels and pounds of fish consumed. Others, who have already changed from wet suits back to their zoo uniform of khaki polos and pants tucked into rubber boots, prepare food or get ready to scrub the uncontrollable algae from the pools. The dolphins’ assistance has been requested with an unusual marriage proposal the next day, so Jennifer leads a strategy session on that, assigning dolphins to trainers and choreographing the operation.

Though actually the shortest part of her day, interacting with the animals is her favorite, and it doesn’t matter with what species. “I’ll tell you that whoever is in front of me is my favorite because there are great things about all of them,” Jennifer says. “When I’m working with the animals or talking about them, that’s the best part of the job.”

“Training is really exciting when you have a breakthrough because you’re basically trying to communicate to another species, and you don’t speak the same language, so you have to be very clear and concise. When all of a sudden you see that light bulb go on and the animal gets it, and you’ve made that breakthrough of communication, it’s really rewarding. It’s very exciting. And it’s addictive,” she laughs. “Now we want to train everything. That’s actually what’s happened in the marine mammal field in general. People who have been in it for years have started branching out to other species of zoo animals and
doing the really positive training that’s rewarding for the animals and the staff in all areas of the zoo. We have a curator of behavioral husbandry here who works with training in all departments; we train our gorillas and hoofstock and it’s really enriching and stimulating.”

**A Standout Student**

Associate Professor of Natural Sciences Ben Steele, whose own area of expertise includes animal behavior, can still remember where Jennifer sat in his classroom, and it doesn’t surprise him that his former student has made it in the competitive world of animal training.

“Jen was obviously interested in biology and animal behavior,” Steele recalls. “She stood out. I remember her as curious and outdoorsy. I knew her goal was to be a dolphin trainer, and so many people say that that you kind of think, well, good luck, but it says a lot about Jen’s perseverance and talent that she actually did it. Her story is exactly what you would expect from a liberal arts education. We teach students to be critical and creative thinkers who can speak in public. The specific major isn’t as important as the lessons of thinking in a wide range of areas.”

Colby-Sawyer started accepting male students when Jennifer was a sophomore, and the small classes and individualized education that all students receive today were still, at that time, charged with helping women develop their self-esteem and self-confidence.

“After going to a really big high school outside Boston, getting to that small-class environment where I could actually have conversations with my professors was really important,” Jennifer says. “I was shy, believe it or not, and being at Colby-Sawyer certainly developed my self-esteem and self-confidence. If it hadn’t, I’d be in trouble now, since I work in front of thousands of people every day."

“I really think the art degree helped me a lot even though it was not what I ended up going into. As a senior art major, you have to produce enough work to come up with your own show. It makes you develop initiative and responsibility and problem-solving skills—we had maybe six seniors graduating with fine arts degrees that year and we had to fill the entire gallery, so that was kind of a first taste of the real world. I ended up staying on campus for spring break; everyone else went off to fun places and I was working in my studio all night and all day trying to come up with new things for my show.”

Professor of Fine and Performing Arts Jon Keenan, who came to Colby-Sawyer in 1990 and counts Jennifer among his first students, remembers her fondly and well as a focused, dedicated student and a compassionate person.

“Jennifer made wonderful [art] pieces. Her interest and passion for art and science informed her desire to find connections and discover the interconnectedness of knowledge.”

Jennifer enjoys some face time with Banda, the Brookfield Zoo’s affectionate harbor seal.

says Keenan. “Her work life’s journey illustrates beautifully that Colby-Sawyer graduates create rewarding professional opportunities and find interesting fields of study to pursue. I’m so happy that Jennifer works in a field she loves.”

Love it she does, and, after 15 years in the field, like any teacher, she often encounters former students of the animal variety.

**Animal Love**

“There are a lot of zoos with a lot of animals, but it’s still kind of a small world and there are some great stories,” Jennifer says, getting excited. “Take Scooter here, he’s a harbor seal who was actually born at the facility where I worked in South Dakota—I helped name him. When that facility was sold the animals went everywhere. A couple years later I went out to Mystic Aquarium—we were going to take some of their fur seals for a while—and they kept talking about these harbor seals, Rocky and Scooter, and I thought, Scooter? Wait a minute…and it was him! And I had worked with Rocky, too; it turned out that three of the animals from South Dakota had ended up there, so I got to see them all. A few years later we needed a male harbor seal and Scooter came here on breeding loan, so that was really fun for me; we’re reunited. Oh, I could sing a cheesy love song…he’s a good guy.”

While Jennifer really does love her animals like children and students—she even has plans to meet up with some dolphin acquaintances in Florida on an upcoming vacation—there’s more to her than animal training.

“I do have a life outside of work, though this is a really important part of who I am. It’s a career, not just a job,” she says, “and Brookfield Zoo is a great facility to work for that really puts its money where its mouth is regarding conservation, which I appreciate. They have been very good to me, supporting me through my master’s degree, and I’ve been all over the country with animal transports and for conferences. They support my work with the sea lion stud book and all the work I do with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, too.”

Beyond the zoo and its satellite activities, Jennifer trains for sprint-distance triathlons, something she’s done for nine years. She predicts those who knew her back in the day will find that amusing because, she says, she was so “unathletic” in college.

“I own my own home, which I spent several years remodeling myself, and I love to garden,” Jennifer says. “I’m also very involved with my church. I lead a women’s group, kind of a Bible study-type thing, and I think that goes back to my days at Colby-Sawyer and seeing how important it is to invest in women and build their self-esteem and confidence. That’s something I really have a heart for.”

While at Colby-Sawyer, Jennifer frequently attended Our Lady of Fatima, and she fondly remembers the art students working with New London author and artist Tomie dePaola to
paint Christmas decorations for the town. She also led campus tours as a member of the Key Club, a departure from her shy high school persona.

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Recently, two students came into the Cleveland, Colby, Colgate Archives to interview me for a class assignment about Colby-Sawyer’s history. Specifically, they were interested in the periods of time when the college was known as Colby Academy and as Colby Junior College for Women. As we began to talk, it became clear how little these students knew about their college’s history and how eager they were to learn. Our conversation raised more subjects and soon they were asking questions unrelated to their assignment. As I told them about different eras at the college, I began to pull out artifacts from the archives, including a Colby Junior College blazer and a Colby College of New Hampshire pilsner mug with the logo from Colby College (in Maine) etched on it—a manufacturing misprint—and photographs. Both students’ faces lit up and one asked permission to take pictures of the artifacts with her camera while the other expressed an interest in seeing more photographs related to her topic. Both left filled with enthusiasm and plans to return. This impromptu conversation confirmed what I have always believed—seeing the actual “stuff” brings history to life.
With seven name changes and a varied institutional history as a secondary school, junior college, and four-year college, Colby-Sawyer College has a unique and rich past that can be especially difficult to identify with and relate to without tangible objects and documents. The Cleveland, Colby, Colgate Archives makes these materials available in person and, now, online at Haystack, the college’s new digital archives. Visitors can flip through letters, photographs, student newspapers and yearbooks via the Internet, enjoying a similar experience to the one they would get by visiting us in New London, except now they can explore the college without leaving the comfort of their homes.

Haystack, located at http://archives.colby-sawyer.edu/, is a Web site that promotes interaction and participation, allowing users to share images with family and friends through e-mail or social networking sites like Facebook. They can also purchase archival copies of photographs for special events or personal mementos, and they can add comments about the images directly through the Haystack interface. The site forms a link between all generations of Colby-Sawyer graduates and shares the college’s heritage with current, computer-savvy students in a recognizable format.

Haystack provides the opportunity to find connections between materials across distinct collections. Often when researchers come into the Archives, they want to look at a specific collection and conduct research using only these materials. Haystack allows visitors to approach materials thematically, suggesting items from a variety of collections and thus providing a broader outlook on the subject matter. This wealth of materials that can be found in Haystack is very exciting; hopefully, the examples that follow will pique your interest and encourage you to explore Haystack further.

A Bell Rings Out

Colby-Sawyer has had many traditions as part of its storied history, and Mountain Day is certainly one of the oldest. The date of the first Mountain Day remains a mystery, but it is believed to
have started shortly after the founding of Colby Academy, probably in the 1850s. Looking through the student newspapers, we discover that the first reference to the event can be found in the June 1893 issue of the *Colby Voice*, which reported that “About 40 students made the trip to Kearsarge on Mountain Day, which has become a fixed holiday of the school.” This statement confirms that Mountain Day existed before 1893. The date of the article also reveals that the event used to occur in the spring. The earliest Mountain Day photograph in the Colby-Sawyer Photograph Collection dates back to 1906 and shows a group of Colby Academy students posed at the top of Mt. Kearsarge for a photograph similar to the group shot we still take today. Newspaper articles from the 1950s and 1960s reveal that Mountain Day used to be announced by a presidential decree at the end of chapel. A letter from the Student Government Association reveals that incidents of haz- ing in the 1990s nearly ended the tradition, but fortunately the responsibility of many won out over the acts of a few and Mountain Day continued.

A collection of signed banners, too large to put online, reveals the spirit of the day, and photographs ranging from the early 20th century to the early 21st century give a glimpse into more than 100 years of tradition. All of these materials, found in the Colby-Sawyer College Photograph Collection, the CSC Textiles Collection, the student newspapers, and the Student Government Association records, will tie Colby-Sawyer alumni together forever.

The Colbyan

One of the collections we are the most excited to present online is the *Colbyan Yearbook* collection. As college yearbooks are being replaced by videos and social services like Facebook, the Cleveland, Colby, Colgate Archives is working to put its entire collection of yearbooks into Haystack. The Archives has yearbooks dating from 1911 until 2005, the last year that a yearbook was published at Colby-Sawyer. Each of these books provides a glimpse into the lives of a graduating class and a generation of students. Browsing through old yearbooks connects the Academy and Colby Junior College of the past with the Colby-Sawyer College of today. They also connect current students to these traditions. When students come into the archives to do research on a specific time period, the first place I send them is to the yearbooks. This gives them a sense of what was going on at the time, the fashions, the groups student belong to and what the curriculum was like.

From there, they often discover a field they want to explore further, such as Med Tech, or a group they want to investigate, like the Buzzin’ Dozen, or they discover a tradition like May Day that has disappeared. Several students have expressed an interest in renewing events like Ski Day and Winter Carnival after looking through old yearbooks and learning that these traditions once existed. Currently, the 1968 yearbook is available on Haystack in its entirety; several other yearbooks have been digitized and will be made available over the coming months.
Virtual Exhibits

Haystack lets users look at individual items and collections, but it also allows visitors to interact with the materials in another way—through virtual exhibits. Exhibits, which can be accessed from Haystack’s homepage or upper navigation bar, are where the archives staff connects several collections to each other, creating a higher level of context. It is also a place where specific materials are highlighted. At times, these virtual exhibits will have corresponding physical exhibits on display in the Cleveland Colby Colgate Archives.

There are two types of exhibits: permanent exhibits and ongoing exhibits. Examples of permanent exhibits in Haystack include an in-depth look at the construction of the Susn Colgate Cleveland Library/Learning Center, a walk on the campaign trail with former Congressman James Cleveland and presidential candidates who visited Colby-Sawyer, and a tour of the Cleveland Colby Colgate Archives storage area during its recent renovation. Each of these exhibits contains a narrative interspersed with images found in Haystack. Future exhibits to watch for include the Founding Family Tree, a look at Colby-Sawyer College during World War II, and an exploration of the New London cultural scene.

In addition to the permanent exhibits, there are two ongoing or “rotating” exhibits. The first, “A Day in the Life,” looks at founding family descendant, Patience Cleveland, who was an actress and kept a diary from 1963 until 2003, a year before her death. This exhibit is updated daily with a new diary entry corresponding to the current date as part of a this-day-in-history type of exhibit. Currently, you can click on the Patience Cleveland exhibit to see what she was up to on today’s date in 1964. The second exhibit, “A Needle in the Haystack,” is updated on the first of every month with a new photograph that is representative of the season, an event on campus, or a moment of historical significance.

Haystack will continue to grow and flourish with your help. You are invited to visit the Cleveland Colby Colgate Archives 24/7 via Haystack—log on, browse around, make comments, and share your reactions. Many of the materials in our collection, including people and events, remain unidentified. By contributing to Haystack, you will help us to provide a better service to you, your fellow alumni and future Colby-Sawyer students.

If you are interested in using Haystack, but are uncertain how to get started, a demonstration and tutorial is in the early planning stages and will be offered during future alumni events.
Global warming got you down? With dire prophecies of environmental catastrophe coming from all sources, it’s easy to get discouraged. But thinking about the environment doesn’t have to be all doom and gloom. Nancy H. Taylor ’67 and Jennifer White ’90, in their different ways, are spreading a positive message about how to save our planet.

Nancy H. Taylor ’67 has been committed to environmental sustainability since the early 1970s. An early adopter of solar technology, she helped design her home in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, which uses the sun for heat. Now she has released a book to share her knowledge with others. Go Green: How to Build an Earth-Friendly Community is a practical guide to living sustainably.

Practical is truly the key word. Without being sanctimonious or condescending, Go Green is a primer filled with useful, easy-to-follow steps that anyone can take to make changes in their own home and lifestyle. Ultimately, as indicated by the book’s subtitle, Nancy points the way for people to carry these changes into the community—such as starting a recycling center or establishing community-supported agriculture (CSA). With a foreword by Patagonia founder Yvon Chouinard and an endorsement by environmental hero Bill McKibben, Go Green is essential reading for anyone who is ready to take action but doesn’t know where to start.

Originally from the Chicago area, Nancy credits her experience at Colby-Sawyer for deepening her passion for the outdoors, a passion that grew into an environmental consciousness. A social worker by profession, Nancy received her master’s in social work from the University of California, Berkeley in 1971. She first moved to Jackson Hole in 1973, bringing with her an idealism cultivated in the hotbed of Berkeley. In the pristine Wyoming landscape she found herself among people intent on preserving the beauty of their surroundings. With the environmental movement coming of age, Nancy became involved with several organizations, including the Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance. Today, she is the vice president of the board.

By the early 1980s, Nancy had left Wyoming to move into a passive solar home in Bozeman, Mont., that she helped design and build. “It wasn’t called green building then,” recalls Nancy, and the home, the first of its kind in the area, was featured in Fine Homebuilding magazine. Passive solar by itself, though, has its limitations. Relying exclusively on sunlight, without any mechanical system, it is dependent on optimum conditions. Nancy set about educating herself about active solar, which uses solar panels to generate electricity. Eventually she found herself back in Jackson Hole, where she built her current home. Combining passive and active solar, it is a model of green building. “The building industry has changed a great deal since I built my first house,” Nancy explains, “and many more non-toxic materials are available.”

As with her first green house, Nancy’s home invited interest. A local environmental center asked her to teach a class on the art of green living and building. The course led to a column in a local weekly paper that ran for five years; the column led to her book deal. Since Go Green’s release in 2008, Nancy has had speaking engagements on both coasts, as well as closer to home. Most exciting, she says, is being chosen by the Department of the Interior to speak at a conference this September, which seeks to teach government employees how to go green.

Nancy stresses that living a life of sustainability doesn’t have to be a great sacrifice. “I want to emphasize that it’s fun,” she exclaims. “I’ve seen people make tremendous changes and actually have fun doing it.” Ever the optimist, Nancy has no doubt people can change their habits for the greater good. And really, what is the alternative? “Soiling our nest really isn’t the best idea,” she says with a wry laugh. “This is the only planet we have and we need to take care of it.”
For the past six years, Jennifer White ’90 has performed with her husband, Jimmy Sferes, as the acoustic duo Sferes and White. They have released two CDs, played numerous shows and festivals, and performed for a radio audience of millions during an appearance on the National Public Radio favorite “A Prairie Home Companion.” But Jennifer is not content to merely entertain. A founder of the Green Heart Institute and executive director of the Simplicity Forum, nonprofits committed in different ways to the idea of sustainability, she sees music as an ideal way to engage and enlighten people. And that’s where Eco-Tones come in.

What are Eco-Tones? Essentially, they are specialized performances by Sferes and White, multi-media productions that weave music and visuals to entertain and educate the audience about environmental issues. Since beginning the project in 2006, the duo has brought their Eco-Tones productions to various festivals, conferences and colleges, including Colby-Sawyer in 2007. “It’s somewhere between a concert and a presentation,” explains Jennifer, speaking animatedly with a clear passion for her subject. “Usually you go to a conference and you hear a speaker. Or you go to a music festival and you hear a performer. We thought combining them might be a better way to engage people, and also a way to sneak in the information.”

The idea of music with a message might set off warning signals about preachy, over-earnest performers. Jennifer nods, clearly anticipating this line of thought. “I’ve been an educator for 13 years,” she says, “and I hate being told what to do, even when it’s something I know that I should do.” That’s why Eco-Tones shows are filled with humor, and information is offered “as an invitation as opposed to a judgment.” Of course, there’s always the problem of simply preaching to the choir. Jennifer admits that those people are easy to engage. It’s the people whom she refers to as in the “fixin’ to get ready” stage who need a little more encouragement. “Maybe when they listen to us we can nudge them along, get them closer to the action stage.”

Jennifer, who grew up in New London (and is the daughter of Gretchen Hoch White ’53), has an interesting background. After receiving her associate’s degree from Colby-Sawyer she moved to Colo., where she earned a bachelor’s degree in physics from Colorado College and a master’s in somatic psychotherapy from Naropa University. Being versed in physics and psychology perhaps explains her holistic approach, seeing sustainability as not merely an environmental concept, but part of a larger system. As she says, “You can be the most environmentally sustainable person on the planet, but if you can’t pay your bills or you don’t live in a safe community, then that’s not really sustainable.”

Jennifer and Jimmy recently left Colo. to return to New London, a move precipitated by the death of her father this past October. Despite the upheaval in their lives, the duo plan to keep spreading their green message with Eco-Tones performances. There’s also a book in the works, a lighthearted approach to sustainable living that Jennifer describes as a cross between Erma Bombeck and Rachel Carson. As she points out, “If you focus on the doom and gloom, people just get depressed and shut down. It’s important to have a positive vision for what this could be.”

Top Five Ways to Take Action

1. Start turning off the light: tackle home energy efficiency and conservation.
2. Take a walk or ride a bike: consider alternative and fuel-efficient transportation.
3. Grab a local, organic bite: eat nearby and lower on the food chain.
4. Try to live a simpler life: use fewer resources and buy less stuff.
5. Pass it on with all your might: help others learn what they can do, too.

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1. Change your light bulbs from incandescent bulbs to compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs). These are 75% more efficient and now offer the same warm light as traditional bulbs.
2. Get an energy audit. Either your utility company or an independent contractor can do a blower door test to find the air leaks in your house.
3. Turn down your hot water heater to 120 degrees. Insulate it with a special blanket if it is an older model.
4. Install a programmable thermostat so your furnace is turned down while the house is empty and turned up when you’re about to come home.
5. Use Energy Star appliances and install power strips on all electronics. Turn the power strips off at night and save tremendous amounts of money and energy.

Learn more at www.nancyhtaylor.com
Campus Safety

—the name conveys an aura of import and a high level of myriad and complex responsibilities. It’s the department on any college campus that interacts with everyone and everything, a department that, like rust or the tides, never sleeps. The responsibility of Campus Safety includes every person in the college community, every building, every inch of ground, and all 360 degrees of the compass.

The director of Campus Safety at Colby-Sawyer is Peter “Pete” Berthiaume (birth-yoom), who came to the college in 1993. Previous to his arrival, Pete spent six years in the Army as an infantryman, which was followed by time as a security manager in the New York City and Norwalk, Conn. areas with Ogden Allied, a business conglomerate with a large security division. Pete is highly trained, has earned a degree in security management, and holds numerous certifications, most in his two principal areas of interest, behavior and emergency management, and he is the Emergency Management director for the town of New London, New Hampshire. Pete has served as president and vice-president of the New Hampshire Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators. From 1998–2005 he served as co-director of the New Hampshire Campus Safety Academy, which provides training for officers across New England.

When he first visited Colby-Sawyer, Pete remembers it was a postcard-perfect autumn day, and between the beautiful campus and the friendly people he knew almost immediately it was a place he wanted to work. Quick-witted with a ready laugh and an infectious sense of humor, Pete is also a modest man who likes to push attention away from himself and toward his 11-person staff. He feels that even though Colby-Sawyer is among the safest colleges in America, it enhances everyone’s sense of security to have the best possible team in place.

“These folks are pros,” he says. “They have credentials as impressive as any law enforcement group in the area. All of them bring something to the table that’s unique, and that makes us unique as a department. Their talents are so diversified and at such a high level of professionalism that they have formed a sort of campus safety special ops team,” Pete smiles as he offers that analogy.

“We have two main areas of operation,” he goes on to explain, “administrative personnel and the officers in the field. On the administrative side we have two people on the switchboard who are professional communication specialists, and there’s Donna Brennan, who does just about everything, especially where technology is concerned.

“Our mission,” Pete says, “is to create a safe environment conducive to learning by promoting individual responsibility and community commitment through what we refer to as the four Es: Education, Empowerment, Engineering and Enforcement. We do this by using proactive partnerships throughout the college community. Our philosophy is that everyone on our staff is an Educator who has a wealth of knowledge on a variety of safety-related topics to offer our students. The Empowerment is what our staff is instructed to give our students so they can help each other to make good choices and keep each other accountable. In regard to Engineering, our staff makes sure the facilities...
on campus are as safe as they can be. Lights and warning devices need to be working, bushes need to be trimmed back, locks need to be in working order, and buildings and grounds need to be hazard free. I save Enforcement, which is self-explanatory, for last not because it’s the least important, but because it’s healthier to think of the other three first.”

When asked what the toughest part of his job is, Pete takes a long moment to think. His answer shows that he is, perhaps, an uncommon safety director who, even after 16 years on the job, is bumout free and still cares deeply about the people he is charged with protecting. “The tough part,” he begins, “is that we’re working with 18 to 22-year-olds and they’re all in a different place developmentally. Of course, we understand that, and there are times when our young people are struggling and it’s our job to help them get through those struggles safely. The toughest part is when they don’t succeed. That’s hard to watch. It’s frustrating and it’s life, but you’re always thinking about what you might have done differently. You ask yourself: Is there something more I could have done to help that person succeed?”

Pete finishes what he’s saying and sits quietly for a moment lost in thought. One gets the feeling he’s remembering specific instances from the past and still looking for solutions, but then his demeanor brightens.

“The part of the job I like the best is working with the great students we have here. I say that not because it’s the pat, easy answer, but because it’s the truth,” he says. “We have over 20 students who work with Campus Safety in the HOPE* Program and with our communication specialists, and we work closely with the resident assistants, which gives us a good chance to know them. Each year you say, ‘Oh, that person was so special, that’s it, they broke the mold and there can’t be anyone better.’ Yet, each year you’ll meet new students who are just as special and who continue to make the job interesting, fun and fulfilling.

“It’s fulfilling because I’ve seen students when they first arrive, sometimes with a timid or overwhelmed look in their eyes, and I wonder if they’re going to make it. Four years later I see them walking down the aisle at graduation and they’re different men and women—striding with the confidence of growth and learning. But the greatest thing of all is that, when I see them looking proud of their accomplishments at graduation, I get to think that maybe my staff and I had a small part in the making of their success, and for us that truly is an honor.”

Each member of the team brings a special and valuable set of professional skills to the table. Due to space consideration only some of their credentials are listed.

Tom Blinn (Officer). Tom is a former lieutenant with the Hudson, N.H. Fire Department and a current member of the Sunapee, N.H., Fire Department. He is a certified EMT and completed the N.H. Campus Safety Academy (NHCSA). He has more than 30 years of fire safety experience.

Donna Brennan (Operations Coordinator). Donna oversees multiple databases, has been the college Employee of the Year, received an award for exemplary service to her community from the NHCSA, and is a certified Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) instructor.

Jeffrey Cable (Officer). Jeff spent 27 years with the Vermont State Police, finishing with them as a detective sergeant investigating homicides and other major crimes. He graduated from the NHCSA in 2005, and in 2007 he facilitated an outstanding program called “A Common Sense Approach to Personal Safety.”

Susan Henley (Officer). Susan earned a degree in criminal justice from the University of New Hampshire and has completed the NHCSA. She is certified in Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers/American Heart Association.

Mary Ann Krueger (Communications Specialist). Mary Ann has completed the Public Safety Tele-Communicator 1 Course through the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials-International, Inc., and she has completed a Critical Incident Dispatching course among other workshops.

Joe Stearns (Assistant Director of Campus Safety). A 15-year Colby-Sawyer veteran, Joe spent seven years in retail loss prevention and seven years in law enforcement. He is certified by the Crisis Prevention Institute as a Prepare Training instructor, a MOAB (Management of Aggressive Behavior) instructor, and a RAD instructor. He also instructs the Bicycle Patrol Safety and Awareness course for officers throughout the state of New Hampshire.

Lynette Speak (Communications Specialist). Lynette has completed the Public Safety Tele-Communicator 1 Course through the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials-International, Inc., and has completed a Critical Incident Dispatching course among other workshops.

Cally White (Officer). Cally served four years with the U.S. Air Force as a security forces specialist. She is a certified RAD instructor and has encouraged women across campus to become more involved in their own personal safety.

Mark Wildermann (Officer). Mark earned his master’s of education, counselor education degree with a concentration in human relations. This has provided him with a solid foundation of skills and knowledge that positively impact his interactions and communications with the Colby-Sawyer community, especially the students.

Sean Williamson (Officer). Sean has a bachelor of science degree in education and has been an educator for 20 years. He is certified in Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers/American Heart Association.

HOPE stands for Help and Observation in a Protected Environment. Its primary purpose is to provide alcohol-impaired students with a safe place to be watched by competent monitors until they can be left alone with reduced risk to themselves or the community.

The “Special Ops Team” consists of (l to r) Tom Blinn, Donna Brennan, Susan Henley, Sean Williamson, Pete Berthiaume, Cally White, Mark Wildermann, Joe Stearns, and Jeff Cable. Not pictured are Mary Ann Krueger, Norbert Leavitt and Lynette Speak.
Women’s Tennis
(17–1; 10–0 TCCC)
It was a record breaking year for the Colby-Sawyer women’s tennis team as they finished their regular season with a perfect 15–0 overall record and a 10–0 The Commonwealth Coast Conference (TCCC) record. Despite a disappointing loss to Endicott in the TCCC Championship match, the Chargers completed the single greatest season in school history, finishing with a record of 17–1. Fourth year Coach Sean McCaffrey was named TCCC Coach of the Year and reached the 100 win milestone (men’s and women’s teams combined). Junior Mary Francis (Steuben, Maine) earned All-TCCC Singles First Team accolades at the No. 1 flight. Junior Jen LaChance (Killingworth, Conn.) was selected to the All-TCCC Singles Second Team and the All-TCCC Doubles First Team.

Women’s Volleyball
(24–13; 8–2 TCCC)
The fall 2008 season marked the team’s sixth straight year with at least 20 wins. The Chargers compiled a 24–13 record under Coach George Martin, who became the program’s winningest coach, finishing the season with a career total of 167 victories. The TCCC Tournament championship was a rematch of 2007 with Colby-Sawyer taking on the Endicott Gulls. In an entertaining and hard fought match, the Gulls eked out the TCCC Championship in three sets, 25–22, 25–23, and 26–24. As a result of their well-played season, the Chargers hosted the ECAC tournament. After a first round bye, the Chargers defeated the University of New England 3–0 in the semifinal round before falling to Plymouth State 3–1 in the championship match. Sophomore Michelle Doody (Franklin, Mass.) was named the 2008 TCCC Player of the Year and was selected to the All-TCCC First Team. Junior Genny Moore (Centerville, Mass.) was also named to the All-TCCC First Team. Senior Taylor Forsberg (Moultonborough, N.H.), a Nursing major, was named to the All-TCCC Second Team and received the TCCC Senior Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award. Freshman Nicole Duarte (Windham, N.H.) was named the 2008 TCCC Rookie of the Year.

Men’s Soccer
(5–11–3; 5–5–3 TCCC)
The Chargers made the TCCC Tournament for the 14th consecutive season. Senior co-captain Patrick Benson (Essex, Vt.), an Exercise and Sport Sciences and Biology double major, was honored as the TCCC Senior Scholar-Athlete of the Year for his performance on the pitch and in the classroom. In his final season for the Chargers, senior Doug Currie (Harvard, Mass.) led the team in most offensive categories, including goals (5),
assists (3), total points (13), shots on goal (15) and game-winners (2).

**Women’s Soccer**
(8–9–2; 7–6–0 TCCC)

Under first year Coach Jody Bergstrom, the Colby-Sawyer women’s soccer team earned its fourth straight TCCC tournament appearance. Senior Elise Kapp (Yarmouth Port, Mass.) led the team in goals (10), game-winners (3) and total points (26). She closed out her four-year career tied for second on the all-time career goals list, third on the all-time career points list, and fourth on the all-time career assists list. Kapp, a Exercise and Sport Sciences major, was a Second Team All-TCCC selection and received the prestigious TCCC Senior Scholar-Athlete of the Year award.

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**Men’s Basketball**
(20–8; 10–3 TCCC)

The men’s basketball team recorded their eighth 20+ win season. The Chargers reached the TCCC Championship game for the third time in the last six years and earned an ECAC Tournament appearance for the eighth time. Senior Duncan Szeliga (Newmarket, N.H.) became only the eleventh men’s basketball player to reach the 1,000 point plateau. He was selected to the New Hampshire All-State First Team. Szeliga ended his Colby-Sawyer career with 1,324 points and 525 rebounds, which ranks him in the top 10 in both categories. Junior Jon Chaloux (Barre, Vt.) had a remarkable season, including a team-high six 20+ scoring games. He was named to the New Hampshire All-State Second Team. Head Coach Bill Foti was named the New Hampshire Co-Coach of the Year. This marked the fifth time in his career he has been awarded that honor.

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**Women’s Basketball**
(16–10; 10–3 TCCC)

Despite falling short of repeating as TCCC Champions, the Colby-Sawyer women’s basketball team finished their season with a 16–10 overall record, marking the 14th straight year the program has earned at least 15 wins. Colby-Sawyer clinched the No. 4 seed and a
home game in the TCCC tournament after a victory over the Golden Bears of Western New England in the regular season finale. The win was the 300th career victory for Coach George Martin (see sidebar). Senior Emma Pasquale (Elliot, Maine) became the program’s all-time leader with 239 blocked shots, and she became only the fourth woman in school history to register more than 1,000 points and 600 rebounds in her stellar career. Pasquale was named to the New Hampshire All-State First Team. Senior Terri Duffy (Marshfield, Mass.), who started all 26 games, averaged a team-leading 14.7 points and 9.5 rebounds. On her way to being an All-TCCC First Team selection, Duffy was named the New Hampshire All-State Player of the Year and was a New Hampshire All-State First-Team selection.

Swimming and Diving
(Men 4–6; Women 4–6)

At The Commonwealth Coast Conference Invitational, the Chargers finished second of five schools, record-

Alpine Ski Racing

When the Colorado sun set on the United States Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Association (USCSA) National Championships on March 7, the Colby-Sawyer men’s and women’s ski teams had wrapped up the best season in school history. With a third place finish in the giant slalom and a second place finish in the slalom, the men’s team brought home the 2009 USCSA Championship—a remarkable achievement that marks the first-ever national ski championship for Colby-Sawyer. The women’s ski team was also a force to be reckoned with as they had their third best USCSA National Championship performance ever by finishing in third place overall after coming in third in both the giant slalom and slalom events.

The Men

The men began the week by competing in the giant slalom, and senior Travis Plass (Claverack, N.Y.) led the team with a third place finish in a combined time of 1:58.38. Plass earned a nod to the All-American First Team for his top-five finish.

After a solid finish in the giant slalom, the Chargers fixed their sights on a national championship heading into the slalom where the team finished second to seal the deal and bring home the national title.

Leading the way for Colby-Sawyer in the slalom was freshman Jeremy Lawless (Charlestown, Mass.), who finished fifth at 1:38.70. The top-five finish earned him First Team All-American honors. Freshman Shawn Dunstan (Sinking Spring, Pa.) was racing, unknown to anybody, including himself, with two broken bones in his ankle. His courageous performance earned him a 14th place overall finish and Second Team All-American honors. Travis Plass had the third fastest time for Colby-Sawyer with 1:50.15. “Travis really carried the men to the top of the podium,” says Coach Garrett Lashar. “Without Travis, we wouldn’t have finished second that day or been in the running for the overall title.”

The Women

The Chargers started off the competition with a strong third-place finish in the giant slalom. Sophomore Danielle Shannon (Conway, N.H.) stole the show from the field of 105 racers to win the Individual Giant Slalom National Championship by a whopping 3.59 seconds. For her superb efforts, Shannon earned First Team All-American accolades.

“It was very exciting to start the week of competition with Danielle winning the giant slalom race,” said Coach Lashar. “To win any race is very difficult, but with the talent in the women’s field and the amount she won by, I was blown away.”

The slalom portion of the competition was nearly a repeat of the giant slalom. Once again, the Chargers came away with a third place finish behind Westminster and Sierra Nevada, two teams which
ing a score of 460 points. At the New England Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Association (NEISDA) Championships, the men’s team finished seventh out of 13 schools, earning 122 points over three days of competition. The men’s team was led by Co-captains John DeGray, a senior (Weathersfield, Conn.) and junior Ryan Martin (Chester, N.H.). DeGray set school records this season in the 400 IM (4:33.05), 1000 freestyle (10:41.66) and 1650 freestyle (17:46.60). He also was part of two relay teams, which set school records in the 400 and 800 freestyle races. Martin broke school records in the 500 freestyle and the 400 freestyle relay.

The women’s team finished fourth out of six teams at the TCCC Invitational, recording 432 points. At the NEISDA Championships, junior co-captain Danielle Bowen (Litchfield, N.H.) and sophomore Krisi Loh (East Windsor, N.J.) led the way for the Chargers earning 27 and 13 points respectively. The team also enjoyed strong performances during the 2008–2009 season from senior Jackie Preston (Wildton, N.H.), juniors Rachel Bourne (Lakeville Mass.) and Stephanie Smith (Georgetown, Mass.), sophomore Natalie Whaley (Deep River, Conn.) and freshman Dana Blauss (Hanson, Mass.).

boast many international athletes. Shannon again led the Chargers with a fifth overall finish, which earned her a nod as a First Team All-American for the fourth time in two seasons.

For the second time, Danielle Shannon finished in the top-five in the Women’s Alpine Individual Combined results, making her a First Team All-American. Sophomore Anna Hosmer (Ovid, N.Y.) earned Second Team All-American honors with a combined finish of 14th place. In addition to their performances on the mountain throughout the season, Danielle Shannon and junior Kellie Tingle (Thomaston, Conn.) were named Academic All-Americans.

As the individual Giant Slalom National Champion, Danielle was selected to go to the U.S. Alpine National Championships. Last season, senior Allyson Newell (Bethlehem, N.H.) became the first person in Colby-Sawyer alpine ski racing history to qualify for the U.S. Alpine National Championships. They are the only two Colby-Sawyer skiers ever to qualify for this event.
Instructions: Solve the clues and enter the answers over the numbered dashes. Then transfer each letter to the appropriate numbered square in the grid. When filled, the grid will contain a quotation relevant to Colby-Sawyer history, with black squares marking breaks between words. The author will be spelled out in an acrostic formed by the first letter of each answer. Puzzle created by Mike Gregory.

A. Capital of Rhode Island
159 20 107 224 47 126 144 194 66 214

B. Too hot to touch
43 232 216 120 31 38 138 170 229

C. From California to New Hampshire
9 129 85 82 8 141 238 17

D. ______ cum laude
75 124 105 44

E. It hangs around in winter
18 172 138 108 122

F. “It’s all the same to me” (4 wds.)
236 199 143 67 28 20 209 30 126 181

G. Shackle; bring into servitude
111 151 95 220 165 187 21

H. nourishing
94 84 109 145 58 109 145 58 109 145

I. Dinner option (2 wds.)
89 33 234 93 45 5 213

J. ____ pie (2 wds.)
49 223 132 40 215 6

K. They appear seasonally at Lake Sunapee
48 12 167 186 198 117 178 211 25 230 92

L. Norwegian dog
235 36 203 37 76 208 226 227

M. Collar; trump
34 113 139 31

N. Intoxicating beverages contain this
63 80 14 197 136 123 153 91 69 61 128 185

O. Not enough (2 wds.)
26 204 64 106 87 217

P. 1980s bestseller using A.A. Milne’s characters (4 wds.)
63 80 14 197 136 123 153 91 69 61 128 185

Q. Transform into something else
4 182 97 149 158

R. Pledge of transparency (3 wds.)
210 79 191 134 134 190 174 156 193

S. Popular roll in New England
233 2 122 104 173 133 108

T. Melt
206 133 72 54

U. Undue deference; servility
99 207 192 227 112 179 150 168 3 22 16 160 50 121

V. Not wide; limited
100 53 73 90 231

W. Controversial FBI practice
200 171 130 114 161 15 19 86 237 193 152

X. Excessively eager
196 228 157 13 74 176 7 222 142 115 103 147 83 127 131 189

Y. “_____ Pretty Things,” David Bowie song (2 wds.)
218 110 177 175 203

Z. Judy Dench, for example
184 201 24 76

AA. Not shy about speaking one’s mind
77 118 23 29 162 140

BB. Most people do this in the morning
68 180 101 35 33 119

CC. In a careless or inattentive manner
59 146 60 202 225 148 46 65 219 183 71 71

Acrostic Crossword Solution

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We begin, for a change, with the ballads. The balladeers in question, though, aren’t exactly dripping with sentimentality. Adria is the hard-rocking trio of Sean Joncas ’05 (vocals, guitars), Matt Cartmill ’03 (drums, vocals) and Justin Pill ’03 (bass), who formed on campus and are based in Portsmouth, N.H. Their self-released debut album was reviewed in our Spring/Summer 2007 issue, and now they have returned with an EP, The Roaring Twenties. Perhaps it’s named for the bygone era, or for the classic James Cagney movie, Twenties, but we detect a sly reference to the band itself, for these twentysomething alternativa rockers do indeed roar. In songs like “White Russian” and “At the End of June,” they create explosive melodies driven by the tight interplay of urgent drumming, driving basslines, and spiky guitar. It’s loud but not unduly aggressive, and when Joncas screams, “Are you the loneliest one true love?” in lead-off track “Spacer,” the emotion seems genuine. It’s no wonder that Verbicide Magazine named them one of the five best unsigned bands in the country. Listen and watch video of the band in action at www.myspace.com/adria.

One place where we don’t recommend you listen to Adria is the library, or you may find yourself shushed by Pamela Herd MacKellar ’69. After 25 years as a librarian, she has acquired a wealth of experience that she is now sharing with her peers. The Accidental Librarian (Information Today, Inc.) is designed for anyone working a library job without the education of a formal degree. “I have had the good fortune to work with many accidental librarians over the years,” Pamela explained to us, “and it became clear to me that there was a real need for a book about the basics.” Nancy H. Taylor ’67 has written another sort of how-to manual, Go Green (Gibbs Smith), a practical guide for anyone who cares about our planet. Be sure to read all about Nancy in the article on page 26. We learn of yet one more how-to book from Vickie Branch ’81. She is a contributing author to Teaching Massage: Fundamental Principles in Adult Education for Massage Program Instructors (Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins), the title of which is reassuringly clear. Also on the subject of the human body is Athletic Strength for Women (Human Kinetics), co-authored by Dana Healy Compresso ’94. “Perform with more power, quickness, and body control,” promises the front cover, and the book delivers with a plethora of exercises and drills specifically tailored to the needs of female athletes. For several years now, longtime antique dealer Judy Bowerman Condon ’63 has authored the Simply Country series, books overflowing with photographs and decorating ideas “for those who yearn for the simpler life.” Marketed through her Web site, www.marshhomesteadantiques.com, and at country stores across North America, the books have become very popular, and Judy manages to produce several new titles each year. This past December saw the publication of the fifth title in the series, As Time Goes By, and the sixth, Country at Heart, was released in March. We go beyond books and ballads, now, and enter the realm of the moving image. “An Island Kingdom,” is a documentary by Andrea Melville ’79 that examines the 400-year history of the Isles of Shoals. Combining beautiful visuals with readings from historical diaries (including the words of Nathaniel Hawthorne), the film captures the strange magic of these islands located ten miles off the New Hampshire and Maine coastline. The project is truly a labor of love for Andrea, whose interest in the Isles dates back to her childhood. Watch for it this spring on New Hampshire and Vermont Public Television. There are several reasons to watch the Showtime television series “United States of Tara,” from Toni Collette’s remarkable portrayal of a woman with dissociative identity disorder, to the offbeat sensibility of creator Diablo Cody, Oscar-winning writer of “Juno.” We have another reason to watch it, though, since Nate Corddry ’00 has a hilarious role as an oddly creepy restaurant manager. It’s a far cry from the nice guy he played on his previous series, “Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip.” Good news: unlike that ill-fated show, “Tara” has been renewed for a second season. Beyond television, this July Nate will be starring in a production of Sam Shepherd’s “True West” at the Williamstown Theatre Festival. In this version of the classic study of sibling rivalry, Nate will costar with his real-life brother, Rob, which should make for some interesting tension.

Finally, a word about this column, which began life as Alumni Bookshelf and then mutated into its current incarnation when we began to include music. Now that it has further grown to incorporate film, television, theatre and, perhaps in the future, other forms of artwork, it seems it needs another title change. Please send all suggestions to alumni@colby-sawyer.edu.
1932
Barbara Johnson Stearns  
December 25, 2008

1933
Mary K. Walsh  
April 23, 2007

1934
Caroline Dorion Durante  
February 11, 2007
Janet Sherman Lockwood  
January 7, 2009

1935
Mary Goodwin  
July 1, 2008
Gladys Rusk Marks  
October 1, 2008

1936
Elizabeth Read Barto  
December 20, 2008

1937
Gladys Bachman Forbes  
July 23, 2008
Lois Macy Wood  
September 13, 2008

1939
Louisa H. Childs-Butcher  
September 24, 2008
Miriam Runels DeMallie  
November 1, 2008
Edith Trollope Benjamin  
March 11, 2009

1940
Arlene Stevens Sobolewski  
January 20, 2009

1941
Elizabeth Dempsey Smith  
May 21, 2008
Lucille Stearns Perkins  
July 17, 2008
Shirley Hemming Garwood  
August 31, 2008
Elizabeth MacMaster Tyndall  
January 1, 2009

1942
Elinor Pierce Alexander  
June 7, 2008
Jean Smith Patten  
June 11, 2008

1943
Nancy Jones Lacey  
November 19, 2008
Virginia Vaughan Cole  
December 23, 2008

1944
Shirley Sanford Ainsworth  
January 29, 2008
Pauline MacFate Szemplenski  
October 14, 2008
Jeanne Fairbanks Leaver  
November 12, 2008

1945
Natalie Henderson Graesser  
July 3, 2008
June Welch Barry  
September 13, 2008
Kathryn Walker Munro  
December 23, 2008
Eleanor Seybert Kujawski  
February 2, 2009

1946
Nancy “Ann” Grimes Traverso  
July 3, 2008
Elizabeth Joel Kempton  
March 6, 2009

1947
Patricia Grouls  
March 14, 2007
Annette Hill Rea  
October 25, 2008

1948
Molly Gallup Hand  
December 13, 2007
Catherine “Kay” Crosby Sherman  
January 10, 2009
Barbara Schramm Taylor  
January 01, 2009

1949
Patricia Pease Calvo  
October 24, 2008
Evelyn Hesse Coughlan  
December 26, 2008

1950
Susan Van Dorn Tommonds  
January 12, 2005
Joan Towsn McCauley  
January 8, 2006
Kathleen Tuck Partlow  
February 19, 2007
Mary Luhan Kerwin  
January 1, 2008
Mary Kridel Mark  
September 4, 2008
Mary Pelletier Linman  
October 4, 2008

1951
Ruth F. Bannister  
November 23, 2008
Harriet G. Ward  
February 22, 2009

1952
Isabelle Barnett Berglund  
January 21, 2009

1953
Carol Norin Fox  
November 9, 2008

1954
Elizabeth Laidlaw  
January 22, 2009

1955
Nancy Fisher Kerr  
July 8, 2008
Margot Dole Bauman  
September 23, 2008

1956
Paula Scammon Poire  
December 9, 2008

1957
Kathleen Harless Lake  
March 6, 2008
Judith Blanchette Cameron  
February 11, 2009
Judith Pond Condict  
December 16, 2008
Lynne Reno Peirce  
August 15, 2008
Susan Willets Machette  
September 14, 2008
Marjorie Darling Barnard  
November 24, 2008

1959
Marianne Rooke Fairall  
August 10, 2008
Joan Sundblad Raynor  
December 9, 2008
Anna Burnap Dube  
March 24, 2007
Kyle Rae Tucy Sweet  
March 5, 2009

1973
Debra Nusman Stever  
August 5, 2008
Margery Johnson Norton  
July 5, 2008
Wendell Howard Piehler  
September 10, 2008

1974
Mary Beth Monko Ruggieri  
January 12, 2009

1976
Amy L. Saulter  
January 27, 2008

1977
Former Faculty
Margery Johnson Norton  
July 5, 2008
Wendell Howard Piehler  
September 10, 2008
1932
Class Correspondent Needed
Editor’s Note: It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Barbara Johnson Stearns on December 25, 2008. Barbara had served as the 1932 class correspondent since 1995, and she will be missed dearly. Below are her final class notes, submitted last October.

Barbara Wilson Lenox writes that 3 in her family have graduated from Colby-Sawyer, the others being her daughter-in-law, Michelle Samour Lenox ’72, and granddaughter, Madeleine Elise Lenox ’08. Barbara is 95 and lives in Acton, MA, in an assisted living home with lots of good food and activities. She has 8 grands and one great-grand.

1933
Please send your news to the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving
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Dorothy Goings Hubbard has 4 great-grands from 8 months to 3 years. She doesn’t see them often but spent time with all 4 this past summer. She lives alone but has help with daily chores. She has macular degeneration so cannot read, but enjoys audio books. Both son and daughter keep in close touch.

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1935
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C/o Sue Symons
1088 Crockett Farm Road
Coupeville, WA 98239
(360) 678-0403

Hello all my dear Colby classmates. We have very little to report at this time. I am still at Bay Lake Retirement Center in Virginia Beach where I have 2 lovely nurses who take care of me, Martena and Christie. Unfortunately, my ability to speak has diminished so much that I cannot carry on a conversation. However, I still enjoy company. Christie often brings her grandchildren for me to see and hold—such a joy! Dottie E. Cooper, my dear roomie, wrote at Christmas that she is still “cracking!” Although she walks and writes slowly, she still handles all her own finances, reads, and goes to the activity center daily. No news from anyone else, which I believe is good news! All my love to the Colby girls of 1935! And to Colby, thank you again for my Alumni Service Award.

1936
Barb Melendy Parker
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New London, NH 03257
(603) 526-2724

Betty Read Barto writes, “I don’t think I reported that I lost the love of the past 61 years of my life when my dear husband passed away July 25, 2004. Malcolm Haviland Barto was the most handsome and loving guy I have ever met! I’m 90+ now and I just lost my dear sister, Gertrude Emmeline Read Gourgas ’38, last spring on Mother’s Day. Trudy was 91½ and was at Colby with me. She was in a nursing home for 8 years. Her daughter, Joan, still lives in Middleton, RI. Hopefully I will never move from here, this place is Heaven on Earth, but I’m constantly threatened by my 3 children. Best wishes to all and be as happy I was!” Jerry McKewen Batemen writes
that her most recent grand-daughter had her first birthday! “That makes my recent total of great-grands 11 and 2 in-law great-grands. Not bad for an only child, eh? My life here at Earl M. Bowdon Center is wonderful. I have made many great new friends and renewed an old Claremont friend who has lived here for years and was a great help to meet new friends.” Ruth Allen Gear has a wonderful husband, Frederick, who wrote a lovely note for her: “Ruth and I are living our 3rd year at the Gables, where we are quite comfortable. I’m sorry to report that Ruth’s dementia has progressed to the point where she is totally cared for by our live-in aide, Olive, a terrific Jamaican who also keeps our ‘digs’ clean. Ruth is unable to talk much so chatting with her is impractical. I remember hitch-hiking from Dartmouth to Colby Junior to see Ruth in the fall of 1935!” Zoe Rollins Kraus was 91 on July 29—“Never thought I’d manage that! I worked for NASA for 10 years, through Grissom and Chafee burning up, with me watching. Since then nothing exciting has happened.” Priscilla Jameson Mullen has finally given up on shopping, cooking and general house up-keeping and is adjusting to life in a general residence facility. When I heard from her she was hoping to be over a nasty inner-ear problem in time for her grandson’s wedding at the end of Sept. in CT. Trude Brauner Rose writes, “In June I celebrated my 92nd wedding at the end of Sept. in NH and visited with Inez Gianfranchi Snowdon on a lake nearby last summer. Elizabeth “Betty” Allenson is happily settled nearby in a retirement home where I visited her when she moved in. No longer driving but she goes out shopping regularly with her aide who helps solve her visionary problems. Olympiad Frangedakis Conant moved in Dec. about 7 miles away, from South Hampton to Newburyport. She is getting around well with her walker, and enjoys bridge and exercise classes with her friends. It was great catching up with Dorothy McKinney Malin, whose last visit to Colby was our 30th Reunion. She and her husband enjoyed 28 retirement years and now, alone in a smaller apartment, she is enjoying 2 patios and gardening. Barbara Knowles Merrill reported her husband of 62 years passed away after a month of hospice care. He was a 2 time recipient of the Silver Star Army award. Barbara keeps busy with bowling and other games, and finds life near her children in Vero Beach a nice change from ME. 2008 was not a good year for Barbara Rounds Carson. She reported, “my life has been turned upside down” after her granddaughter was murdered in March ’08 in Chapel Hill, NC. Only 22, she was president of the student body, top scholar and much loved. Our hearts and sympathy are extended to the Carson family. Barbara spent July and Aug. with her children in ME. Happily, her Christmas card indicated all was better except for moving slowly—which is true of us all! Bordered by arthritis, Barbara enjoys swimming and Popham Beach is one of ME’s best. When I called Martha Nickerson Steele, her daughter answered and sadly told me that Martha died May 3rd after several strokes. She is survived by 5 grandchildren. Fun to reconnect with Evelyn Seaton Treiber, who seems busy and enjoying her children and 2 grandsons in CT. Evelyn still drives and one of her favorite pastimes is mah-jong. Her husband died in 2005. Janet Marcia Drabble said she has been well cared for the past 7 years in her large RI retirement home. She gets 3 meals a day and enjoys the activities. She gave her car to the Association for the Blind and is no longer tripping, but has “glorious memories of my trips all over the world!” A nephew lives nearby and her niece in MI will join her for her 92nd birthday. A surprise phone call from Inez Gianfranchi Snowdon reported her busy in her winter home. She regularly volunteers at the church store, making a monthly profit of about $5,000. Every 3rd week her caring group lunches together. Please update address changes and send news of what you enjoy so we can keep in touch! 1939 Class Correspondent Needed Please send your news to the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving 541 Main Street New London, NH 03257 e-mail: alumni@colby-sawyer.edu Fran Holbrook Armstrong’s son let us know that his mother has had a stroke that has left her with confused and faint memories. As a result she is stepping down as class correspondent, a position she has held since 1975. Fran presently resides at an assisted living center in Portland, ME, near 2 of her sons. Please See In Fond Memory 1938 Mary Trafton Simonds 1010 Waltham Street, Apartment 320 Lexington, MA 02421 (781) 862-7131 Greetings to you, 70th Reunion classmates! My son drove me north where I sat on the new bench honoring 1938 classmates! Find it outside the dining room, near the Ware Campus Center. Our beautiful campus and new buildings would make you proud! President Galligan welcomed us following an interesting talk by Arthur Rosen on “Islam: Faith and Practices.” Colby-Sawyer continues to be outstanding and truly deserves our support! Barbara “B.J.” Symonds Ayers still lives in NH and visited with Inez Gianfranchi Snowdon on a lake nearby last summer. Elizabeth “Betty” Allenson is happily settled nearby in a retirement home where I visited her when she moved in. No longer driving but she goes out shopping regularly with her aide who helps solve her visionary problems. Olympiad Frangedakis Conant moved in Dec. about 7 miles away, from South Hampton to Newburyport. She is getting around well with her walker, and enjoys bridge and exercise classes with her friends. 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with Colby-Sawyer staff and graduates and to hear about all the wonderful things happening on our campus. A lot has changed since we were there. If you have a chance to go to one of these gatherings, I urge you to do so. I heard from a few classmates at Christmastime:

**Harriet Tillinghast Fuller,** who has a new hip; **Peg Van Dusen Hurlbut,** who is enjoying her retirement community in FL; and **Janet Canham Williams,** who said in her annual poem, “I’m in good shape for the shape I’m in.”

**Please See In Fond Memory**

### 1942

**Bobbie Boyd Bradley**  
**Jan. 1–May 1:**  
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> Hi, everyone! A million thanks to all who answered my plea for news. If you didn’t receive one, you will! I only got through part of the alphabet. Let me start with a long letter from Lois Wetsel Schweizer. She tells of the coincidence as a bride in 1946, when her husband brought her to an apartment (2 small rooms with a tiny bath and a shared hall icebox). Imagine her surprise to find that the sharing couple was CJ classmate Cary Russell Ryder and her husband! They became great friends. Joyce Staff Wood was Lois’s roommate at college who, with her husband, joined Lois and her beloved husband, Les, for the 50th Reunion. They also traveled to AK together, a memorable trip for all 4! Now Lois’s husband, Joyce and her husband are all gone. How lucky they had such fun times together when they did. Lois lives in Ginger Cove Retirement Community in Annapolis, still singing in their mixed chorus and heading their small thrift shop. She uses a walker in her community and a cane elsewhere. Her eyesight is beginning to fail but she is so grateful to live in a great “life care” place, still in her own super apartment. Her oldest son died a few weeks before her Les but she enjoys the care from her remaining family. Her love for CJ is evident in her hallways— a photo of the Colgate cupola and a CJ plate! Lois also said that she had lunch recently with Barbara Holt Wilson’s sister-in-law and one of Barbara’s children, Marcia Wright, who lives in Perry Hall, MD. Recall that Barbara and her husband were killed instantly in an auto accident a few years ago when going home from a choir rehearsal in their FL town. Connie Rudd Cole was prompted to write for the 1st time when she was up north with family enjoying the foliage and ended up in New London! She says, “Could not believe how our campus had grown, and since we did not enter through the main entrance, was completely disoriented until I spotted our old ‘suite.’ Great memories popped up! I am living in Londonderry, NH, with 2 sons and families within driving distance, one daughter in Darien, CT, and one in CO. Have 6 grandsons and one great-grand — 2 more (twin) due in April. Al and I lived in FL for 11½ years but came back here to be with family when he became ill. We had some wonderful years traveling along. Our kids moved a lot! We did get to England, France, Wales, etc. several times when our son was in the Air Force (he retired as a Colonel and is settled, at least for awhile). Al was ‘taken home’ in 2001 so I have tried to keep busy (and succeeding). I did see Anne Jillson Hilt several times in FL before she died but have not run across anyone else from our class. There can’t be too many left, either from my years at Colby, at Conn College and at Yale, so I guess we better stick together. Please don’t faint, but you actually heard from me!” No, Connie, I didn’t faint but I sure was happy to get your card! Barbara Hughes Ford is very happy in a lovely retirement community on Lake Washington, just up the lake from their home of 40 years at the south tip of Mercer Island, WA. She still sails in summer but has given up skiing in favor of reading. She lives a busy life of drama, music educations, all provided for her there at Covenant Shores. Ruthie Murray Carkeek tells me that my retirement life care Paradise is very close to her home town. A nice town it is, Ruthie! Her Steve had a mammoth stroke 4 years ago and was doing quite well until his hip dislocated for the umpteenth time. Now he has a new hip and is ever cheerful and recovering. She also tells of another family trip on a Caribbean cruise in June and enjoying fall colors and post election quiet. They still love their condo and downsizing. They have 5 great grandchildren. Lucky guys! We look forward to our eldest granddaughter’s wedding in July. I keep reminding our grandchildren we’re old and we’re looking forward to their children! Betsy Short Cissel now lives in Belfast, ME. She formerly lived in Topsham, ME, and I had hoped to stop in to see her on our way to the Lake in the summer but I never did and now Belfast isn’t on the way. Maybe we’ll take a drive next summer.

**Mary “Terry” Allen Cadwell** had a long, lovely autumn in VT, which started as their family reunited on John’s family farm where she and John have lived for 60+ years. A wonderful happy week together—45 adults! A nice e-mail from **Pearl Leigh Fuller** caught me up to date with her family: 3 sons, 3 daughters, 6 spouses, 13 grandchildren (1 wife), 1 step-grandson and wife and 2 great-granddaughters. Almost all of them have talents connected with the performing arts and incredible resumes. She also has a grandson serving in Balad, Iraq, as a helicopter electrician, another grandson and wife in the Peace Corps in Nicaragua, and a granddaughter studying at the U. in Stuttgart, Germany. While in FL, we didn’t have time to see **Jinny Leighty Sever** but once again the telephone bridged the gap. She loves living with 2 of her daughters but has health problems, especially walking. She still has her sense of humor, though, which helps her cope. As for the Bradleys, we are slowly slowing down! Walking is not easy for either Dave or me and canes or walkers are part of our apparel. We were able to go to Marco Island, FL, the last week of Oct. and the 1st week of Nov. and made it to Orlando for the National Assoc. of Realtors annual convention. Such fun for us because we weren’t well enough to make it the last 2 years and missed seeing our friends. Once again, my heartfelt thanks to all who answered my plea for news. What a difference it makes in my job!

**Please See In Fond Memory**
1943

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As mentioned in the postal requesting news, we 3 had a wonderful time at our “Wee” reunion as Sally King Cramer called it. Sorry they didn’t have a picture of Sally, Shy, Doc and I with Mary Trafford Simonds ’38 and President Tom Galligan and his wife, Susan, as we all chatted around our dinner table. We agree with Mary “Shy” Scheu Teach’s write up—winter 2008 was quite uneventful, except an awful lot of snow, no tornados, hurricanes, earthquakes or floods. Spring rains were another story. Shy traveled to Mexico, AZ, Nova Scotia and Annapolis, plus short trips to Buffalo and Williamstown to see Sally Cramer. She enjoyed summer at home on Little Lake Sunapee with the kids and grandchildren—swimming, boating and gardening. All are well and she hopes the same is with you. Patricia Clapp Smith and Matthew moved, with daughter Carol’s help, last spring… and she no longer needs to cook as her dear husband. She has 4 great-grandchildren. She keeps busy in her condo where she’s served as president 10 times! She’s lost 2 wonderful husbands over the years and recently her very dear friend, Frank. Her 2 sons are married and all their children are in college. Ken, her oldest, is a lawyer in DC; his oldest son graduated and is going to China to teach English. Her youngest son, Paul, is a dentist with a private practice who also teaches at Tufts Dental School. She gets to see Charlotte “Sheppy” Shapiro Krentzel and Arlene Porter Levenson every so often. Arlene, whose calendar was overflowing and couldn’t fit in the Mini, reports that all is essentially well. She’s still at the Huntington Retirement Complex leading a lazy life. Social life is at a minimum, but she does visit Sheppy Krentzel and Edie Miller in Boston now and then. Elizabeth “Diddy” Godfrey Brown’s son, Peter, sent his Mom and his sister to the British Isles, so she missed the Mini. Diddy recently spent a wonderful time visiting her great-grandchildren—2-year-old Allison and 2-week-old Lucas. Now that Bobbie Tinkham Conant’s husband has died, she pretty much stays home and is happy there playing bridge, golf and volunteering. She also visits family in AZ, FL, ME and NH. Her youngest granddaughter is in college and she has 4 great-grandchildren. Her 3 best Colby friends are gone—Doris Linden Heerdh, Phyllis Faulkner Wattles and Dory Clarenbach Miller—and she counts her blessings to be in such good health. How nice to get an update from Joy Beardsley Spiegel. She and Tom Burrows from RI were together for 48 years. After his death she married Ed Spiegel and they had 6 years before his passing. She’s lived in St. Louis since ’57 and has done the usual volunteering—church, hospital, tutoring. She has 3 children, 4 grandsons and one great-granddaughter in RI and CO. Joy has many widowed friends who play bridge and have a good time, and she feels lucky to be healthy at 85. Still happy and busy in their retirement at Golden Years Village in Tableh queah, OK, writes Priscilla Coan Barnes. Big excitement in their family was the appointment of their oldest son, Dr. Jay Barnes, as the new president of Bethel U. in St. Paul, MN. He has a wonderful wife to work with him. They’re happy for Barbara’s parents and themselves to still be around to see it happen. Carolyn Sigourney Holtz is still drawing and was able to fly direct to Boston from Portland, OR, in October ’07 to visit her brother in Nahant, MA, and do a little leaf peeping. Visits to NH are still on Doris Douglas Butler’s list, as her family still owns a cottage on the lake in Meredith, NH. She spent a July weekend with her youngest son, Don, and hoped to return this past fall with her oldest son, Doug. She was also planning an AARP trip with Windsor friends to the Finger Lakes in Sept. She sends good health and happiness to her lovely Colby friends where we all shared so many happy hours. Dorothy Fiske Winnette had 4 boys—Mark, Ward, Lyle and Miles (Ph.D. psychology)—and a girl, Laurie; 8 grandchildren and so far 2 great-grandchildren. She keeps an apartment in a retirement community in TX, where all her children live, and also spends time in her house in Vineyard Haven, MA. Her husband Winn died in 2005. We heard from Margaret DeGraff Hotalling’s family that she is being well taken care of in Sanford Ladies Home. Priscilla Bullock Bubar ’44 is busy all the time, but at the end of the week can’t see that she has accomplished anything. She attends an art workshop, garden club, a book group, a Tuesday Ladies’ Lunch, works on her perennial border garden where the swimming pool has been the last 35 years, loves e-mail and is trying to write a “family legacy and genealogy.” Now add cataloging at a local agricultural museum, to which she donated the old school house on their property, which her husband attended thru 8th grade. She has sold the farm land but lives in the house on 3 acres with 2 cats. Many thanks to the following who joined me in sending in their news for the Reunion 2008 memory book: Priscilla Coan Barnes, Virginia Hansen Gato, Charlotte Shapiro Krentzel, Arlene Porter Levenson, Jean Marquier Molloy, Nat Cordery Naylor, Blanche “Blani” Worth Siegfried, Janet Thompson Smith, Shy, Julie Ann Keeney Walton. Sincere thanks to Julie Ann Keeney Walton for her kind words about our ‘43 news. As for ourselves, our CA and NM families all came east and gathered with friends to help Doc and me celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary at a wonderful round dance party in mid June. Our lives have been blessed and we know it. Two days later we were off to camp and dance in KS, MI and London, ON, at various national conventions. Our last grandchild is now a freshman at Elizabethtown College in PA. If you ever find yourself up our way, please give us a call and stop in.

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It was great to hear from Mary Cushman North, who is in Summer Ridge, an assisted living place in TX near her daughter, Buffy. Jane Titus George plans a trip to New London this year and has taken up writing as a new hobby. She is active in the Philadelphia 200 and sells real estate. Margaret Kentfield Burkey of Greenville, TN, is busy with 4 grandchildren’s weddings, high school graduations, and a Navy son retiring and building a home near her. Five grandchildren live nearby. Jane Cooper-Fall had a total knee replacement on March 14, 2008. She played golf 9 weeks later! Jane and her sister had an Idelines reunion with 100 people—an excellent turnout after 22 years. She volunteers at the hospital and YMCA. Myrtle Furbush Mansfield keeps busy knitting 50+ pairs of socks for winter and quilting with a group. She went to a 3-day Moose Festival in Colebrook, NH. All her 4 children have Harleys! Tyler Collins Buffington lives in Rye, NH, Priscilla Bullock Bubar keeps busy in Littleton, ME, with an art workshop, garden club, book group, Tuesday Ladies Lunch, and cataloging at a local agricultural museum, to which they donated the old school house from their property. She works on a border garden school house from their property. to which they donated the old at a local agricultural museum, in Rye, NH.

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as the Village Green. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last June. Their 4 children threw them a fabulous party. Anne and her husband have 8 grandchildren, 4 girls and 4 boys. Four of the grans have graduated from college, one grandson with an MBA. Two of the older boys have married as has one granddaughter—the daughter of Leslee Jacobs Hughes ’70. Anne proudly states they are all doing well in their chosen fields. Her other 4 grandchildren are 11 and 12 years of age—one set of twins and 2 sisters. Sadly, her husband, Phil, has had a rough time with a hip operation; he has been on crutches for 4 years. Anne volunteers at a hospital in Manchester, NH, plays bridge, reads prolifically and enjoys her family. She has a small patch of land where she’s able to enjoy gardening. Anne is a member of 2 garden clubs, a women’s club, the DAR and, along with Phil, has been an active volunteer of the American Lung Association. In fact she and Phil were honored as Volunteers of the Year in NH, for the work they’ve done with that organization. Another class of ’46 alumna brave enough to answer their class solicitation was Jean Goubert Sisley. Sadly she reports the death of Bill Quinlan, husband of Lorraine Casciani Quinlan. Also deceased is Annette Hill Rea ’47. Jean and her husband, John, have moved to the retirement community of Prestwick Glen in New Hartford, NY. Their new home is 5 miles from the old home and many of their friends live nearby. Their children and grandchildren live too far away for regular visits, yet Jean and John enjoy one another and good health. Graciously Jean and John extend their welcome to any of you who care to visit. They have a guest room just waiting to be occupied. Anyone interested may contact Jean. Your class message number is 315. Jean and John are proud to have 3 musical cats—Drifter, Dorsy, and Treasure—taking care of 3 musical cats—at any time during the year at ljcloutier1097@gmail.com or (413) 599-0457. We are all interested in your lives!

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Editor’s Note: Welcome and special thank you to Nancy Nutter Snow and Grace Green Williams, who have agreed to serve as class of 1947 correspondents.

Gail Casey Monk writes from San Juan Capistrano, CA, where she and her husband, James, raised horses. Sadly, he died in ’07 after a 60 year marriage that produced 5 children, 15 grands and 5 great-grands. Her oldest daughter lives in Isles of Palms, SC, with the rest in CA. Gail still has one horse to ride every day. What a life! Jeanne Courtemanche Gay reminds us that her husband, Roger, is a Proctor Academy grad and both love the New London area. They are still running the big boat for cod and haddock. All children live within 5 miles of them.

Lindsey Cochran Burdick’s card was returned “No forwarding address.” Where are you? Connie Budgell Brettell misses our old town of Winchester, MA. New London too, of course. She and her husband, Harry, have lived in Panama Gorda, FL, for 15 years and love it. Son Stephen is in Kennebunkport, ME, and daughter Nancy, husband and 2 children live in Essex, MA. Her closest Med Tech friends have gone. Shirley Holmes Dunlap sent a picture of her triplet great-grandsons, whose grandfather Bill was formerly chair of CSC Board of Trustees. Son Bob now lives nearby in Hopkinton, NH. Shirley still lives in her 1754 home when not in Siesta Key, FL. Ginny Horton Adams writes: “In Aug., Bill and I celebrated our 60th anniversary with a long weekend at The Wentworth by the Sea in New Castle, NH. The high point was a luncheon with 4 of my 5 bridesmaids plus 2 husbands. Included were Bud and Nancy Nutter Snow, Claire Nugent Sullivan and Henry. Truly a wonderful celebration.” Their daughter Paige and husband have become foster parents of 4. Son Todd lives in Woodsville, NH, and visits frequently. News from Norway came from Kirsten Henriksen Fjelheim. “I am doing fine,” she writes. “Still living in our lovely house in Oslo, at the outskirts in beautiful surroundings. I am still busy as the chairman of Oslo Senior Choir, approx. 80 singers and a young and dynamic conductor. I go on studying Italian and, of course, my husband and I have been traveling a lot to Italy. In Sept. we had a tour in Hungary with sightseeing and lots of good food and wine. We have 3 grandchildren of 31, 25, 22 and in June we became great grandparents to Isabelle.” Peggy Fish Langa was happy for class news. Her husband, Paul, has recovered from a serious illness last year... we are so thankful! Granddaughter Kate, daughter of Melissa Langa ’74, is at Oxford “reading for her masters in 15th century literature.” Marjorie Johnson McClelland writes from Camarillo, CA, that she is busy taking care of 3 musical cats—Drifter, Dorsy, and Treasure—who love to hear Marjorie play the piano. She has happy memories of CJC and enjoys our class news. Martha Turner Klenk still works part time at ACORN after 41 years. Unfortunately, her husband passed away in 2003. Her oldest granddaughter is working on her doctorate in physical therapy, another is at U.R.I. studying to be a teacher, and her Korean-born grandson is in 4th grade. Martha plays in a golf league from spring to fall in Mansfield, MA. Great to hear from Marty Worth Oberrender that she and Gerry were moving back to a retirement home in Lincoln, MA, after 37 years in Ithaca. Marty had had a wonderful visit with Annette “Bunkie” Hill Rea just one week before Bunkie died from a head injury in Oct. 2008. That is very sad news! On an exciting note, Claire Nugent Sullivan and Henry set sail Jan. 2009 on a 102-day cruise on Cunard’s Queen Victoria. We will expect lots of cards, Nuge! Cornelia Fay Rendell-Wilder, our faithful fundraiser, is still in Delray Beach, FL, teaching piano. Last summer she sang with the Encore Singers up at Chautauqua.
Institute. Olga “Oggie” Wells Dalton and husband John are doing well, still in their same home 50 years later. John is retired but Oggie continues in the art business while keeping busy with family, golf, gardening and counting grand and great-grandchildren. She hears from Jeje, Punky and Marty at Christmas.

Nancy Wigginn McVickar loves living in Northfield, VT, with her Women’s Club friends. Son Gifford is in Northfield, too, and is with Radio Station WDEV and teaches skiing at Stowe. Gina Schofield Mueller writes that she “is still alive and doing well at 81, but getting kind of creaky.” Gina, who has been widowed for 15 years, still lives in her house in Carlisle, PA. She operates the Hauto-Zat, an art gallery, and works part time at the Carlisle Art Learning Center.

Grace Green Williams and I, Nancy Nutter Snow, keep close tabs on each other. Thursdays we mend books at Tracy Library and I am still on the board for “Books Sandwiched In” for the Colby-Sawyer Library. Grace works in the church office monthly and I am still doing Meals On Wheels. Our children and grandchildren are perfect, as is Grace’s great-granddaughter. Bud keeps a watchful eye on us and he is fine.

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1948

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In May 2008, Mase and I were in Albuquerque, NM, with UF’s Lady Gator Golf team at the NCAA Women’s Golf Championships. We went with CJC friend and neighbor, Ann Poindestier Ives ’49, and husband, John. We’re Lady Gator Golf Boosters; Ann was their first Pres. and I was #2. We enjoyed 4 days following the team then went to our grandson James’ HS graduation in Birmingham, AL. It was the Friday of our CSC Reunion, so after the ceremony we flew to Manchester, NH, and arrived in New London after midnight. Five couples and Nancy Dexter Aldrich (Roger was busy) stayed at the recently updated New London Inn. Making a joint effort to attend our 60th were Nancy Dexter Aldrich, Sally Ackerman Frey and Leonard, Bobbie Hamilton Hopkins and Rich, Sybil Adams Moffatt and Paul, Pat Bentley Nye and Tom, Nancy “Hob” Hobkirk Pierson and Jim, Mase and I, Janet “Weste” West Williams and Harry, Bobbie Schulz Watts and Peter, Joan Boyd Veazey, and Nancy Nespor Wilbur. Having 11 80 yr. olds attend from ’48 was awesome! We had no specific plans for our 60th as not one of us had answered CJC’s call for help! At the last minute, we set up a Sat. luncheon at Lake Sunapee Country Club. We met at noon and, after hugging and laughing, we put the husbands at another table on the other side of the room. It gave us a chance to talk about the old days on campus, and we spent 2 hrs at the club as no one wanted to leave. Most of us attended a fun ice cream social at Lethbridge Lodge, where President Tom Galligan delivered his State of the College address. He is outgoing, very animated, and most personable. The weekend weather was uncooperative so the Sat. cocktail party was moved from a tent on the quad to the Ware Center where we would have dinner. Tracey Austin, Director of Alumni Relations, fixed us up in a quiet corner of the dining room. We were amazed that the rock band didn’t know “Mack the Knife.” We had some frustrated jitterbugs in our group. The 50th and 60th reunion classes were the only ones who really danced! We also found that students don’t sing as we did in ’46–’48! No one seems to know any of the college songs.

Sun. morn, a touching memorial service took place, with the 50th reunion class launching a golden balloon for each of ’58’s deceased members. Bobbie and Rich Hopkins held an impromptu Sun. brunch, with Bobbie serving a terrific soufflé and liquid libations. When it was all over, everyone had to leave. Jan West Williams and Harry own a camp at Blue Mtn. Lake in the Adirondacks. Their 3 children and 7 great grandkids have enjoyed camping adventures there over the years. The entire extended family has an annual reunion at Twin Lake Villa. Jan and Harry are still going strong and their construction company has won many design awards. Jan often was featured in the newspapers and magazines while she was chairman of the Natl. Council of the Natl. Assoc. of Home Builders. She enjoyed being a pioneer and traveled around the country talking about women in construction. She credits CJC for pushing her to take paths not explored. Jan loves to travel and read, is active in a book club, plays bridge, and is the clerk of the monthly meeting of the Society of Friends. I had a note from Sally Ackerman Frey who asked how soon we could start planning for the 65th as she thought our 60th was a great success. Sally, Jan Williams, and their spouses dined at the New London Inn on Friday night. Other diners joined in as the women sang Happy Birthday to their respective husbands, Harry and Len, whose birthdays were a day apart. Sally found the “Barn” Library Learning Center “fabulous” and enjoyed a lecture on Islam and the “Muddled” East. After the reunion, they drove to her sister’s in Mendon, VT, and Sally’s brother from CT joined them with their many nieces and nephews. In Sept., the Freys spent 10 days in Canada for the 400th anniversary of the founding of Quebec City. It was their 1st visit to Quebec City and they enjoyed strolling in both the upper and lower towns and even tried the funicular. Quebec is also a favorite place for Bobbie Schulz Watts and husband, Peter. The Watts had a great trip to North Africa in Oct. ’08, a 15-day tour in Morocco. Bobbie said they learned a lot about geography, history, culture, and economics. A sudden storm in the High Atlas Mountains washed out bridges and roads and provided some un-programmed excitement. She was amused to see a barefoot camel driver talking on his cell phone in the Sahara Desert. In April 2008, Ann Wiley Jarrett also was in Morocco. Her 3-week tour included time in the snow-covered Atlas Mountains and Sahara desert, where she tented for 2 nights. She had turned 80 and was in good health so “why not travel!” A Berber woman tattooed Ann’s ankles and hands with a non-permanent henna dye. Ann has become quite an artist and held a one-woman art show in Wilmington, DE, in Oct. ’07. She says 6 CSC alumni attend her Wilmington, DE, Presbyterian Church. During the late spring and summer, she made 4 magical trips. First she was in Amsterdam and Delft in the Netherlands, and Bruges, Belgium, on an oil painting tour with 9 fellow artists. She was sorry to miss our reunion but the trip was planned long before. She had a reunion with Dutch friends she met on an ’89 Grand Canyon rafting trip. Next, she rented a farmhouse in Lubec, ME, with 6 artist friends. They enjoyed painting, observing nesting puffins, eating all the clams and lobsters they could get, and a tour of Campobello Island (where FDR was diagnosed with polio). Ann had a great visit with her AF student in Christchurch, NZ, with her daughter, Sara Jane, her son-in-law, and 2 grandsons. Fun times as both her grandsons are the same ages as her NZ friend’s children. Ann and Sara Jane are writing a children’s book. The
main characters are penguins, part of Ann’s great memories of her trip to the Falklands and Antarctica in ’07. NZ was wonderful and both families wept as they parted their ways. Several of Ann’s offspring took her to the Grand Teton and Yellowstone for her birthday. They stayed in historic hotels, bathed in natural hot springs, hiked near geysers, and observed elk, moose, and hot springs, hiked near geysers, and observed elk, moose, and

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black flies. Sylvia Jacobs Alden still spends several months each year at her condo in Venice, FL. She is very proud that her granddaughter, Kristin LaRochelle ’08, graduated from CSC last spring. Kristin, a nursing major, works at the children’s hospital in St. Pete, FL. Charlotte “Charlie” Huke Canha has taken several Elderhostel trips. She loved going to SD with a group of photographers as everyone was so friendly. They covered Mt. Rushmore, the Badlands, the Mammoth Site, and Custer State Park. The other trip, which she highly recommends, was with her husband, John, to Williamsburg at Christmas time. They learned a lot about the food, songs, and things that the Colonials did over the holidays. The Canhas’ oldest grandson has a full baseball scholarship at Berkeley, CA. Charlie’s favorite memory is turning a corner too fast and breaking a full tray of dirty dishes. Miss Pillman screamed, “My dishes!” Remember “KP” duty? Fran Wannerstrom Clark sent a Christmas photo of herself in “Eskimo garb.” Actually, she was trying to keep warm in an “ice bar” in sunny Barcelona, Spain. This was a stop on her Mediterranean cruise with her 2 daughters and 2 fun-loving teenage grandkids. She was on this cruise during our reunion. Fran says the travel bug bit her when she was at CJC. She traveled with a group of classmates from VT to Montreal over Easter vacation. She had quite a diversified year with lots of travel, an accident that totaled her car but left her with only bruises, and a complete hip re-do at a Boston hospital. She’s feeling great and hopes to get her “clipped wings” back soon. Fran lives in a duplex on a lake that is so close she can toss a stone in the water. Her home looks like an art gallery as she has collected original art, posters, etc., on her travels. She has access to numerous museums, colleges, live theater, and galleries so there is never a dull moment. Besides all this, she has her fabulous family with great children, one son, and her 2 wonderful daughters. Quote: “Just to be alive is a blessing.” Grete Hansen Dainiak has a favorite CJC memory: her first year living at Appletree Cottage. She had an old convertible that her folks let her bring to school (med techs could have a car!) and her MT gang would pile as many as possible in the car. She always waited for the tires to explode but they never did. Carol “Shoe” Shoemaker Marcck and Chuck were unable to make reunion. The Marcks celebrated their 54th anniversary. They spend a good deal of time commuting between Pocono Lake, PA, and Bethesda, MD, where they lived for many years. It’s nice to have a daughter who lives in her old house who has an area reserved for her parents. Carol and Chuck have 9 wonderful grandkids who visit their Pocono digs quite often. They no longer ski but still spend some summer time at their Snowmass, CO, condo. Shoe’s favorite memories are her year in Colby Dorm and the year before in McKean; those wonderful fellowships and getting to know Gen Millar ’32 and Sally Kleindienst Fifield ’44; those crazy trips to Dartmouth; Dr. Leslie Sawyer and his love for CJC; Winter Carnival; Miss Dobbs; her French class; Mountain Day; and the wonderful installation of officers and their arrival in front of Colgate dorm in the lovely old stagecoach. I don’t think any of us will ever forget the excitement of that night. Mary “Oggie” Ogden Sutcliffe wrote while packing for a return trip to the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix. One of her knees, repaired 12 yrs ago, had an infection in Feb., and her doctor decided she needed a 3rd knee replacement. In Aug. and Sept., Mary and Herb traveled by RV to NH and MD to see friends and family. Mary sent a great picture of the 2 of them dancing outdoors on her big birthday. She managed to swim at every place they stopped overnight. She wondered if I had heard from Marilyn Belding Hilly and Jeanne “Woody” Woodruff Ramsey, as she had not heard from either in some time. Marilyn and Woody, are you reading this? Barbara Schramm Taylor sent a photo to the reunion memory book and a big “Hello” to all the classmates. My (Les Harty Wells) CJC memories include those great art classes in Colgate’s attic with Althea Parker, Melanie Woodman, and Harriet Roth; singing the college songs in Burpee Butt Room; dancing to Stan Kenton’s “Celer Stalks at Midnight” in Colgate living room and to Ted Weems’ “Heartaches” in McKeans Dorm; and the endless bridge games in Burpee and Colby’s Butt Rooms. Who will ever forget Sue Hight Denny’s and Rae Cole Phinney’s beautiful renditions of any song we picked? Do you remember “Mood Indigo” and “Sunny Side of the Street”? Those were the days. Patsy Dimmitt White, another who was disappointed to miss reunion, sent her love to all. Patsy and Peter’s granddaughter, Ashley, graduated that same weekend. They were very proud, as she became a Phi Beta Kappa and a member of the Mortarboard Society. The Whites enjoyed a great riverboat trip from Amsterdam to Vienna that included side trips to Salzburg, Innsbruck, and the Italian Alps. Pat said anyone coming to the San Francisco area should look her up; they have a spare room and Pat would be happy to be your guide. On Jan. 31, 2009, Patsy was surprised and overwhelmed to be named the Citizen of the Year by her City of Novato, CA. She has a long involvement with city and county government. Patsy received the “Key to the City” and various proclamations from the County supervisors, state assembly, senate, and the City Council. It was an exciting time and she felt very blessed. An e-mail from Carol “Weiss” Weissborn Smith was typed with one hand as she was just home from the hospital after having her left shoulder replaced. She claims to be totally bionic having had both knees, both hips and both shoulders replaced. She said getting old is really “for the birds.” She was chomping at the bit to get back to the golf course ASAP. Weiss still plays in 2 different golf groups twice weekly from April to Oct. and also plays with 2 other groups that meet once a month. Weiss thanked me for keeping up with the classmates and writing our news. Sybil Adams Moffat figures that, at our age, there is probably no one waiting in the wings to replace us as correspondent and class agent! Maddy Penncicke Cattell celebrated her birthday in Sept., with all her children and grandchildren making their way to State College, PA, to surprise her. She’s in great health and loves living at the Village at Penn State, where there are lots of activities to keep her busy. She says life is different as a widow so you adjust to living and playing differently. She follows football and enjoys watching all the Penn State games. A note from Betsy Cook Willis said they haven’t done much as Dave had a year of bad health. They managed to make a grandson’s wedding in MT and a granddaughter’s in the Midwest. I had a phone call from Louise “Weezie” Cornick Creel, my 1st contact with her since graduation. She had received the Alumni Magazine and was looking for news about our 60th reunion. Unfortunately, the class news had gone to CSC in April, a month before our reunion, so the reunion hadn’t happened yet. Her husband, George, was career Army, having spent some time as an aide to Gen. William Westmoreland. As a military wife, Weezie traveled a lot. During the 60s, they spent some time in Seoul, South Korea. She enjoyed their time there and learned to eat, but not necessarily like, the
On May 15, 2008, Colby-Sawyer alumna Nancy Nespor Wilbur ‘49 MT was honored by New Hampshire Governor John Lynch and Department of Health and Human Services Commissioner Nicholas Tournap as one of 11 recipients in the state of the 2008 Vaughan Awards. The awards, given annually, recognize individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and volunteer service on behalf of New Hampshire senior citizens.

Nancy has been a volunteer with Home Health & Hospice Care in Nashua, N.H., since 1963. The agency provides medical, nursing, social, and supportive care to residents in their own homes. In her 40-plus years with the agency, Nancy has volunteered in a number of roles, from running heart and foot clinics, to making homemade caramels to put up for sale, and serving on the board of trustees. These days Nancy spends much of her time on the road, driving elderly patients to and from medical appointments. In fact, in 2008 alone, Nancy logged over 4,000 volunteer miles in her vehicle!

When asked how she felt about receiving the Vaughan Award, Nancy responded quite humbly, “Well, I was so proud, but really I just enjoy it! There is such a need for volunteers. And truly, small efforts can make a big difference for these individuals.”

—Tracey Austin

**1949**

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**1950**

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Lindy Clapp Macfarland and Will had a fun weekend in June at her 60th reunion at Northfield-Mount Hermon with Anne Maher Grimmes and Mike. Both couples have daughters in MA and enjoyed getting them together. Spent a day at the wonderful USS Constitution Museum in Boston where another of Anne’s daughters is assistant curator. Lindy also visited with Gretchen Siegfried Nymoem and her husband, Don, who were in Buffalo for Gretchen’s 60th reunion at Buffalo Seminary. Lindy says it is exhilarating comparing medications, aches and pains. Sadly, Lindy and Will’s daughter-in-law lost her battle with breast cancer in April 2008.

Anne Maher Grimes and hubby Mike send greetings from ME. They have 3 married children, all in MA now, and 5 grandchildren, and appreciate their many get-togethers. Susan Morrison Mayer is recovering quite well in New London and Hanover. Her 20 grandchildren add to her enjoyment. Ann Bemis Day is in VT, writing nature articles and poetry, and recovering from cancer. The disease also took the life of her son Alan in early 2008 in ME. His twin daughters and the 2 children of Ann’s daughter Debbie were helping put together Ann’s 80th birthday celebration. In early 2009 the family from the US and Australia planned to gather on the west coast to celebrate with Ann. Her 2nd great-grandchild was due any day when I heard from her.

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**1951**

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MaryEm Bodman Kenner’s eldest son works for the government as manager of computer security for the educational food and drug administration. You have to become bilingual (French) in Toronto where she lives. Her other son, aged 45, is retired. His wife and daughter, aged 10, came for Christmas from AK. MaryEm’s daughter is manager of 2 banks and has 2 girls, aged 1½ and 4. Fran Black Rosborough writes her son had surgery and gave a kidney to a friend. Her grandchildren sound happy. The oldest transferred from FL Southern and his brother is a UF Gator. Her grandson Jackie, 12, is cancer free. Her sur-

**ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

Nancy Nespor Wilbur ’49 MT

On May 15, 2008, Colby-Sawyer alumna Nancy Nespor Wilbur ’49 MT was honored by New Hampshire Governor John Lynch and Department of Health and Human Services Commissioner Nicholas Tournap as one of 11 recipients in the state of the 2008 Vaughan Awards. The awards, given annually, recognize individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and volunteer service on behalf of New Hampshire senior citizens.

Nancy has been a volunteer with Home Health & Hospice Care in Nashua, N.H., since 1963. The agency provides medical, nursing, social, and supportive care to residents in their own homes. In her 40-plus years with the agency, Nancy has volunteered in a number of roles, from running heart and foot clinics, to making homemade caramels to put up for sale, and serving on the board of trustees. These days Nancy spends much of her time on the road, driving elderly patients to and from medical appointments. In fact, in 2008 alone, Nancy logged over 4,000 volunteer miles in her vehicle!

When asked how she felt about receiving the Vaughan Award, Nancy responded quite humbly, “Well, I was so proud, but really I just enjoy it! There is such a need for volunteers. And truly, small acts of kindness, like driving someone to an appointment, can make a big difference for these individuals.”

—Tracey Austin

**1949**

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**1950**

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Lindy Clapp Macfarland and Will had a fun weekend in June at her 60th reunion at Northfield-Mount Hermon with Anne Maher Grimmes and Mike. Both couples have daughters in MA and enjoyed getting them together. Spent a day at the wonderful USS Constitution Museum in Boston where another of Anne’s daughters is assistant curator. Lindy also visited with Gretchen Siegfried Nymoem and her husband, Don, who were in Buffalo for Gretchen’s 60th reunion at Buffalo Seminary. Lindy says it is exhilarating comparing medications, aches and pains. Sadly, Lindy and Will’s daughter-in-law lost her battle with breast cancer in April 2008.

Anne Maher Grimes and hubby Mike send greetings from ME. They have 3 married children, all in MA now, and 5 grandchildren, and appreciate their many get-togethers. Susan Morrison Mayer is recovering quite well in New London and Hanover. Her 20 grandchildren add to her enjoyment. Ann Bemis Day is in VT, writing nature articles and poetry, and recovering from cancer. The disease also took the life of her son Alan in early 2008 in ME. His twin daughters and the 2 children of Ann’s daughter Debbie were helping put together Ann’s 80th birthday celebration. In early 2009 the family from the US and Australia planned to gather on the west coast to celebrate with Ann. Her 2nd great-grandchild was due any day when I heard from her.

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**1951**

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MaryEm Bodman Kenner’s eldest son works for the government as manager of computer security for the educational food and drug administration. You have to become bilingual (French) in Toronto where she lives. Her other son, aged 45, is retired. His wife and daughter, aged 10, came for Christmas from AK. MaryEm’s daughter is manager of 2 banks and has 2 girls, aged 1½ and 4. Fran Black Rosborough writes her son had surgery and gave a kidney to a friend. Her grandchildren sound happy. The oldest transferred from FL Southern and his brother is a UF Gator. Her grandson Jackie, 12, is cancer free. Her sur-
gories have left him with a real challenge but he continues to meet them. My daughter-in-law, God bless her, is fighting cancer. As my son says, “she is hanging in there.” Fran’s other grandchildren are 11 and 8—mine are also 11 and 8, both boys who are busy with cub scouts. My grandparents are into ice hockey 100%. Games every weekend. The poor parents have to drive them all over. Seamus House was burned to the ground last winter. Wonder if they will build something in its place? Ruth Gray Pratt said to watch it was frightening and fascinating. She is still skiing as she did last winter. Said the wind chill factor sent the temperature down to the teens and her finger froze. Ruth, you are brave. Well that’s all for now.

As my son says, “she is hanging in there.” God bless her, is fighting cancer. Although her family is well, 2008 wasn’t quite the year Nancy Fish Perior planned. “I managed to break 2 vertebra, one at a time—no clue how! Just that ‘old lady’ bone thing. My advice—DON’T DO IT! I’m in the percentage of slow recovery so my days are boring! Taking meds, needlework and watching my old dog sleep! Hope you all are well and find a pen to write—hey, Peg, that means you.” Peg Lewis Moreland has made a few changes this past year, retiring from her volunteer work at the New London Archives Center, and as a member of the NHL Mayflower Society Board of Assistants. During the winter she moved from the assisted living residence back to her home, now owned and occupied by her daughter, son-in-law, 3 grandchildren and 2 cats. If there isn’t enough going on she probably can find knitting some beautiful pieces of apparel. “Just a quick note during this busy fall season putting my farm to bed,” writes Janet Rich Nixon. “I love the many ways I am able to stay involved with CSC, from the golf classic, to the President’s Advisory Council, and AIL. The spring 2008 study group was really special with a chance to experience how our outstanding President, Tom Galligan, also continues to be a great professor, as he conducted a short course titled John Adams’ Legal Legacy. How fortunate alumni and students are to continue to have such leaders! And how sad for me to read that we have lost the living presence of our beloved first freshman class president, Mozell Zaraft, and my first roommate.

Besides being an avid reader, she enjoyed gardening, birdwatching, talking politics and spending time at their summer home in Piseco, NY. Our class extends its deepest sympathy to Isabelle’s husband, Neal, and their children, Karen, Christopher and Betsy.”

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1953

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1954

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Glencie Hobbs Harmon and her husband, Vic, enjoyed a visit from daughter and family last summer and followed them back home to UT in the fall. Glen is getting a very good look at the state with their yearly visits. Jo-Anne Greene Cobban and husband, Jim, enjoyed travels within New England, riding off the highway and into small towns to see the charm and surprises they had to offer. A July evening boat ride on the Mt. Kearsarge at Lake Sunapee for dinner is most enjoyable. Longer trips have been with bus touring groups where we relax and enjoy the scenery and historical areas, leaving us free from reading maps and making reservations. Our third trip to Washington, DC, and it’s still not all covered. We are ready to return for more exploration, plus Colonial Williamsburg, VA, a real treat in turning back the calendar of time, participating and pretending to be a part of the era. Anne Batchelor De Grazia and Joan Batchelor Brown sent a note that “the Batchelor twins got together for a fun time” with road trips between Wolfeboro, NH, and Ogunquit, ME, visiting relatives and places they remembered growing up, sharing their experiences with family. Summer time by the ocean and lobster treats make for “great memories,” they wrote. Cynthia Bates and Ruth Davis Nies got together last summer, too, in Brunswick, ME. They hadn’t seen each other since ’53 when they were both age 19, and reported that they “looked just the same—almost!” Although their visit was brief they had a great time catching up. Ruth is taking a class with Kitty Ottomar Peixotto ‘46 and they also share memories of Colby, Boothbay Harbor, ME, where Barbara Dennett Howard and her husband, Bob, celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary. “While we were there we visited the ME Botanical Gardens. They were spectacular! If any of you are near there we recommend that you stop and visit.” Joanne Ripley Spencer was pleased to have a visit from Emily Spencer Braugh and husband, Neal, who were traveling east through NY and New England. Joanne may have a report for us next time on her planned trip to Turkey. It was nice to hear from another Rochester, NY, classmate. Susanne McMahon Fuller has lived there for 46 years but enjoys 3 months a year in Phoenix, AZ. Susanne adds, “We have spent the 4th of July in New London on Lake Sunapee with friends for the past 25 years. CSC seems to look better all the time. My years there were wonderful and my education just what I needed to take my place in the working world.” Anne Dwyer Milne has added Iceland and Croatia to her growing list of countries visited. Next stop China, she writes. Longtime friends enjoyed 4 days together in Bar Harbor, ME, at the home of Sandra Davis Carpenter ’55, including Jane “Shoe” Shoemaker Storm, Jean Cragin Ingwersen, Sae Bond Gilson ’53, Mary Balzac from the Bahamas and Anne Dwyer Milne. “What fun and games (literally) we had. It’s always a pleasure to get together,” reported Natalie Langley Webster. Although her family is well, 2008 wasn’t quite the year Nancy Fish Perior planned. “I managed to break 2 vertebra, one at a time—no clue how! Just that ‘old lady’ bone thing. My advice—DON’T DO IT! I’m in the percentage of slow recovery so my days are boring! Taking meds, needlework and watching my old dog sleep! Hope you all are well and find a pen to write—hey, Peg, that means you.” Peg Lewis Moreland has made a few changes this past year, retiring from her volunteer work at the New London Archives Center, and as a member of the NHL Mayflower Society Board of Assistants. During the winter she moved from the assisted living residence back to her home, now owned and occupied by her daughter, son-in-law, 3 grandchildren and 2 cats. If there isn’t enough going on she probably can find knitting some beautiful pieces of apparel. “Just a quick note during this busy fall season putting my farm to bed,” writes Janet Rich Nixon. “I love the many ways I am able to stay involved with CSC, from the golf classic, to the President’s Advisory Council, and AIL. The spring 2008 study group was really special with a chance to experience how our outstanding President, Tom Galligan, also continues to be a great professor, as he conducted a short course titled John Adams’ Legal Legacy. How fortunate alumni and students are to continue to have such leaders! And how sad for me to read that we have lost the living presence of our beloved first freshman class president, Mozell Zaraft, and my first roommate.
very wet in the process. We had their 7th wonder glory, getting falos. Our last stop was Victoria 48 giraffes, elephants and cape buffaloes. We were able to now we hadn’t seen any lions, with lots of hippos, and every month there were many rivers and lakes Delta back in Botswana. Again next safari was in the Okavango plane and boat to the Mudumu elephants, impala, baboons, Botswana, where we saw mostly wilderness parks. Our first stop nights each in 4 different African lions before heading home.

“Learning and Discovery” talks by our very knowledgeable guide every day, the food both in lodges on the game drives and sunset snack/drink time, perfect cool weather, and finally the great “Cultural Night” at the end of each stay where we were entertained by the staff with song, dance and poetry—and they always got us involved. Neal told a mythological story from The Odyssey comparing a part of that story to their culture. All the lodges were managed by women, with a mixture of men and women on staff, except in Zimbabwe where a young woman managed an all-male staff. Could they ever dance! Even Neal and I couldn’t keep up with them. It was a wonderful 21-day trip and we would highly recommend it to anyone.” It’s wonderful hearing from Mindy Helmer Beinert after all these years. She wrote in July from FL saying that she had participated in a US Bowling Congress tournament held in Detroit in June. In addition to bowling, Mindy was enjoying her children and one grandchild—and awaiting the arrival of a 2nd grandchild. Right on the heels of Mindy’s note was one from Rosie Carhart Keenan, saying that she is in touch with Nancy Colby Garipay, her first-year roommate in Burpee. Nance was with us just that one year, then married and moved to CA. Barbara Curtis Sturgeon has been living in CA since 1973! She’s worked as a travel agent, in sales at Nordstrom’s, and as a floral designer for a local florist. She and Bill have enjoyed a great deal of travel during all these years, going to Japan, China, Europe, the Phillipines, Israel, and Egypt. She has stayed in touch with Elaine F. Gilman and Rosie Carhart Keenan. Curt, Elaine and Rosie also kept in close touch with Nancy Fisher Kerr, enjoying a last get-together on Cape Cod a year ago. A surprise note arrived from my sister, Pat Davis Hoffman ’50, telling me that Marilyn Smith Hooper ’50 spends her summers less than 5 miles from my home here in VT. Marilyn is the older sister of one of my roommates in Burpee, Dona Smith Shanklin. I called Marilyn and we spent a delightful afternoon catching up over hot tea, followed by several phone calls, before she headed back to FL for the winter with promises of a spring get-together when she returns. Connie Valpey Deschenes writes from MA that she, her husband, Ed, her twin sister, Linda Ann Valpey Langan, and her husband, Paul, went to the Canadian Rockies last spring. They started in Seattle and returned from Vancouver, BC, enjoying a wonderful trip filled with breathtaking scenery. The Chateau at Lake Louise in Alberta was a favorite, as was the Rocky Mountaineer Train. In mid-July Ken and I celebrated our 50th anniversary with a gathering hosted by our children. We started with a lovely brunch for friends and family, then spent a couple of days enjoying each other’s company—swimming, eating, talking, and then eating some more! Nieces and nephews, grandchildren, cousins, aunts...
and uncles all getting to know one another again—there were even 4 Colby Jr./Colby-Sawyer grads in attendance. It could not have been more perfect! Ken and I concluded the celebration with a marvelous week in Bermuda. Ken had never been, and I hadn’t been back there since CJC’s spring break ’55! It brought back many wonderful memories! It is amazing just how many times fond memories of our years spent on the Colby campus in New London come to mind. It was such an idyllic time of our lives, and the springboard for everything to come. It would be wonderful to hear from more of you and how you’ve spent the years between graduation and now. Please write/e-mail anytime, or call. I’d love hearing from you all!

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1956

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Nancy Morris Adams is selling her home in Canterbury, NH, and has rented in Penacook, NH, until she decides what to do next. Nancy still has her summer home in Jonesport, ME. Nancy has a VW camper parked at her daughter’s home in NV where she spends a lot of time. Nancy recently spent a wonderful 5-week trip through the southwest. This trip was designed around a 50th anniversary for Sam and Nancy. Although Sam died 2 years ago she said this was a wonderful tribute. Nancy had lunch with Adelaide “Happy” Anthony Griffiths ’57 and Nancy Mudge Sycamore ’55 at her home last year. “Mudgie” was Nancy’s big sister at college and Clark, Happy’s husband, was Sam’s big brother at Dartmouth. Nancy was part of both weddings and they have been great friends ever since Colby-Sawyer. Cynthia Oswald Sipos had a wonderful visit with her close friend Liz Zeller Curley last summer while visiting the Northeast. She visited relatives in NH but was unable to visit New London to see our wonderful campus and all the improvements that have been made over the past decade. Sandy J. Liberty took a wonderful trip to New Zealand in March 2008 to see her son and family, whom she hadn’t seen for 3 years. Sandy traveled most of the South Island and says it is a spectacular country. She also has a daughter and family (2 grandchildren) living much closer in MA whom she sees often. Her daughter is an accomplished artist and will have a show of her paintings this summer in North Haven, ME. Sandy works part time, has good health and says life is good! Karen Fowle Johnson still volunteers at Dulles Airport Travelers’ Aid. She said Aug. set a record as they helped over 67,000 passengers and took over 2,200 phone calls! Karen also volunteers at Wolf Trap Foundation for the performing arts in VA near her home, and has also been on the Board of Directors for her Homeowners Association. She still finds time to travel to see family and friends across the country. Sibyl Sutton Strickland really loves tutoring math at a charter school for children with ADD, ADHD, and Asperger’s syndrome. She has one son in Akron, where she live, one son in TN and one son in GA. News for this column even came from Crete! My appeal caught Carol Molander Linsley while they were on a 3-week Mediterranean cruise on the Black Sea that ended in Athens. Carol announces another grandson was born to her oldest son, who, after years without children, is learning the joys of fatherhood. Will joins Grey, his 2-year-old sister. Carol had lunch with Charlotte Flink Faulkner last summer in West Lebanon, and went to Colby-Sawyer last Oct. for the President’s Alumni Advisory Council meeting. I was at the college in late Sept. and the weather was beautiful. The college never looked better. Arlene Annan DeMoss keeps busy in San Jose with 5 grandchildren. Their oldest grandson is the 3rd generation to attend San Jose State. They also have 6 more grandchildren in NV and TX. Arlene took a trip into eastern OR and saw some very small towns. Lorna Burke Tseckares is going to Italy with a group of 9 gals, including Lorna’s 2 daughters, to walk in the Cinque-Terre—5 villages on the west central coast of Italy connected by steps. Lorna still enjoys horseback riding after 38 years and says she is on horse #3. She works 2 days per week as office manager at an animal clinic, and her husband of 48 years still works full time. Great news from Patricia Anderson Little is that her 4th cat scan was good as she continues to recoup from a lung removal. Pat and Dave spent 6 wonderful weeks at their cottage in MI. Ellie Kent Chastain and her husband, Jim, have moved within Sarasota, FL. Ellie continues her work with hospice and tutoring elementary school children. She had lunch with Judy Oglee Sanders before Judy left for her summer home on Cape Cod. In mid July Ed and I took a fabulous Tauck tour to the Canadian Rockies. Breathtaking scenery, luxury hotels, delicious food and lots of fun things to do (glacier walking, guided hiking walks, white water rafting). During our first cocktail party I met a couple who knows Sally Maras Culbertson very well. Sally was my roommate in Burpee our first year. Sally has 4 children and now lives in Avon Lake, OH. Marcia Copenhaver Barrere says she was wearing shorts and using sunscreen while the Northeast was buried in snow last winter! They love their new home in Cocoa, FL, where they are able to watch the shuttles and rockets lift off from Cape Canaveral. Marcia enjoys having her children close by. Last year they all went to Europe to visit friends in Germany and Sweden, and toured Italy, France and Switzerland. In Sept. Marcia attended a needlepoint seminar in Baltimore and took 3 weeks on the return to FL visiting friends they hadn’t seen in years. Julie Abrams Dunbar moved over a year ago to Old Lyme, CT, to be near family. She says they moved from a wonderful old house with little property to a smaller home on the water with 2 acres and love it. Julie has 3 grandchildren close by, 5 in Stowe and the rest scattered all over the map. Julie has seen Pat Foster Moll who also lives in Old Lyme. Marilyn Scott Smith wrote, “No earth shattering news. Larry and I are still at our summer home on Long Island and have had the busiest season we can remember. At times it felt like we were running a B&B. A highlight was a family reunion in July with our daughter and son, their spouses, and our 4 grandchildren plus Larry’s brother and family. Wonderful memories for young and old alike, and we are hoping for a repeat next year. We just went out to lunch

(L to r) Adelaide “Happy” Anthony Griffiths ’57, Nancy Morris Adams ’56, and Nancy Mudge Sycamore ’55 enjoyed lunch together last year.
today with Carole Scherer Judge and Roy—always a treat to see them each summer while the 4 of us are on Long Island. Ollie Appleman Heldberg and Fred were unable to join us, but Ollie told Carole they had just been to NH and were very impressed with the Colby-Sawyer campus.” Thanks to you gals who supplied the news and to all who support Colby-Sawyer’s Annual Fund. If President Galligan comes to your area be sure to hear him. He is so enthusiastic about all aspects of the college.

**1957**

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Ann Blasi Pellegrino and her husband own a wonderful seafood restaurant on Martha’s Vineyard on the Edgartown Harbor, where her daughter and grandchildren also live. Mary Gilmore Miller and Dick visited with her old roommate, Jean Holdridge Goheen, and Royal in 2008 and had a great time catching up after 40 years. They spend 6 months at their home in Old Lyme, CT, and 6 months in their home in Vero Beach, FL. Elaine Mecca Madden works as a senior economic development planner for Cambridge, a very challenging and rewarding job. She has been back to visit Colby-Sawyer several times and says, “I marvel at its growth and prosperity as an institution shaping young people’s minds.” Donna Younger Mackay writes: “My husband is buried in Fitzwilliam, NH. He had cancer. Andy is 47 with 2 boys, 13 and 15, and lives in OH. Jim is 45 and lives with me. He helps me a lot. I have never moved since 1961, from Lake Bluff, IL.”

Sandy Dennis Allen writes that her son served in Afghanistan and is home again safe and sound. All of her grandchildren—Samuel, Curt and Tabitha—are in school now. They added a new barn for Charlie’s toys and their son-in-law is building a stone barn for Charlie’s toys and their IN school now. They added a new sound. All of her grandchildren—and is home again safe and her son served in Afghanistan since 1961, from Lake Bluff, IL.”

Suzanne Vander Veer and Elaine McKenzie Kutrosky. in their airplane. Their 4 grandchildren live 80 miles away, making it easy to see them. Shirley Waters lives in Chichester, NH, and thanked me for doing the news. It’s a pleasure, Shirley! Joy “Skippy” Skaarup Evans writes: “Bob and I still enjoy our winters in central FL and summers at Trout Lake in upstate NY. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary a year ago last June and took all our family to Boothbay Harbor, ME, where we became engaged and honeymooned. We now have 3 of our 8 grandchildren in college and our 2 youngest are about to turn 15. I guess the most exciting news I have is a cruise planned for Nov.” Janice Eaton Atkins, Elizabeth “Bibby” Grayson Deal, Kim Yuksha Whiteley, Lois Hanewald Ward, Deborah Kent Springer, Jill Booth Macdonell, Suzanne Vander Veer and Elaine McKenzie Kutrosky. organizations. Suzy is doing well, with the help of her friends and family, and was looking forward to being a group leader for 28 friends to Israel, the Nile and Jordan last Oct. Marcie Pokorny Bentz writes, “My oldest granddaughter is starting her 2nd year in college. My 2 grandsons are in 10th and 11th grade. All are healthy and happy. I just had a total hip replacement in April. It is so nice to be without pain. Retired from my job last summer, but have kept up with my jewelry. I am also a graduate gemologist and love working with all sorts of beautiful gems.” Robin McDougal spent 18 days after our mini-reunion in Brazil, observing many natural sights as well as the welcoming Christ statue in Rio. Kim Yuksha Whitely, Suzie Vander Veer and Diane Shugrue Gallagher spent Labor Day together and had a great time in PA.

Janice Eaton Atkins and I, Jill, reunited again in June—3 times in one year! We went to one of our Boston roommate’s memorial in Carmel (very sad), then toured SFO with my daughter. In July I went to NH and spent a couple of days with Ellen Fetter Jamison in Portland, ME, and we visited Bibby Grayson Deal nearby. She was making whoopie pies for her town’s fair. Fun time! Ellen spends half the year in Kenya. That’s the news—keep it coming!

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**1958**

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Barbara Billings Howe writes, “This is a tough time for me. My husband, Jack, passed away on Jan. 27 and I am currently at our condo in Venice, FL, trying to take one day (one hour) at a time with the support of many friends. I will be in touch with Linda Thomas Righter, my roommate, who lives in Sarasota. We’ve always kept in touch.” Barb, keep strong! Meredith Chase Boren retired from St. Timothy’s School in June 2005. Since then, she has served as a consultant to the development office roughly one day a week, and is volunteering full time. Meredith writes, “I am on the board of the U.S. Federation of Friends of Museums and the Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage. I am also serving a 3-year term on the Vestry of my church. My husband, Al, is retired and has slowed down after many years in education. His days of playing tennis or 3 times a week are over but he still stays physically active to some degree. Together, we enjoy watching sports, especially NFL football. Son Kurt and family live nearby. Granddaughters are 16 and 13. Great fun! Sorry I missed the 50th reunion. I would love to hear from classmates.” Judy Cameron Barwood welcomed grandchild #6 in June, a son to her daughter, Sarah, and husband, Neal. GiFFen joins sisters

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Colby and Avery. Judy says, “I’m still plugging along at CSC and expect to graduate, again, on May 9, with a BA in History, Society, Culture. School is going well but is still pretty challenging.” Seeing that I have not heard from anyone else, I will talk about me! I have 3 grandchildren aged 22, 18 and 15. I sold my business and now work for the company that bought me out. I now get a paycheck, 3-week paid vacation, and a Christmas bonus—and no more workman’s comp, insurance or overhead to worry about. I pray that we have enough orders in the coming year to remain in the black. Pageantry World celebrates 30 years in business this year. The city of Huntington Beach is also celebrating an anniversary this year, its 100th, and I sold them 218 street banners to hang on the streetlights—they are everywhere! I have been very active in the Huntington Beach chamber and was recognized by their annual legacy award, with certificates signed by the assemblyman and senator from our district. How proud I was that day to speak to 200 people and accept the award with my family and friends present. I wish this award would have been thought of while my husband was still living! We have reached a time in life where we seem to be losing the ones we love. The pain is indescribable. Just remember to surround yourself with loved ones and don’t be in a hurry to think that you have to be on a schedule. Grief has no time table and everyone handles it differently. Losing my husband of 46 years was devastating. Now when I think of him, I get a warm, fuzzy feeling and relive the moments, each and every one of them. To end this epistle, I have moved on after 3 years of extreme loneliness. I am lucky to have met a wonderful widower who is 11 years my junior! When I told him what year I graduated from college, he said, “I was still playing in the sandbox that year!” What a brat! Anyway, I now have someone to walk with for the remainder of my life and that is the way it is. At the ripe old age of 69, I bought a bright red convertible; have formed a new corporation to bid on government contracts in case the flag business ceases to wave; and am writing a children’s book titled “Polar Bear Pete.” Life is good…and now I have someone to share it with! Now I want to hear from all of you! Please See In Fond Memory

Joyce Nichols Lewis ’60

If you’ve ever spent long minutes—or hours, or days—trying to solve a fiendishly constructed crossword puzzle then you might be familiar with the handiwork of Joyce Nichols Lewis ’60. For almost 30 years she has edited the Los Angeles Times Crossword, a puzzle syndicated in newspapers nationwide.

Joyce got her start in the world of cruciverbalism courtesy of her father. An editor at the New York Times Sunday Magazine, he worked with famed crossword editor Margaret Farrar in the early 1950s. They began to generate more puzzles than they could publish, and the idea was born to syndicate them to other newspapers. This proved very successful, and eventually the syndicate was bought out by the Los Angeles Times.

Joyce’s involvement began when she lived in New York City as a young mother. “My children were in nursery school,” she recalls, “and I thought, what am I going to do with myself?” Her father suggested she try her hand at solving puzzles. Joyce immediately took to them, and before long had begun her career as a crossword editor.

The process of crossword creation, or construction, goes something like this: A puzzle is constructed by a freelancer, typically an expert at solving puzzles who has become ready for the challenge of construction. The editor works with the constructor, sending the material back with suggestions for fixes—sections of the puzzle grid that should be reworked, clues that need refining, and above all making sure there are no mistakes.

Crossword construction is a labor of love, as it pays relatively little, about 60 dollars for the daily Los Angeles Times puzzle. Constructors come from all walks of life, and anyone is free to submit their efforts. Joyce even has one regular constructor with a lot of time on his hands to make puzzles: he’s serving a life sentence in prison.

Recently Joyce has stepped back, leaving most of the day to day editing in the capable hands of her assistant editor. She is enjoying her retirement in Vermont, where she and her husband have lived for the past eight years. Of course, she continues to solve puzzles for her own pleasure. “It’s a wonderful way to keep your mind active,” she says.

And what does Joyce make of Sudoku, the Japanese logic puzzle that in recent years has threatened to eclipse crosswords in popularity. “I don’t do Sudoku,” she says. “Sure, they can be stimulating, but you don’t learn anything the way you can with crosswords. Like, what’s the largest shrinking sea on our planet?” The cruciverbalists amongst you, of course, know the answer is ARAL—a favorite word of constructors due to its crossword-friendly structure of alternating vowels and consonants.

Sudoku isn’t the only challenge that crossword puzzles face. With the future of the newspaper industry looking increasingly bleak, what does this mean for the future of crosswords? Joyce is resigned that the next generation will be comfortable solving puzzles online. But that’s not a future she’s too keen on. This daughter of a newspaperman has little desire to solve crosswords on a computer. She still prefers to sit on the couch with her coffee and clipboard, pencil at the ready.

–Mike Gregory
the beautiful campus at Colby. Barbara Shepard McCoy has been preparing for the Walk to Emmaus ladies' weekend, a wonderful retreat for men as well as women. She and George have 5 grandchildren. They will be traveling east in Oct. and are sorry to miss the reunion. Pat Bowker Lach is undecided about reunion at this point. She is still living in Aiken, SC, where she plays golf and tennis and sings with the Sweet Adelines. Summers are spent in Canada on Lake Erie, where family members come to visit. My college roommate, Ginny Cerf Brookins, hopes to attend the reunion, and Bruce and I are happy to have her stay with us as it has been several years since we have seen one another. Last summer she had foot surgery. A new grandson was born in Aug. This makes 6. In July, Ginny rented a house on Nantucket for 2 weeks so that her family of 12 could all be together. Looking forward to seeing everyone at reunion.

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In May 2008, I participated in an alumni focus group held at the Lethbridge Lodge at Colby-Sawyer. There were 10 alumni present from various classes, along with 2 leaders, Adjunct Professor John Ferries and Director of Communications Kimberly Slover. We were asked for input on Colby-Sawyer, and what we felt were the strengths and weaknesses now and when we were there. It was a very interesting and informative discussion along with a nice luncheon. I had the pleasure of sitting next to Becky Irving ’42 MT, who was a professor while we were at the college. Becky (as I am told to call her) looks great and was such an addition to our focus group. Had a nice chat with Prudence “Prue” Jensen Heard. She and her husband, Peter, reside in the same home she grew up in on Main Street in Yarmouth, ME. They have 2 daughters: Diana, who writes movie scripts, and Sarah, who is married with 3 children. Prue had hip replacements in May and Sept. As most of you know, she has been doing a fine job as our class agent for 10 years. She reminds us that there are tax advantages to giving to the college. If you have not already donated, please put it on your “to do list.” Our class participation in 2008 was 32%. A warm thank you from Prue and me to each of you who made a contribution. The Colby-Sawyer campus was a busy one last summer. With a growing enrollment (over 1,000 students), it became necessary to create more living space. Colby was renovated, which will provide additional space for 38 students. Also, a 40-car parking lot was added behind the Ivey Science Center. The 2008 Christmas season had a festive beginning for area alumni on Dec. 3rd at the home of Colby-Sawyer President Tom Galligan and Susan Galligan. It was a lovely holiday open house, complete with delicious food and beverages. Had a nice chat with Connie Lewko Jones. Dec.’s ice storm did “a number” on NH. There were many downed power lines and trees and many of us were without power for well over a week. Colby-Sawyer students went home a week early for their Christmas break due to the storm. Had a nice Christmas card and note from Susan Heath Bint, who lives in Falmouth, MA. She was planning a lunch with Taska Wakefield Hener ’62 who also lives in Falmouth. Was very sorry to learn of the death of Judy Pond Condict ’62 who lost her battle with cancer on Dec. 16, 2008. Judy was director of institutional research at Colby-Sawyer. Our condolences go out to the Condict family.

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Jill Schofield Wainwright and Constance Earl, roommates at Colby, cashed it in and retired last summer, and they love every minute of every day. My partner, Dick Lee, and I traveled to Los Angeles on route to HI last fall and had dinner with Susan Shonnard Brenner, who was actively job hunting. She hoped to get back into acting, perhaps in commercials, and had hired an agent. On the way back east, we stopped in San Francisco and saw my Colby roomie, Ellen Gebhart Weingart ’63, who has 4 sons and 13 grandchildren ranging from 12 to 7 months. Along with lots of bridge, they keep her pretty busy. We also spent time with Lynn Dysart Elwell, who took us on a fabulous tour of the city and dinner at the famed Olympic Golf Club, where the US Open will be played in 2011. While I was away, Jill Schofield Wainwright, Pat White Nash, Marcia Meyer Snyder, Ellen Forbes, and Susan Webster Suplue had a great time catching up at a 3-hour lunch in Newburyport, MA. Not good planning, gals! Forbsie bought a house and is leaving apartment living, hopefully, forever. Ann Dull Loechser and her husband, Gil, live in Oxford, England, in a small end-of-terrace cottage. She retired from teaching a few years ago and spends most of her free time working in their large garden. She also continues with Tai Qi, takes courses at Oxford U., and dabbles in photography. She has 2 daughters, one an independent documentary filmmaker, and the other who leads a research team at the Independent Police Complaints Commission. Gil retired from teaching at Notre Dame in 2001 but continues with writing, research, and field work in his area of expertise, the global refugee problem. In 2003 he went to Baghdad to advise the Americans and the UN on the humanitarian costs of a protracted war in Iraq, and during one of his meetings a suicide bomber blew up the building, killing all of his friends and colleagues. He survived, but both his legs had to be amputated above the knees. The long recovery and rehabilitation were hard work, but he walks with prothetic limbs only for exercise, as the rest of his time is used to continue his work in the field of refugees. I was very saddened to hear of the passing last summer of Lynn Reno Peirce ’63 from brain cancer. She was a class act and had all the Besties that attended our 40th reunion to her home on Lake Sunapee for cocktails. She will be sorely missed. Two of our classmater who wish to remain anonymous have each pledged $10,000 as a challenge to our class to come together and help rebuild the Sawyer Fine Arts Center, which was built just prior to our enrolling at Colby. You should have received a brochure regarding this exciting project, and hopefully you will be able to make a contribution towards the arts center campaign as well as your regular Annual Fund gift. Please e-mail me with all your news. It’s important that we keep in touch.

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Elizabeth Miller Reed spends time editing videos of her grandchildren and travel logs. Check them out at www.anniesvideos.com. She lives several hours north of NYC and would love to hear from her “old” buddies. Bonnie Peterman was traveling to Egypt in Oct. She keeps in touch with her 2 Abbey roommates, Linda Oman Manning and Judy Bowerman Condon. Judy’s 4th book, Country Decorating for All Seasons, came out and the 5th, As Time Goes By, was published this Jan. She’s busy filming homes and writing. Cheryl Gemberling Kozloff with hubby, Chuck, enjoy winters in FL and summers in PA, enabling them to play golf year round. She visits her children and grandchildren in OR, and spent several days with Kathryn Ketchum Weeman at Kathryn’s home in St. Helena. Jill Osterland Prescott writes that she visits her 5 grandchildren out west but wishes they lived closer to her near Allentown, PA. Jill, I know what you mean; my children and grandchildren live in Tahoe City, CA, and Reno, NV. Jill misses her Colby friends and hopes someday they will all return for one of the reunions. I’m planning on 2013, 50 years, only 4 years away! Carol Davis Bonazzoli was busier than usual visiting her son-in-law in the hospital; he’s doing well now. Carol and hubby Fred enjoy cruising the Mediterranean and were planning a long trip this spring leaving from Athens. She’s happy to return to her FL home on Captiva, after restoring it from damage done by Hurricane Charley 3 years ago. She spends summers in MA and sees Sandy Fitts a few times a year. I’ve saved the sad news for last. Patricia “Monie” Cunningham Sullivan reports that she and Gretchen Borrough Morse attended the memorial service for Lynne Reno Peirce held at the Colby Chapel. Lynne passed away last Aug. surrounded by family at her home in Lake Sunapee.

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Francie King has begun a new adventure as marketing director of the Boston Early Music Festival in Cambridge. She says if you have never seen a “fully staged, period-correct Baroque opera,” this festival is the way to go! Francie also reports that in her prior position with the Museum of Fine Arts campaign they met their $500 million goal, and she has 5-plus MFA years behind her! She had a “too short” visit over the summer catching up with her CJC roommate, Prudence Hostetter. Francie is surrounded by a “gaggle of Colby girls from various classes” in Marblehead, MA, including Sally Bull Sands ’78, Susan Carroll Hassett ’79, Suzie Fitzgerald Travers ’88 and Karen Anderson Harvey ’72. I heard from Pru Hostetter, who has retired from American Airlines but is busier than ever. Her son, Adam, has started middle school, and she also has 5 horses to ride daily and 5 acres in the FL everglades to tend so the trees and underbrush don’t overtake her. Prudence went on a cruise to the Bahamas in Sept. with friends and reported that, even though she ate like crazy, she lost 2 lbs. She even got a private tour of the bridge with the captain—mainly, she asserts, because she had a “loud mouth” and had stated that she, too, was a captain. She was off to Egypt in Jan. and then to Rome and possibly even the Holy Lands with the Bishop of Southeast FL! Prudence went back to NH, NJ, CT, MA, NC, and SC over the summer and had a great time visiting with friends and family whom she hadn’t seen in 30 years. She’s ready to go, so if any of y’all want a visit from her, give her your e-mail address! (I want to know where in SC you went. I’m just northwest of Charleston.) Deborah Brakely is in Vancouver, BC, enjoying work as a therapist and “collaborative divorce coach.” The plus side of that job is the “spiritual dimension of life.” Children are grown and she’s quite grateful for her six grand! She invites anyone to visit her website, www.deborahbrakely.com, for more info. She also wanted to be sure to honor “a particular biology teacher, Mrs. Courrier,” for the experiments that demonstrated how positive thoughts can affect plants’ growth. Deborah says these experiments had a “profound and life-changing” affect on her understanding of “the whole of life” and she remains grateful. Lynne Farrington Miller retired after 33 years as director of
human resources for a law firm in Philadelphia, relocated to FL, and is enjoying her 2nd career as in Philadelphia, relocated to FL, human resources for a law firm for nine years, and was selected after an eight-month national search. In making the announcement, MaineCF Board Chair Kenneth S. Spirer noted, “Few people know Maine better than Meredith Jones, and her statewide contacts in the philanthropic sector are unparalleled.”

Meredith H. Jones ’67

In March 2009, Meredith H. Jones ’67 was named president and CEO of the Maine Community Foundation (MaineCF), one of the largest philanthropic organizations in the state. Jones had been a vice president at MaineCF for nine years, and was selected after an eight-month national search. In making the announcement, MaineCF Board Chair Kenneth S. Spirer noted, “Few people know Maine better than Meredith Jones, and her statewide contacts in the philanthropic sector are unparalleled.”

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and skiing in the winter. Jan’s daughter, Robin, and her husband live close by so they get to visit frequently, and her son Jay has a woodworking shop in Bozeman, MT. They all attended a family reunion in ME last summer. Jan also reported that she’s had several stories published in the Horse Tails series and has also written a book about rescued animals called Happy Endings. She says just reading about Mountain Day 2008 brought back fond memories; can’t believe it’s been 41 years! Where did the time go? As for me, your class correspondent, in March 2008, my daughter Natalie insisted that I spend her last 2 weeks of studying abroad with her in India! Now, I have only been across the border a couple of times: to Canada when I was a teenager, and to Mexico about 18 years ago when we vacationed in CA. Never had owned a passport until this time! So, off I went! All by myself. To India! Arrived around 3:30 a.m. in Hyderabad, which is in the middle of the broad pointy southern part of India. Natalie, who had been studying at the University of Hyderabad for her spring semester, took me to several interesting places: a local crafts bazaar, where I saw stuff that you see in Pier One and World Market being made; a science museum that includes one lonely dinosaur in a huge room; one of the ubiquitous forts that seem to be in every major city; and around campus. We took an overnight train from Hyderabad to Mumbai, formerly known as Bombay, and currently the “Bollywood” headquarters for the Indian film industry. We saw temple ruins on an island in the Mumbai harbor, and walked across the Mumbai peninsula to visit the famed (yet toxic) Chowpatty Beach—I was very careful not to drink the local water and to not even rinse my toothbrush in it. And, yes, we were in the same Mumbai where “Sundog Millionaire” takes place, and the Taj Mahal Hotel that was attacked in Nov. was right around the corner from where we stayed. (Would have preferred to have been able to stay in that hotel; we stayed in a hotel.) After a few days, we flew to Delhi, where we camped out in a lovely B&B. We had been staying in hotels and inns that the back-packing set stay in, but in Delhi we felt we were in luxury. We toured the Lal Qila Fort and a couple of markets, buying things that I’d seen being made at the bazaar. We took a short train ride to Agra and it was there that we took in the beautiful Taj Mahal! The headliner of my own personal bucket list! As my daughter said, everything you hear about the Taj, all the hype and everything—it’s all true! It really is breathtaking. We spent hours at the Taj, and then went on to visit yet another fort. By far, the Agra fort and the Taj were my favorites. The most beautiful inlaid marble and carvings, and all done by hand in the mid-1600s! Outstanding! We took in a marble manufacturing business and got snookered into buying way too much inlaid marble. That’s okay, they make for memories. The trip was truly a once in a lifetime adventure for me and if I hadn’t gotten sick on the last day, it would have been perfect. Let’s not talk about my non-stop flight from Delhi to JFK while being sick as a dog! I came back to my school, way out in the country, NW of Charleston, SC, and shared this experience with my 4th graders, who loved all the stories and pictures. So, here I am now, back at my little school in the countryside, teaching 4th grade again and loving it. Time to truly stay “down to earth.” That’s it, folks! Remember, I need your news twice a year: Of course, I’ll send out reminders. Just file it in the back of your memory file for now!

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Margie Bounds Briggs writes, “My husband, Tom, and I have been retired for 4 years after working together in a family business. Since then we have been living in Lancaster, PA, and Marco Island, FL, in the winter months. We have 2 children who are married and have made us grandparents! We have Mayra
(3), Emilie (1), and Dylan (6 months). We are enjoying this special adventure in our lives more than I can possibly say. I have been taking art lessons and playing tennis. I seem to be busier being retired than I ever was working! I have yet to get involved in any volunteer work, but plan to after the grandchildren start school. I often wonder what happened to the women I knew at Colby. I never get north; we are warm-weather types that are always drawn south, so I have never even been back to the campus." If you were in Page Dorm with Margie (as I was during my freshman year) or knew her from classes and campus activities, send me a note and I will pass it on to her. Gusty Lange writes that her 13-year-old daughter, Chelsea, is in the 8th grade and her son, Dylan, is 18 years old and attends Wheaton College in Norton, MA. Gusty teaches at Pratt in NYC and her husband is a writer. The last book he wrote is Twinnie, Deconstructed. Carol Way Wood shared the following: "While other members of our generation are winding down I started a business a couple of years ago that focuses on my art. I create prints from my tiny paintings that go in a "photo window" of small wooden boxes. I am represented by Bill McCartney and Associates in Dallas, TX. I sell my prints and, shortly, a book. I love having enough stress with corporate endeavors. I spend my professional time assisting mostly small businesses and non-profits with strategic planning and board development. Life is exceptionally good except for the very sad news that I lost my wonderful sister, Elizabeth 'Betty' Talbot Cheaney '70, to breast cancer Dec. 2007. She was an amazing person with exceptional 'grit' who made the very best out of a 17-year battle with an extreme health issue that is all too frequently experienced in families everywhere! I hope that all my classmates and friends are doing well and would love to hear what they are up to!" 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Gale Spreiter shared news of her recent trip to Western Australia to visit Christy Hoyt Walmsley. Gale wrote, “Christy’s daughter Savanah has stayed with me on 2 separate visits to the States and after the 2nd visit I vowed to visit her mother. I spent 16 days in Jan. as a guest in Christy’s home in Lancelin, a small town on the ocean north of Perth. After 38 years we had a lot of catching up to do. It didn’t take us long to resume where we left off at Colby. How nice to be so comfortable with each other after so many years. Christy traveled to Europe after graduation with 2 other classmates, Karen Ralph Maandag and Suzanne Warren. I was mesmerized by Christy’s life abroad and she has some classic photos from those early years! And of course she would actually build a sailboat after which they sailed around most of Australia. But Christy and her husband finally settled down and raised 2 children, Luke and Savanah. Fast forward to now and Christy is amicably divorced, her children are living on their own close by, and Christy is teaching at the elementary school in Lancelin. I’m happy to report that Christy is happy and has a ‘wicked’ Australian accent. What I brought away with me from this trip is that Western Australia is about as far away as one can get from NYC (my residence) both in distance (24 flying hours) and in attitude. I want to bottle up the Aussie ‘No Worries’ attitude to life. But what made the most impact on me is the realization that we humans do not change all that much with the march of years, and when you have a gut feeling about something or someone, trust it and go for it. Thanks, Christy, for a most memorable time! Christy would love to hear from old Colby friends, especially Karen and Susie, so if you are reading this please drop her an e-mail at christywalmsley@hotmail.com.”

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Thank you to those who responded to my “emergency e-mail” for the latest news on what has been going on in your lives! It was great to reconnect with those who responded... where are the rest of you? The first response came from Kate Dixon-Rose who continues to thrive in the San Francisco area. Last fall Kate sent her oldest son off to UCLA and her younger son is next in the chute. She has had her own business, Top of the World Media, for the past 5 years and it sounds like all is going well! Kate has another business on the East Coast, a getaway on the Cape, just south of Boston. Southwest at Little Harbor, open year-round, is a restored older home with 8 bedrooms, 7 bath, a golf course nearby and all the amenities of home. Kate says it’s a wonderful spot for family reunions, special celebrations, small weddings, etc. Visit the Web site at www.southwestatlittleharbor.com for a peek! Kate keeps in touch with Cindy Warren Kelley and Lydia Biddle Thomas. Speaking of Lydia, I had the great pleasure of accompanying her and another friend from high school to a James Taylor concert in June. We drove there in a 1972 apple red Cadillac convertible with the top down, with James Taylor tapes blaring out the back. It was great and catching up with Lydia was fun. She is studying hard to become a docent/tour guide at NYC Natural History Museum. I had a great note from Karen “Stretch” Faloon Durham, who has relocated to southern CA from Phoenix to pursue a new opportunity with McDonald’s for whom she has worked for the past 21 years! Karen was still finding her “earthquake legs,” but was enjoying the weather, beaches and exploring LA and learning golf. Her daughter also lives in southern CA, working in finance, and Karen’s son lives and works in Richmond, VA, as a carpenter. Karen would love to hear from any alumni who are in southern CA. Susan Erhard Todd and her husband, Rob, were moving to Houston in Nov. as he has taken a position as chair of medicine at Baylor College of Medicine. They were leaving Ann Arbor, MI, after 24 years...I guess trading cold, snowy winters, for some late summer hurricane excitement! Susan has worked periodically as an oncology nurse and, more recently, as a compliance review nurse for a medical review board. Her 2 sons are settling into their new jobs and apartments in Chicago and NYC. Susan reflect-ed in her note on the passing of President Woodman in 2007, remembering one Thanksgiving spent with him and his family when they couldn’t get back home for the holiday. He truly was a kind and generous man. Theresa O’Brien Golden hopes to hear from Cindy Kennedy Hammond, her roommate in McKeen. Cindy, if you are reading this, get in touch with me and I can give you Theresa’s e-mail address. Theresa sees Katie Cherry Rousey, who is married and teaches middle school in Hailey, ID, and keeps in touch with Cindy Sawyer Campbell, who lives near her in Winnietka, IL. Theresa is also a nurse, but stopped working when her children were born. Her youngest recently turned 16. Theresa has a son at U. Kansas and one at U. Montana. She also keeps in touch with Jane Gordon White-Ward who still lives in NV. Theresa tells me she is going to work on gathering a group of friends for our 40th Reunion in 2012. It’s not too early to plan! Remember, reunions are moving to the fall as of Oct. 2009! I also had a nice note from Melissa Barrett,

Gale Spreiter ’70 on a recent trip visiting Christy Hoyt Walmsley ’70 and Christy’s daughter Savanah in Western Australia.
reflecting on fond memories from Colby days, including camping out and waking up covered in snow! Melissa moved back to New Orleans after Colby, finishing college at LSU, putting herself through by managing a jazz club. She went on to Tulane Medical School and then back north to Worcester, MA, for an internal medicine residency. Married with 3 stepchildren and 2 step grandchildren, Melissa has lived in Louisville, KY, for over 20 years, maintaining a busy internal medicine practice with 4 other MDs. She was diagnosed with breast cancer 2 years ago, but it was caught early and she is doing well. Melissa enjoys life to the fullest, but treasures her quiet time with family and friends or a good book. I am happy to report that my son returned safely from Iraq in March 2008 and is stationed with his Army nurse wife and her family there! Their young child is in 8th grade and the next is in 6th grade; their family is growing and the family there! Their young child is in 8th grade and the next is in 6th grade; their family is growing.

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I am happy to report that Colby-Sawyer has decided to move our Alumni weekend to the fall! Although this is not our year to attend, we will have the opportunity to enjoy the fall foliage and see the campus when it is filled with students. It will be called the Alumni Fall Festival, so remember to save the first weekend in Oct. when it is our year…2013! Anne Winton Black makes quite a few trips to Colby-Sawyer every year. She has been chairman of Colby-Sawyer’s Board of Trustees for 6 years, and is fortunate to work with a dedicated group of fellow trustees, an exceptional president, senior officers, faculty and students. These are challenging times, and with Anne at the helm, Colby-Sawyer has a balanced budget for the current fiscal year, and the application numbers for the fall semester broke all former records! Anne, we are really proud to have you as a member of our class! Anne and Rick live outside of Hartford, and Anne works at Avon Old Farms School as a part-time major gift officer and stewardship coordinator. Their daughter, Windy, married Dustin Jansen last June on Nantucket. Their son, Rod, got a one-day license and actually married them! Windy is at Harvard working toward a M.Ed. Following her graduation this June, she will be working at the Ethel Walker School as director of alumnae relations. Tish Price Petersen and her husband, Paul, have lived in Spartanburg, SC, for 7 years. He is the senior pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church and Tish works part time at the Walker Foundation, which supports the SC School for the Deaf and Blind. Both daughters (26 and 28) are married, and they have a granddaughter, with a grandson expected in June! Tish would love to see or hear from anyone who is in the area. Christine Gram Croarkin recently moved from New Canaan, CT, to Ft. Worth due to her husband’s job transfer. Even though she is a New Englander at heart, Christine is enjoying the wonderful weather, friendly people, and enormous skies. Their son recently graduated from Ursinus College in PA as a business and economics major, and their daughter is a sophomore at MICA in MD, majoring in illustration with a minor in history. Cathy Moore Pomeroy and her husband, Ted, have 3 children in college, attending Whittier College, U. of Oregon, and Cornell. Cathy teaches reading in a school (grades 6-12) for the significantly emotionally impaired. The most difficult parts of the job are the government and state reports and evaluations that have to be written all the time. Cathy also maintains her private educational consulting company. Both she and Ted are involved with paddle tennis, skiing, and fly fishing. Cathy lives in Cherry Hills Village just south of Denver, and welcomes anyone headed in her direction. Marie Mulhall Roomo and her husband, Peter, live in Princeton, NJ, and have 2 daughters. Ashley is 20, a sophomore at Rutgers U., and Courtney is 17, a senior at Princeton HS. Marie stays busy with family and volunteer work. Peter took early retirement from Merck last July, and enjoys consulting and having time for some serious photography.

Laurie Martin Bacon lives in Bradenton, FL, and works for an environmental company in nearby Sarasota. Laurie is the liaison between the US distributorship network and the international franchise network, and says it is exciting working in different countries with so many people. Her husband, David, is a pilot for an air cargo company and flies throughout the world. They have 2 daughters, 28 and 31, and their oldest is married with their first grandson. Both Laurie and David grew up in NH, and keep a place there for the whole family to enjoy. Lilly Heckman Cleveland and her husband, Mark, live in Duxbury, MA, with one child in college and one in grad school. Lilly is “Artist in Residence” at the South Shore Art Center in nearby Cohasset, and gives weekly watercolor demonstrations to 4th grade classes from all over the South Shore. She also teaches watercolor to adults. Her work is on view at the Art Complex Museum in Duxbury, as part of the Winter Juried Show which ran through April. She won honorable mentions in that show as well as a regional show at the art center in Cohasset! Gail Spaulding York and her husband, Don, live in Bedford, NH, and own Indian Head Athletics in Manchester, NH, across from the Verizon Wireless Arena. Their business is screen printed specialty tees. They have 5 sons, and 3 are married with successful careers. Their oldest bought Laurie’s childhood home and is raising his family there! Their youngest is in 8th grade and the next one is a senior in college. They have 3 granddaughters, quite a change after all those boys! A

Colby-Sawyer Flashback: We received conflicting reports regarding the identities of the two gals pictured above after we ran this photo on page 68 of the Summer/Fall 2009 Alumni Magazine. We’ve been able to confirm that the gal with the dark hair is Diana Horton Nicosia ’72 and the gal with her hair in braids is Sharron Huntington ’72. To help identify more flashback photos, please visit http://archives.colby-sawyer.edu.
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4th grandchild is due in July. Sharon Sawyer Cross is still very involved with her theatre group, RISE On Broadway, in the Federal Hill area of Providence. They have received a grant for their upcoming production of “West Side Story,” so if you are in the Providence area, be sure and catch it. Sharon and Chuck’s son, Clay, lives in Burbank, CA, and is a production assistant with a film company. They visited him over Christmas and had a nice time. Their daughter, Chandler, is almost 16, and enjoys writing fiction, non-fiction, and songs. Her guitar teacher thinks she will be very successful as a songwriter if she continues. Sharon has written 7 children’s books and is interviewing illustrators. Sharon and Chuck would eventually love to move back north to NH. As for me, I still enjoy living in Fort Lauderdale. Caroline is a junior at Pine Crest School, and is on the varsity crew team for the 2nd year. They travel all over to compete, in and out of state, and we attend as many regattas as we can. She also is involved in debate, traveling to Chicago, NC and around FL to compete in the Lincoln-Douglas format. She flies somewhere every month for an event…a far cry from my HS experience! Peter is in 6th grade on Lake Winnipesaukee. After sleeping town of Moultonborough for 2 days (despite the fact that we have almost 86 birthdays. I can’t remember that much snow in one winter. It is a good winter to be in FL. Please send me your news, as I would love to hear from you. If you read that a classmate has said “stop by if you are in the area,” e-mail me and I can try and connect you together.

1974

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Please See In Fond Memory

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Janet Lochhead Sullivan writes, “I have recently moved from southern NH to the wonderful sleepy town of Moultonborough on Lake Winnipesaukee. After owning a summer house for 13 years, using it mostly weekends, my husband, Dennis, and I decided to make it our permanent residence. We love it here. Melding 2 houses together has been a challenge but a welcome one. Dennis is now a consultant and flies each week to a 3 hospital client in Temple, TX. I have taken a billing position in a business office of a nursing home nearby and am enjoying a stress free (for the most part) work place.”

1976

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A few years ago I e-mailed all alumni in HI. Frannie Pryor Haws ’54 and I have kept in touch ever since. This year, when I was attending a conference in Honolulu, she was nice enough to pick me up and drive me to see the other sides of the island. I met her husband, too. She and I had so much in common it was great. A few days later, she and her daughter joined me on Waikiki Beach. I found out that Frannie was in the same dorm as Nancy Paige Parker ’54, who is the mother of my college roommate, Amy Parker Rossi ’77. My first book was finally published, Beach Chair Diaries, Summer Tales from Maine to Maui. It’s a collection of short, fun travel essays for anyone who loves summer. While at a book convention, I ran into Joan Anderson ’62, a bestselling author, and we talked of someday doing a book signing together. Dick Baynes writes, “In early Dec. I received an e-mail from a good friend asking if I wanted to build some furniture for ABC’s Extreme Makeover Home Edition.” Once I pinched myself, it took milliseconds to respond affirmatively! As most already know, there are theme rooms that the show’s designers take on as their personal project. Our room was for a 7-year-old that Paige (the one who always has pink accessories) was working on. I was to build a dressing table. The theme for the room was snowflakes. I had the opportunity to work with Ed Sanders for 2 days (despite the fact that our furniture was for Paige’s room). Ed was so much fun to work with, nothing but a regular guy. The experience was very exhausting but extremely rewarding, and the show aired on Feb. 8. Blessings to all.”

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MaryLee Armitage Brown and husband Ken still live in Fairfield, CT. Their oldest child, Jason, is graduating from Hamilton College this May with an economics degree. Middle son Scott is a sophomore at Gettysburg College and their daughter, Ashley Anne, is a HS senior headed off to Roger Williams U. in the fall. MaryLee enjoys tennis and yoga. She recently connected with Linda Pianowski Flahive, who is doing well and was looking forward to a big bash for her birthday! Unfortunately, MaryLee couldn’t be in attendance as she was going to the NESCAC Swim Championship where her oldest was swimming his final college meet—a “bittersweet occasion” for them as she puts it. We all join MaryLee in wishing Linda a Happy Birthday! Linda
Simon Miller writes that her son Alex will graduate in May from Sacred Heart U. in Fairfield, CT. She and husband George will be thrilled when they send out the last tuition payment! Linda loves her new position in General Ambulatory Services at Dartmouth-Hitchcock in Lebanon after having worked in Pediatrics for 30 years. Mary-Jo Gagne and her husband took a 14-day Mediterranean cruise this past Sept. with 9 other couples, including her parents and aunt and uncle. They visited Rome, Naples, Ischia (the island where Mary-Jo’s grandmother was born and where some of her family still lives), Venice, Florence, Sicily, Croatia, Monaco, Nice and Barcelona. A highlight was visiting Ischia and meeting her grandmother’s nieces and nephews for the first time. Her 2nd cousin captains the boat that brings passengers from Naples to the island. Her cousin also owns a winery so, needless to say, they came home with several bottles. Both Mary-Jo’s sons are out in the world and doing very well. Jason, her eldest, graduated last June with his master’s in military history from Norwich U. Youngest son Gregory graduated from Worcester Poly Tech in 2007 and is on his way to getting his MBA. As for me, Jody Hambley Cooper, I ran into my old Heidelberg housemate Suzie Horrigan Campbell here in New London last summer. Suzie continues to ride her horse and train with Joe Forest at Horton Farm in Grantham, NH. Joe coached her at CSC when Suzie was captain of the equestrian team and won many national championships. Suzie is in her 30th year teaching 6th grade in Hooksett, NH, and recently earned her M.Ed. in curriculum and literacy thoroughestニューバーク大学. Karen Huntley has taught school since graduating in 1979. Bob and grandmother of 7; how’s that for a flash? Karen’s daughter Nicole lives in Southern CA working in insurance. She and her husband have visited all but 3 of the United States and are now exploring the Caribbean Islands. She is putting out a call to all former Austin Dorm mates. Carla Schmeler Meyers wrote from Lebanon, NJ, just after the last deadline but I have mistakenly deleted her note. Where’s that Smith Corona when you need it? Carla, give me another chance to fill everyone in on your life! Anne Gilson-Aussant, one of my very best friends for the past 30+ years, is the mother of Kyle, step-mother of Nicole and Terrance, wife of Bob and grandmother of 7; however, she will only allow baby Grace to call her Grammy. She has taught school since graduating and has 50 kindergartners this year alone. She also has a side business making the most incredible snowmen that she sells to craft stores. Most vacation time is spent at their 2nd home in Ft. Myers, FL. I could share much more but cherish our friendship too much! So, that’s all for this printing. Please plan to join me and your other classmates for our 30th. See you then!

Colby-Sawyer Flashback: Do you recognize these gals climbing Mt. Kearsarge on Mountain Day? If you can identify these alumnae, please contact Tracey Austin in the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving at (603) 526-3886 or taustin@colby-sawyer.edu. To help identify more flashback photos, please visit http://archives.colby-sawyer.edu.

1979

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Here is your homework for our 30th Reunion: mark your calendars with these dates, Oct. 2–4, 2009. Plan to come back to Colby-Sawyer and bring your old photos so we can remind ourselves what we used to look like, who we hung out with, and what we wore. It will be a great weekend down memory lane. Can’t wait to see you. “Life is good,” says Karen Huntley Freeman. Her oldest of 2 went off to UCONN in the fall, leaving a HS junior still at home. Karen had visited with her roommate Josie DeBragga-Levendosky last Sept. Still young at heart and body, Karen spent her 50th birthday whitewater rafting with the entire family in ME. Remind me to someday tell you all what I did for my 50th! Ann Venie Fitzgerald gets together annually with Carla Schmeler Meyers, Whitney Crowell Cardew ’77, Charlotte Houck Pitman, Susan Jacoby Marks ’78, Elizabeth Spoffard ’78 and Kathleen Kiely. You all should plan your next get-together for Oct. 2 in New London! Ann still keeps in touch with her roommates Linda Botti ’80 and Sareen Sarna Gesek. Her 2 daughters are in college; Bridgett is a freshman at U. of Southern ME and Siobhan is a senior at Anna Maria College. Ann is coming up on her 25th year at the NH House of Representatives. Congratulations! Recently divorced, she has downsized to a condo. Her 2 sisters are also alums living in NH: Jane Venie Earls of Wolfeboro has 3 young adults, Patrick, Kathleen and Meaghan; Peggy Venie Evans ’80 has 14-year-old triplet boys. Wow! Barbara Dwight Courtney is thrilled to be back in New England after 20+ years in Southern CA working in insurance. She and her husband have visited all but 3 of the United States and are now exploring the Caribbean Islands. She is putting out a call to all former Austin Dorm mates. Carla Schmeler Meyers wrote from Lebanon, NJ, just after the last deadline but I have mistakenly deleted her note. Where's that Smith Corona when you need it? Carla, give me another chance to fill everyone in on your life! Anne Gilson-Aussant, one of my very best friends for the past 30+ years, is the mother of Kyle, step-mother of Nicole and Terrance, wife of Bob and grandmother of 7; however, she will only allow baby Grace to call her Grammy. She has taught school since graduating and has 50 kindergartners this year alone. She also has a side business making the most incredible snowmen that she sells to craft stores. Most vacation time is spent at their 2nd home in Ft. Myers, FL. I could share much more but cherish our friendship too much! So, that’s all for this printing. Please plan to join me and your other classmates for our 30th. See you then!
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I would love to hear from any of my classmates. Please send along your news!

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Joy Kerkhoff Wasz writes, “My husband and I celebrated our 24th wedding anniversary by sending out our youngest, a daughter, off to Lynchburg College in VA. We have a son who is a 5th year senior (or what we like to call his victory lap) at CO State U. Our middle son is a senior at Miami U. in OH. My life has had a lot of changes now that we are empty nesters. I work part time at a dental office, and have more time for my painting, playing golf, and enjoying making travel plans. Thank god for the webcam! I’d love to reconnect with some classmates who have dropped out of sight. Anyone want to go skiing?”

1983

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Polly Birdssall Martinson lives with her husband and children (ages 10, 12 and 14) in Milton, MA, just south of Boston. Polly is super busy with 3 kids attending 3 different schools in 3 different towns, but says it is fun and the kids are thriving. She also has her own business, selling environmentally friendly bamboo flooring products. Polly and her husband bought a second home in New London about 5 years ago. They spend the summers there and try to get there every weekend in the winter. All of her kids are on the race team for Ragged Mountain, too! Beth Knapp Olsen’s oldest son, Jonathon, started at the U. of Southern ME last fall in sports medicine/exercise physiology. Beth has returned to work full time at Unum, working in the HR department. She worked there for 16 years, leaving when her kids started school. Beth and her family had a great summer except for one accident. Her husband fell and tore his rotator cuff the week before Jonathon’s graduation. They spent most of the summer with his surgery and repair. Thankfully, he is feeling much better! I also heard from Eileen O’Leary. She and her partner, Des, celebrated their 20-year anniversary last Sept! Their daughter, Roisin, had just started the 2nd grade. Unfortunately, Eileen and Des had to put down their 13- and 14-year-old dogs in the past year and they are currently “dogless.” However, if anyone in the Boston area needs someone to take care of their dogs while they are traveling, Eileen and Des are happy to help. Eileen works as the lab manager at the Renal Division of Brigham and Women’s Hospital, finding relief for people suffering from kidney problems. Leslie Rutter is a full-time mom living in Ashburn, VA. She is busy raising Jimmy (17), Madeline (15) and Zachary (12). Julie Palmer Mayo has 3 beautiful grandchildren with “one in the hanger.” She wrote: “My husband, Don, and I still travel yearly, having just returned from a Seine River trip from Paris to Normandy. Last year, we went to Bhutan, which was then a kingdom and now a democracy, and to India, where we went on safari searching for the Bengal tigers. We continue to summer on Cape Cod so we have the best of 2 worlds. I still teach rug hooking in our home. God has blessed us wonderfully.” I also heard from Pati Woodburn Cloutier, who wrote, “This past summer, I completed an interactive Web ad for Dawn dishwashing liquid utilizing my dancing finger puppets named Yvonne & Yvette. Some of my old Page dorm mates may remember the dancing finger puppets! The job was filmed in NYC and you can check out the ad at www.dawnhandtalent.com.” Pati was also featured on the Colby-Sawyer Web site here: www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni/faces/cloutier.html. Pati would love to hear from old CSC friends. As for me, Tony and I experienced our first summer in Miami—incridibly hot as you can well imagine, but thankfully we didn’t get swept up in any of the hurricane madness!

1984

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Laura Crossan Van Ryswood writes, “We have lived on beautiful Cape Cod in Eastham for the last 21 years. Scott and I celebrated 20 years of marriage in Sept. We have 3 boys who keep us busy. Our oldest is now a freshman at Bentley College in Waltham, MA. We spend a lot of time in ME, snowboarding in the winter and camping in the summer. I keep myself busy with volunteer work. I’d like to say hello to all my old friends from Best Dorm!”

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A group of Abbey girls got together over a weekend in February 2009. (L to r) Amy Carrier Lyon ’85, Anne “Acey” Colella Chase ’84, Jen Lubranos Clayton ’82, Peg Rogers Andrews ’85, Jen Ellis ’85, Jody Anderson Mills ’85, Tracy Shipman Thompson ’85, Sarah Prouty ’82 and Alison Higgins ’84.
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Karen Roche Smith loves being a stay-at-home mom to Samantha, age 6, and Steele, who turned 2 in April. Her stepdaughter, Brianna, is 18 and attends FL Atlantic U. Karen received her MBA from Anna Maria College in 2000 and was a business manager until she had Steele in 2007. Karen writes, “We love camping, ice skating, skiing and spending days in Boston. Samantha takes ballet and ice skating lessons.” Sharon Garita Glenn says it seems like yesterday we were all graduating. She writes, “I am married with 4 kids. We are now looking at colleges for my oldest—he is a senior in high school. Has anyone heard from Rebecca Allmacher Dean? I’d love to find her!”

1990
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2008 was a really great year for my family. Last fall I started work as a paraprofessional (teacher’s aide) in my kids’ elementary school. They are young enough not to mind seeing me at school (if I don’t wave at them too much). Carpooling to school every morning with Billy (11), Jackie (9) and Grady (7) is fun, and it is great to get a paycheck again after 10 years of heavy volunteering. We are busy with many sports and activities. My husband moved his office to Boston and is very happy practicing law with his brother and cousin. Lisa McIntyre

Matschner lives a full life with her family in FL. Her son Wyatt (11) is graduating 5th grade, Hope (7) is finishing 1st grade, and Trey is graduating PreK, soon to be in the big school. Wyatt loves swimming on a team and also plays flag football and violin. Hope and Trey are still hopping from activity to activity, trying out soccer, basketball and swimming, not sure what they like. Lisa still works part time as a speech pathologist in the public schools and helps out a lot in the kids’ schools and serving as a “taxi.” Her husband, Rob, is a CPA and was just promoted to a principal in his firm. As if that’s not enough to keep Lisa busy, she got a puppy, which she says is like having another baby! Lisa and her family live 45 minutes from Disney; if anyone visits, contact her as she loves to see old friends. Lisa remains in contact with Dee Meredith Busse, Katherine Cooley Ring and Amanda Thorndike Landry. I also heard from Nancy Ellen Moniz Kenyon. Eight of her 10 kids are still at home, ranging in age from 3–20. The oldest commutes to college and they home-school the rest. Nancy and her husband have co-taught the mandatory divorce class for VT (run by the U. of VT) for 14 years. Nancy is actively involved in changing VT laws to protect children against sex offenders, testifying before the legislature and speaking at various events. She was also hired by a VT author to write a study guide as a teaching aid for her book. All this keeps her quite busy, but her family still loves to travel. They recently returned from a nice long trip to FL and a cruise to the Bahamas. They took all the children plus 2 more! Nancy says God has blessed them. She prays that the rest of the class of 1990 is finding their 40s (how did we get this old?) to be as wonderful as their 20s. Tracy Howe Chiaverini and her husband celebrated their 1st anniversary in July. Their daughter, Sophia, is growing in leaps and bounds! She will be a year old in May and they plan to have a big party for her. Karen Morton Roy is doing well in the Sunshine State and loves living 20 minutes from the Gulf. She teaches 1st grade in Port Charlotte, FL, and though her background is in PreK, she really enjoys teaching older students. Karen is also working on her master’s in reading. Her oldest son, Austin (14), travels to France for school this sum-

Karen Roche Smith ‘89 with her husband, Paul, 6-year-old Samantha, 2-year-old Steele, and her stepdaughter, Brianna, who is 18.

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mer. Her family is always busy with sports. Karen says to look
them up if you are ever in the
area. Please contact me with new
information. Your classmates
would love to hear from you!

1991

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Summer went out with a bang on ol’ Cape Cod! Jeni Pond Newman ’91 and her tribe spent a few days enjoying the Cape and Islands, as well as catching up with some of the old CSC gang. Alexis Trowbridge Scaetta ’95 and family attended on their way home from their annual MV pilgrimage. Amy Koskey Kurja and her newly expanded family came and camped at my house. We sorely missed Alycia Colavito and Janel MacDonald Lawton and Janel MacDonald Lawton. We barbecued and caught up while all 9 kids ran wild! It was a great time. Both my girls are in school full time now so I am involved with our PTO and a great program called Roots and Shoots. Becky Brown Lucarelli is living in Chatham, MA, and is a mom. Please e-mail or write!

1992

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Jennifer Barrett Sawyer hosted a class of 1992 mini-reunion at her house on the Cape last summer. (L to r) Alexis Trowbridge Scaetta ’95, Jenn Barrett Sawyer ’92, Amy Koskey Kurja ’92 and Jeni Pond Newman ’91 were in attendance.

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I’d like to start with some sad news. In Jan. 2008 Amy Sautler passed away. Many of us have fond and special memories of time spent with her. I remember her as a kind person with a loving heart. She touched many lives and will be missed. I recently spoke with both Molly Harding and Kate Van Rensselaer Rench, who attended the funeral. If anyone has any memories or photos of Amy that they would like to share with her family, Molly would love to pass them on. If you are unable to reach Molly or Kate, please contact me. I will respectfully pass your thoughts on to them. Anthony Barbier also had sad news in his update. He wrote, “I have been working as a program manager for 3M on the next generation LCD TV and cell phone displays. My favorite project was working with Apple on the iPhone. Until recently I had 4 children, but my youngest, Elliot, drowned this summer. Since then we have set up a nonprofit foundation to educate parents about water safety and also provide “Lovies,” which are small blankets, to newborns in the nurseries of several local hospitals. We have set up a Web site www.littleprincefoundation.org. I currently live in St. Paul, MN, and I have been traveling to Korea, China, Taiwan, Japan and Hong Kong. I coach soccer and football, so our schedules, along with the kids’ homework, make for very long days. Hope to see everyone next year at the reunion.” On behalf of the Colby-Sawyer community, I would like to express my deepest condolences to the families of Amy Sautler and Elliot Barbier. I would also like to thank all those who took the time to e-mail me their updates. Heather Dutton Dombroski is happier than she has ever been since getting married on Sept. 27, 2008. She still works for the State of NH, but is now back in early childhood education as a licensing and evaluation coordinator in the Child Care Licensing Unit. She is currently the licensing coordinator for Windy Hill School, the child care program at CSC. Saema Altaf ’98 lives in Pakistan with her husband and 2 kids (aged 8 and 6), but tries to visit NH every summer with her children. Brooke Scarpa moved to Charleston, SC, last summer, where she works as a design consultant for Bassett Furniture. Tobi Harrington Murch and husband Rich are still in Portsmouth, NH, with their 2 children, a daughter (4) and son (1). I found Jennifer Wilson on Facebook. She’d love to get in touch with other members of the nursing class of ’94. Jennifer is now in NC with her 4 daughters, working for WakeMed as a diabetes nurse clinician. Maria Sinacola recently got back from international travel, to Portugal and then Montreal. She had a wonderful time in Portugal seeing the city and drinking the Port, and said, “It was an adventure wondering if what I ordered was actually going to be what I thought it was!” Heather Stockford Van Gelder lives in Springfield, MO, with her husband, Scott, and works as a video producer for the largest hospital in the city. She has almost completed her master’s in instructional technology and will produce a documentary this summer for her thesis. Her documentary will take her to Zambia, Africa, to tell the story of WISE (Women’s Initiatives that Strengthen and Empower), an organization that helps families establish self-reliance through education, communication and access to financial resources. Heather will take a leave of absence to complete her project and is currently accepting sponsorship. WISE is a nonprofit organization; to make a tax-free donation, e-mail heather at reelsharkvideo@yahoo.com. For more information regarding WISE you can visit: www.wisewomen.org. Jill Shapiro and her partner, Chuck, had a little boy named Jonah Charles Carswell-Shapiro, who was born in March 2008. They live in Portland, ME, where Jill is a mental health therapist since completing her master’s in clinical mental health counseling at the
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U. of Southern ME. Jill also teaches early childhood education classes at Southern ME Community College. Also gaining an addition to her family is Tracy Sutherland Fitch, who had a baby girl on Sept. 23, 2008. Merritt Sutherland Fitch joins Tracy, Donald and big brother Chase William Fitch. Dana Healy Compresso gave birth to her first child, Callie Mae, in Aug. She also was gearing up for the induction of the 93–94 Equestrian Team to the CSC Hall of Fame! Congratulations to that team that won the National Championship! Patty Randall Berry and Dan Berry welcomed their 3rd child, Henry James, in March 2008. They all were so excited for his healthy arrival, especially big siblings Maggie (5) and Tommy (3). Besides adjusting to life as a family of 5, the Berrys decided to move to Mattapoisett, MA. Although they truly enjoyed living in Bar Harbor, ME, Dan was offered an incredible opportunity, becoming the executive director of the New Bedford YMCA. Patty and Dan were looking forward to being closer to family and visiting more with college friends.

Amy Saulter ’94

Amy Saulter ’94 passed away in January 2008 following an extended illness. Her friends Kate Van Rensselaer Rench ’94, Megan Reilly Grossman ’94 and Molly Harding ’94 gave the following tribute to their departed classmate at her service.

Our friendship with Amy began 17 years ago, when we were all thrown together in an awkward Colby-Sawyer College orientation weekend. It wasn’t long before we all found each other and became the group of friends we are today. From the beginning we always had a solid friendship that was free of judgment, always supportive and, most of all, full of laughter. Some of the memories from that time include: setting up our first apartments, with Amy leading the charge to off campus housing; buying a week’s worth of groceries with 20 dollars (including beer and cigarettes); sharing each other’s clothes, coming up with creative ensembles that are best described as somewhere between grunge chick and homeless princess. Throughout this period of trial and error, what becomes obvious now are the things we were learning, but unaware of at the time, such as figuring out how to maintain our friendships and nurture each other at an age often characterized by idealism and righteousness. Amy stood out in our crazy group as exceptionally nurturing and positive. She was also the brave one... our husky voiced, five foot tall, 100 pound fearless leader, who flowed seamlessly throughout our tiny campus community. Our memories of Amy are many; from this day on we will honor Amy by cherishing our friendship, loving our animals, being brave and accepting all. We will always love our special, special Amy, our Amy, we love you.

Molly Harding ’94, Kate Rench ’94, Connie Sauter (mother of Amy Saulter ’94) and Megan Reilly Grossman ’94.
Jennifer D’Orazio Hollingsworth met up with Jennifer Ellis Vachon at the Concord Children’s Museum to catch up and have their kids play. Jennifer Ellis Vachon works with her husband, Chris, and his real estate company, Letsown.com. She gets together with Carla Gordon Russell ’90 as much as they are able. Stacey Banks Nieman lives in Nashville and works for the state of TN as a trainer of child care providers. She’s also the registration chair for the state conference. Stacey says, “I really enjoy what I do. I see it as really making an impact on the quality of child care that children receive in TN.” She is also working towards her master’s in educational administration and supervision. Stacey’s daughter, Rachel, is a freshman in high school and plays lacrosse, and her son, Clayton, is in the 5th grade and plays football and hockey. Christopher Gasparro wrote to say that he had been jobless (on vacation) since Sept. 19 and that has been “freakin’ awesome.” He continues, “It’s the first time since college I’ve had that much time with no job stresses waiting for me when I got back.” Chris spent the time playing golf and took a short trip to Key West with his girlfriend, Meghan. The threat of rain kept them off the water allowing them time to bar hop a lot. But them time to bar hop a lot. But

Despite the VT work address, Crossroads Academy last fall.

Jennifer Ellis Vachon ’95 with her husband, Dave, and their children, Jack and Julia.

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Thank you everyone for continuing to contribute to this edition of class notes! It is exciting to hear about the wonderful things everyone is up to, so keep the news and photos coming! Things are going very well for Matt Richards. He had a great summer with his wife and 2 daughters (Ally, 4, and Emily, 2). Last fall he was gearing up for another year at Southern ME Community College. Matt was also planning to attend the weddings of Jim McGilvery ’96 and Pat Desmond. “Now all my former roommates will be hitched!” Matt also keeps in close contact with Travis Horsen, who resides in Portland. Kerrigan Stone teaches 1st grade in AZ. Jill Kleimon Votano keeps busy with work, family and friends. She currently works the medical/oncology floor at Winchester Hospital in Winchester, MA. She has been there about 5 years and loves what she is doing. Daughter Julia, 6, started kindergarten last Sept. and son Jack was 3 in Oct. Stefan Schwarz ’94 still lives in Fairfax, VA, and recently celebrated his 6th anniversary working for CSCI, a government contractor. Stefan is also very involved with his volunteer work for Klinefelter Syndrome, the genetic condition he was diagnosed with 12 years ago. Stefan’s son started high school last fall, where he is involved in baseball and marching band. His daughter is in 6th grade, her last year of elementary school. Stefan recently began a Taekwondo program with his wife and kids; he and his wife are working towards black belts, a level his kids have already reached! Good luck with that, Stefan! For anyone traveling to the DC area, feel free to look him up, as he always enjoys getting together with CSC alumni. Chris Andriski recently graduated with his CAGS in educational leadership from Plymouth State U. and is now working on his doctorate. He recently became principal of Newmarket Jr./Sr. High School, a grade 6–12 school with about 550 students. Chris is excited about the challenge and responsibility for shaping the minds of our youths! He currently shares a 4-bedroom condo in downtown Portsmouth with Jim Bullock, is in regular contact with Matt Godbout and Kevin Galuski, and recently ran into Jake Fish ’98 and Eric Harlow ’99 at a Celtics game. Chris is looking forward to seeing everyone at our next reunion! Catherine “Katie” Luecke Hillegas had her 3rd daughter on April 15, 2008, Alexandra Constance (Lexie). Katie still loves working for Adecco from home. Jill Rivers has moved to Athens, Greece! She plans to be there for 2 years, and is currently teaching a 4th grade class of 25 students at an international school with an American philosophy of education. Jill has kept up with her CSC friends, meeting up with Holly Merriam and her 2 children this past summer in ME. If anyone plans to visit Greece and/or Europe, Jill would like to extend the invitation to meet up! Jill’s e-mail address is jinglesrivers@yahoo.com. Rob Peaslee and his wife, Katie, moved to Lubbock, TX, where Rob accepted a position as assistant professor in the College of Mass Communications at Texas Tech U. Rob is primarily teaching in the visual communication track and hoped to teach his first graduate course in the spring. Jeanne Corcoran Wiggins and family are doing great. Jeanne’s son, Gavin, turned 4 in Dec. and enjoyed his 3rd season skiing. Her daughter, Kelsey, is 1½. Jeanne and her family enjoyed their summer vacation at their lake house on Lake Damariscotta, ME.
Mary Lewis ’96 enjoying the Colorado life.

Winnisquam. On an excursion to the NH Children’s Museum she bumped into Jim Gowell ’96 and his kids. In Aug. she enjoyed a visit with Stephanie Smith Hanna and her son, Cameron, and Susan Olsen Schumacher and her daughter, Abby. She was hoping to get up to ME to see Tricia Plasko Campbell and Sara Bryant Grant. Krista Nolan Nardone is married to her best friend Mark and loves every minute of her new role as a stay-at-home mom of 2 precious little ones: Matthew Joseph, who is almost 2½, and Sarah Elizabeth, 8 weeks old. Krista, who lives in Plymouth, MA, had a great time attending Gretchen Eriksson-Kunzler’s baby shower with Stephanie Hoffman Parker. Gretchen and her husband, Tim, welcomed their 1st baby, Avery Jane, on Oct. 21. They are doing great and are so in love with her.

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Hi, class of 1996! We hope you are all well and enjoyed the winter months. My husband, Mark Pedersen ’00, and I, Jenny Rowell Pedersen, have been keeping busy with our 2-year-old son, Sawyer, and life in general. Mark is going on his 9th year as a science teacher at Timberlane Regional HS in Plaistow, NH. He recently completed his master’s at UNH and spends his free time as a volunteer fire fighter and EMT in Nottingham, coaching varsity lacrosse, and teaching night school. During the summer he works for Fish and Game, mapping invasive species along the Seacoast. As for me I am trying to keep up with Mark, Sawyer and our 2 pups. I still work at Calef’s Country Store 3 days a week and then work at home the rest of the time. I, Kristin Sneider Mulready, and my husband, Josh Mulready ’98, celebrated our 10th wedding anniversary and to honor the occasion Josh joined me in Paris for 5 days last May. Technically I was there on business, but we got to enjoy some of the major sites together. Josh works part time at the Nortel fitness center and keeps busy with the kids and their various activities, including coaching soccer and running the Lego League at the boys’ school. Congratulations to Donnelle Mozzer Bowers who graduated with a PTA degree last spring and now works as a PTA in CT. Eric Lacombe and his wife, Gretchen, recently moved to Falmouth, ME, where they have decided to settle since their oldest starts school in Sept. Aidan is almost 5 and he adores spending time with Jacob Hall (Jeff Hall’s son). Tyler is 2 and he loves being with his older brother. Mary Lewis has taught kindergarten at Basalt Elementary School in Basalt, CO, for 8 years, and for the past 3 years she has been teaching Spanish in their bilingual program. She was lucky enough to go to Peru last summer and says it was a big help for her Spanish. Of course while there she did have some fun, got to 6,000 meters and saw the amazing ruins of Macchu Pichu! Mary loves teaching in CO and spends her free time backcountry skiing, biking, and climbing. She finds time to visit NH a few times a year to see her family and help out on their dairy farm. Tiffany Taylor Merrill started 2008 with her husband, Chris, getting deployed to Afghanistan for the year! He was due home in Jan. So, she quit her job in social work, which she had returned to after 4 years off, and is back at home with their 2 girls, Brookynnn who turned 6 in Jan. and Kristin who is 3½. Besides keeping busy with the girls and holding up the fort at home, she is active with the National Guard Family Program. She says it’s a lot to juggle all on her own, but that it’s going well and being busy keeps her mind off of his being in harm’s way! They were looking forward to a trip to Disney in early Feb. to celebrate his return! We wish you and your family all the best, Tiffany, and we thank Chris!

We trust that he is home safely now. We look forward to your news anytime so drop us a line now that you have read the most recent update!

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Hope everybody is well! We really enjoy hearing from you and hope you continue to send your updates. Well, my life (Regan Loati Baringer) has certainly gotten crazy in the last year. My husband, Roland, and I welcomed our 3rd child to our family. Larson Michael was born April 25, 2008, joining big sisters, Camryn and Audrey. He never lacks attention as long as he has his sisters around to entertain him. Going from 2 to 3 children has been quite the adjustment; we’re officially outnumbered! We’ve also adjusted to having our oldest daughter, Camryn, in full-day kindergarten. She is missed during the day, especially by Audrey, but fortunately she loves school, which made the transition much easier. Life is definitely very busy right now, but well worth it! Hello all, Amy here! As for me and my family, we have been busy! Luke is now in kindergarten. Our baby Janie chats nonstop and is a little spitfire! I
have contemplated returning to work and have been in talks to do some part-time fundraising for a local non-profit. Erik Daly and his wife, Betsy, are back in PA, where Erik works for the State of PA as a director of recreation while Betsy stays home with their toddler, Harper. Erik enjoys his job and living near family again, as his brother, Griffin Daly ’95, and his wife are expecting their 2nd baby. Also on the baby front, Julie Sullivan Murray and her husband, Brenden, are expecting their 2nd baby—they have their hands full as they also just bought a new house! Katie Josephs Flint writes that her son, Harper, started kindergarten this year and also plays soccer. Katie is the soccer coach and her biggest challenge is getting the kids to dribble the ball without clotheslining each other. Katie also co-organizes a 5K road race in Sunapee called the Sunapee Turkey Trot, held the morning of Thanksgiving. Amanda Cullen Benard welcomed her 3rd child, Owen Hyland Bernard, last June. He gets plenty of attention from his big sisters, who enjoy dressing him up as a princess. Rachel Anderson Dodge and her husband, Eric, celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary. They enjoy spending time with their 17-month old son, Eric. Rachel still loves her new position on the Rapid Response Team. Erica Wells Leighton and her family are doing well, and she is very busy at her job at Ethan Allen as a design specialist. The updates are great fun, so please keep writing to let us know what is happening! You don’t have to wait for us to contact you, you can e-mail either of us at anytime and we will save your update for the next issue!

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Mark your calendars for Oct 2–4, 2009! Our 10th reunion will take place then during the newly created Alumni Fall Festival. See the back page of this magazine for details. Sara LeRoy was married in Aug. on Cape Cod. Tracy Rose Crowell was matron of honor and the wedding was attended by Tracy’s husband, Peter Crowell ’03 and Katie Walsh Cyr. Tracy delivered a thoughtful, poised and amusing matron of honor speech. Sara and her husband, Sean, honeymooned in Bali, Indonesia, for a couple of weeks. Chad O’Neill continues to work as a guidance counselor at McCann Technical High School, in North Adams, MA. He also directs a summer camp for adolescents with disabilities. The big news is that he and his wife, Katie, welcomed a baby girl, Marley Ryann O’Neill, in Aug. Dana Bruce Carman still works at Hannaford Supermarket. She works nights so that she can stay home with her youngest daughter, Carli.

Dana’s oldest, Brooke, is in 1st grade. Rebecca Lewis writes, “It has been an exciting year for me as I am almost done with graduate school (finally), and I have witnessed some pretty cool events this year. I recently was at the wedding of Catherine “Anne” Raeburn ’00 and also got to see the very pregnant tummy of Cindy Bailey Mace ’00! As for myself, I am recently engaged and am planning a May 2010 wedding!” Rose Keefe is living in Chattanooga, TN, having tired of the hurricanes in FL. She is in her 3rd year teaching the only Pre-K class at Spring Creek Elementary School. They have opened 37 Pre-K classes in Hamilton County specifically targeting at-risk, below poverty children. Rose has 20 4-year-olds in her class and says that she really enjoys her job. She stays in touch with Helen Picard Viens, who lives in NH with her husband, Jeremy, and their 2 children. Jessica Lamoureux married Adam Montgomery in May 2007 in Vail, CO. Ariel Crane was in attendance. Jessica welcomed a daughter, Morgan Theresa Montgomery, in Feb. ’08. Jessica is currently in nursing school for her RN degree. She is working towards becoming a mid-wife. She loves being a doula and wants to progress further in the field of obstetrics. Becca Blay says hello; you can connect with her on Facebook. Hilary Sherman Hawkins continues to work in the emergency dept. at

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Shannon Zimmerman Figueroa ’98 and her new husband, Luis Figueroa.

Ashley Waddell Hopkins ’98 with her husband, Jeff, and daughter, Amelie, enjoying a beautiful fall day in Ipswich, Mass.

Lamoureux/Montgomery Wedding

Jessica Lamoureux ’99 was married to Adam Montgomery in May 2007 in Vail, Colorado.

Jessica Lamoureux Montgomery ’99 and Ariel Crane ’99 at Jessica’s wedding.
Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center as a RN. She writes, “My husband, Mike, is home now after completing 2 tours in Iraq. The kids are keeping us busy. Skyler is 12 years old and Zylis is 6. My eldest stepson, Zach, is getting married in Dec. Chris is now 19 and just starting his 2-year mission and Treavor will graduate high school this year.”

Jennifer Mitchell Buckler is very busy with her 3 boys: Ryan, 4, Colley, 3 and Reed, 1. They had a wonderful summer and were looking forward to a family vacation in Oct.—a cruise! Alison Pogue Culver writes, “This year my husband and I took on the challenging task of building a new home and finally moved in during the first weeks of Sept. Our inspiration for designing the house is our new upcoming family member who will be born in early spring.”

Devin Healy is an athletic trainer with Watson Clinic’s orthopedic dept. in FL. He is now certified to perform wrestling assessments, and can assess a wrestler’s hydration, body fat and desired weight. He received his master’s in education from Colby-Sawyer’s baseball team, Kurt always envisioned a role for himself in college athletics. “I loved the energy associated with college sports,” he says, explaining that these extracurricular activities taught him such crucial skills as time management and problem solving. After graduation, he began his career at Franklin Pierce College (now University) as the first Lou Gorman Fellow for the New England Collegiate Baseball League (NECBL), serving as the summer league’s publicist. Kurt soon moved on to a five-year stint as director of sports information at Saint Anselm College. During this time, he also volunteered with the school’s baseball team while keeping his affiliation with the NECBL, acting as assistant coach for the now-defunct Concord Quarry Dogs and even serving as deputy commissioner for one year. “I don’t do well with down time,” he says drily, as he describes 90-100 hour work weeks.

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Kurt Svoboda ’00

In January 2009, the Harvard men’s basketball team upset heavily favored Boston College, winning one of the greatest victories in school history. Suddenly media outlets around the country were clamoring for interviews, which meant they needed to talk to one man: Kurt Svoboda ’00. As the director of athletic communications for Harvard University, Kurt is the spokesman for the largest collegiate athletic program in the country.

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I, Jennifer Prudden, am living with my boyfriend in South Boston, and still teaching 3rd Grade in Andover, MA. The most exciting part of last fall was that my younger sister, Molly, started her freshman year at Colby-Sawyer! I’m very excited to have more of a reason to get up there and visit. I heard from many classmates for this edition, so here are the updates.

Kate Lovell continues to live in South Boston. She spent the summer waitressing on Cape Cod and playing extra roles in multiple major movies. Keep your eyes open for her next time you go to the movies! Zanna

Campbell Blaney started a new job as a school guidance counselor in Bedford, NH, and she and her husband got a new Boston Terrier puppy, Thule. Jessica Dannecker continues to travel frequently to Asia for work and lives near the seacoast in NH. Rachel Bratter-Gronblom reports, “After a very long 36 weeks, my husband Joshua, son Cyrus and I welcomed a little girl, Anya Lee, to our family on July 10, 2008 at 7:31pm. She was 7 lbs 19.5 inches long with a full head of red hair. We are all doing great!”

Becky Parsons

Sara LeRoy ’99 (center) was married in August on Cape Cod. Pictured with her are matron of honor Tracy Rowse Crowell ’99 (l) and Katie Walsh Cyr ’99.

Kurt Svoboda ’00 (on right) in action at the 2008 Harvard-Yale football game.
Bottino finished her master’s in ed. and loves working as a 7th grade science teacher. She gets to teach all about the human body, simple machines, and volcanoes! Over the summer, Kristin Anderson and Becky met up with Zac Pinard in NYC after attending a Yankees game. Sarah Labrie Ranger and husband Jason welcomed a daughter, Madeline Reese, on Sept. 16. Cara Tremblay married her husband, Justin, on Aug. 2 in ME near her parent’s house. Emily Canton Kelly, Sheila Raymond ‘99, and Andrea Lemire St. Ongé ‘99 were 3 of the bridesmaids. It was a beautifully perfect day, and then they honeymooned in Tahiti, which was, of course, an amazing time. They even went scuba diving with sharks! Cara and Justin live in San Diego. She is a nurse in a labor and delivery unit, and Justin is a Chief Petty Officer in the Navy and works in EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal—or, as we call it in the civilian world, bomb squad). Catherine “Anne” Raeburn reports, “I was married in Stowe, VT, on Aug. 16, 2008. Bryan Youngs ‘01, Nicole Kristensen, Cindy Bailey Mace, Rebecca Lewis ‘99, Dan Darcy and Steve Drozell were in attendance. I have decided not to change my name. We recently purchased a house in Berlin, VT.” Bryan Youngs ‘01 is planning an Oct. 2009 wedding to Marena DeGiorgis. Shannon Rowell Pine married Timothy Pine on Sept. 29, 2007, in West Greenwich, RI, in a beautiful outdoor ceremony ending with a bonfire. Kerry Fleming was a bridesmaid. Shannon and Tim were expecting a baby boy in Jan. Katie Follis Sykes wrote to report that Caroline Ann Follis was born on Feb. 19, 2008, and Matt and Katie could not be happier parents. She makes them smile everyday. Justin Hersh wrote to say, “Leslie and I are still living in Bristol, RI, and I have just begun my second year of law school. The summer was nice, and was spent working for a criminal defense law firm in Providence, RI. The rest of the time was spent traveling to VT for wedding planning and ME and Park City for vacations.”

Kristin Giannino Spinney ‘01, Michael Spinney ‘00, and their son, Connor.

Catherine “Anne” Raeburn married Brendan Connolly in Stowe, VT, on August 16, 2008. Joining the happy couple for the celebration were (l to r) Bryan Youngs ‘01, Nicole Bianchine ‘00, Cindy Bailey Mace ‘00, Anne Raeburn ‘00, Brendan Connolly, Becky Lewis ‘99, Daniel Darcy ‘00 and Steve Drozell ‘00.

Brendan Carney and his wife, Sarah, were expecting a baby girl in late Jan. 2008. Michael William Gragnano ‘28, 20, welcomed their son, James Gragnano, into the world on Aug. 25, 2008. They are all doing great. Jill got to see Becky Parsons Bottino, Jennifer Claire Jankowski ‘98 and Kristin Anderson at her baby shower in June and they were all doing great. Kelly Sargent Feciuch wrote, “My husband, Michael, and I had our 1st baby on Jan. 28, 2008. Michael William weighed 7 lbs 4 oz and was welcomed at 5:21 in the morning. Parenthood is a lot of work, but very fun, and we are totally in love with our little boy! We also bought our 1st house in Londonderry, NH, last year and are keeping up with all the duties of homeownership!”

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Kimberly Morrison Miller ‘01 and her son, Peyton, in Florida while visiting family last summer.

Celebrating with the happy couple are (front row, l to r) Heather St. Louis ’99, Ali Wimboldt ’01, Amanda Goodell ’02, (back row, l to r) Missy Brown Kane ’01, Meggan Meisner ’08, Jason Ouellette, Kristy Meisner Ouellette ’01, Jennifer Pesare ’01 and Sean Peschel ’01.

Jennifer Caron-Small ’01 and her husband, Mark, with their twins Madelyn and Zachary, who were born in February 2008.

as director of admissions at CSC. Tracey writes “If you are in the New London area, stop by for a visit.” Jenn Caron-Small and her husband welcomed twins in Feb. 2008. She writes, “Madelyn and Zachary are the highlights of our lives; they are growing up fast and we are enjoying every moment of it.” Michelle Opuszynski Schwenger and her husband welcomed their 2nd child, Jack Christian, into the world on June 17. Michelle writes, “He is absolutely amazing and Olivia loves being a big sister. We sold our house in NH at the end of June and moved to CT in Aug. We bought 4 acres and will be building our new home in the spring.” Megan Costello Burch was married in the summer of 2007. She and her husband, Matt, recently moved to New London after 3 years in Phoenix, AZ. Megan is the marketing director for Blizzard Skis in West Lebanon. Jennie Cocchiara LaBranche and her family are now in Augusta, GA, the latest location their journey with the Army has taken them. She has taken a job with Troy U. as an academic advisor to undergraduate students, and loves working with students again. Lily is almost 4 and loves going to big girl school. Jennie has also been busy training for the Atlanta marathon. Kristen Giannino Spinney writes, “The news from the Spinney house is we are expecting a baby boy, Owen Robert, in Jan. Connor is so excited to be a big brother and Mike Spinney ’00 and I can’t wait for our new addition to the family. The summer was filled with mini vacations, days at the beach, zoos, parks, and spending time with friends and family. We headed back to Disney World for a vacation in Nov. and I am looking forward to being home with Connor and Owen for my maternity leave from teaching.” Noble Chipley Farrow and her husband, Chad, were expecting a baby girl this winter to join 2-year old son, Kieran. Noble is planning to stay home with her children and sell her artwork and continue to provide art services. Kim Morrison Miller writes, “We are living in Fredericksburg, VA, right now for Jay’s work. We plan to be back in Raleigh by spring 2009. We see Maranda Egerdahl Crockett and her son, Payson, occasionally since they are not Missy far away in MD. Our boys are close in age and enjoy each other.” Heather Cole Thomayer went on a trip out west, enjoying Yellowstone and visiting the Pryor Mountain Wild Horses. She is working and riding lots! Sarah Outten also traveled last summer, visiting England, France and Hawaii. Then it was back to managing an employment law firm in NYC. Sarah still lives in Hoboken, NJ, with her 140 lb. Swissy, Hudson. Grace Gravelle is a proud aunt! Grace writes, “My sister gave birth to Melody Grace on Sept. 25. While living in Cincinnati, I have been spending time with Cara Walmsley Robitaille ’00 and her 19-mo.-old son, Logan.” Grace also took an 8-week Ashtanga Yoga teacher training last fall. Kristin Ozana Doyle writes, “I’m still working toward my master’s and teaching in Raymond, NH. Sarah Lloyd and her husband are coming up to visit in Nov. and we plan on taking our husbands up to CSC and around New London. I now have 6 former students who attend Colby-Sawyer, so there should be a few friendly faces when we get up there. I spent a lot of time with Jennie Cocchiara LaBranche before she headed down to GA where her husband is stationed at Fort Gordon, and I saw Michelle Miller again in NYC when I chaperoned our senior class trip there in May with her new Nick Arrojo haircut! So, things are going great!” Kate Nevins LaClair and Paul LaClair ’99 had a beautiful baby boy, Parker Dennis LaClair, on March 16, 2008. Kate writes, “He has the most precious smile and is such a happy boy.” As always remember you can e-mail me your updates at any time throughout the year. I hope all is well and I look forward to hearing from you soon!

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Thanks to all of you who shared your recent updates and photos!

Kirsty McCue is still enjoying her job at Brewster Academy and is busy making her house into a home with her boyfriend, Matt. Brett Gaede is still up to the same old routine: spending sum-

Kelsey Barberi LaPerle ’02 with her daughter Alicen and son Max.
Kerri Tuttle Boardman '02 and Jeff Boardman were married August 9, 2008, in Rehoboth, Mass. Amy Carrier Lyon '85. (Back row l to r) Chuck Gaede '00, Nick Salter '03, Marc Ezekiel '02, Drew Drummond '02, Clemente '02, Krissi Diachisin Cocchiola '99, Julie Murray Dimakis '04, Tracy Rowse Crowell '99, Peter Crowell '03, Callahan '02, Alex Darrah '04, Greg McGown '04, Ramsey Hoehn '02, Tim Ingraham '03, Ben Crowell '03, Matt '00, Ashley Bramwell '02, Susanna Jessie McGown '02, Hillary Cross Hagerty '02, Matt Hagerty '02, Brett Gaede '02, Mitch Leet '02, Jason Schreck '02, (middle row l to r) Coach George Martin, Megan Costello Burch '01, Amy Callahan '02, Alex Darragh '04, Greg McGown '04, Ramsey Hoehn '02, Tim Ingraham '03, Ben Crowell '03, Matt Clemente '02, Kriis Diachisin Cocchiola '99, Julie Murray Dimakis '04, Tracy Rowse Crowell '99, Peter Crowell '03, Amy Carrier Lyon '85. (Back row l to r) Chuck Gaede '00, Nick Salter '03, Marc Ezekiel '02, Drew Drummond '02, Tophar Plimpton '04, Chris Scarpa '02, Jason Hood '01, Carey Felton '03, Zach Hewson '00 and Dimitri Dimakis '03. Colby-Sawyer was well-represented at the wedding celebration of Matt Hagerty '02 and Hillary Cross Hagerty '02 on August 2, 2008. (Front row l to r) Leisa Jesser Tripp '01, Kristin Danforth Surowiec '02, Amy Potter Drummond '00, Ashley Bramwell '02, Susanna Jessie McGown '02, Hillary Cross Hagerty '02, Matt Hagerty '02, Brett Gaede '02, Mitch Leet '02, Jason Schreck '02, (middle row l to r) Coach George Martin, Megan Costello Burch '01, Amy Callahan '02, Alex Darragh '04, Greg McGown '04, Ramsey Hoehn '02, Tim Ingraham '03, Ben Crowell '03, Matt Clemente '02, Kriis Diachisin Cocchiola '99, Julie Murray Dimakis '04, Tracy Rowse Crowell '99, Peter Crowell '03, Amy Carrier Lyon '85. (Back row l to r) Chuck Gaede '00, Nick Salter '03, Marc Ezekiel '02, Drew Drummond '02, Tophar Plimpton '04, Chris Scarpa '02, Jason Hood '01, Carey Felton '03, Zach Hewson '00 and Dimitri Dimakis '03. (L to r) Jennifer Buck Carney '02, Nicole Fowler Martin '02, Katie Lynch Rocheford '02, Randi Everett '02 and Erin Slavin Tate '02 take a walk down memory lane at Colby-Sawyer after Jenny's bridal shower in June 2008.

Sweeney finished his master's in social work over the summer and is working with children and families doing crisis intervention, counseling and stabilization. Lucia Savage Reeder is continuing to work towards dual licensure and is busy with her husband, Ben Reeder '99, on home improvement projects. Lucia’s sister-in-law, Katie Reeder, is enjoying her job at Easter Seals and living on the Seacoast of NH. Hilary Cogen Ryan had a fabulous time at the wedding of David Houghton ’04 in Sept. and was happy to see Matt Sweeney, Rob Buckley, Pat Kelly, Adam Montcalm, Derek Flock and Jacob Jarvela at the event. She also attended Jacob Jarvela’s wedding in Oct. Hilary has been having fun connecting with everyone on Facebook and is happy to see familiar faces again. Casey Mitchell Mescher is back in Burlington, VT, after 3½ years in Chicago. Though she misses the city and seeing Lisa “Fweens” Farina for lunch, she and her husband, Joe, are happy to be living by the lake and in the mountains. Now begins the hunt for the perfect home to call their own. Stef Vickers Heddon and her husband, Jack, welcomed Emily Belle Heddon into their family on July 8. They are now planning the move back to Walpole, NH, from ME to be closer to family. Stef continues to work from home for Unum. Katie Lynch Rocheford and Erik Rocheford ’01 had a great summer and fall, especially celebrating the weddings of close friends! The Rochefords have been busy traveling with a trip to Germany in the spring and an upcoming trip to Italy. Other than hanging out with friends and working, they both love spending time with their dog, Cooper. Kelsey Barberi LaPerle writes that her daughter Alicen became a big sister on Feb. 14, 2008, when Max was born. Life is very busy in the LaPerle household, but Kelsey enjoys every minute of it. Brendan Carney and Jennifer Buck Carney were married Sept. 6, 2008 at The Bates Mansion in Cavendish, VT, surrounded by family, friends and lots of Colby-Sawyer alums. Even though it was a rainy day, every minute was amazing and meaningful. They honeymooned in Belize and had a wonderful time. Congratulations! Brendan finished his master’s in acupuncture and oriental medicine (Chinese herbal medicine) with a dual-concentration in Japanese acupuncture styles and is now a licensed acupuncturist. He is...
apprenticing with David Euler, a teacher at Harvard Medical Schools acupuncture program for MDs, and Dr. Tao Xie, a Chinese master herbalist with over 40 years experience. Christine Symmes Lucius continues to work as an athletic trainer at Timberlane HS in NH and is an aide for Northeast Rehab in MA. Kevin Maccioli and Kelly Raiano Maccioli ’03 are still living in Nashua, NH, and Kevin continues to work for the Malden Evening News. They spent some time last summer traveling to Paris and Italy. Cheryl Lecesse lives in Wilmington, MA, with her kitten, which does a great job of keeping her entertained. Cheryl works for GateHouse Media New England as editor of the Concord Journal in Concord, MA. Matt Hagerty and Hillary Cross Hagerty were married Aug. 2, 2008. Their bridal party included Ben Crowell ’03, Ramsey Hoehn, Brett Gaede, Chuck Gaede ’00, Ashley Bramwell, Krissi Diachisin Cocchiola, Suzanne Jesser McGown and Leisa Jesser Tripp ’01. Hillary and Matt live and work in the Manchester area, Matt for a PR firm and Hillary for a payroll company. Congratulations, Matt and Hillary! As for me, Nikki Fowler Martin, I have been busy with my husband, Ben, working on our house, getting together with friends and just plain having fun. I love being an academic advisor and teaching a couple of classes at Hudson Valley Community College. Please continue to share your updates with me and Cheryl. We love hearing what everyone is up to these days!

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Jaz Kirchodforer graduated from her second master’s program in Aug. She is still living in Miami and is planning a wedding in May 2009 in her home state of CO. Meredith Buzzi will stand up as her maid of honor! Kayde Czupryna graduated from Simmons College with a master’s in special ed. last May. Kayde writes, “I am now known as Ms. Czupryna to my class of 22 1st graders in Newton, MA.” She moved to Framingham, MA, last year and thoroughly enjoys now having roommates. Ana Aponovich Pickford writes, “I was married June 21, 2008, to Christopher Pickford at the South Church in Portsmouth, NH, and our reception was at the Wentworth by the Sea Hotel in New Castle. My wonderful bridesmaids included Beth Harvey, Elizabeth Perry Mullikin, and Renee Thayer. I met Chris through Lib Perry’s husband. Chris is a commercial diver in Portsmouth and I am working as a graphic techni-
Keri McGee’s biggest news for this edition was her wedding that was planned for March 27, 2009, in Clearwater, FL. Katy Bishop is engaged and will be getting married on July 3, 2009, at Misselwood Estate in Beverly, MA. Karen Kotopoulis ’02 will be one of Katy’s bridesmaids. Also recently engaged is Justin Svirsky. Congratulations to all of our engaged couples! Elizabeth Park Cote and her husband, Doug Cote ’06, welcomed their son, Harrison Theodore Cote, on Aug. 12, 2008. The whole family is doing well in VA and Elizabeth and Doug are enjoying being first-time parents. As for me, Lisa Hardenbrook, it was a pretty quiet summer. My husband, Adam, and I vacationed in FL for a week in Sept., and the winter is consumed with volunteering for the UNH men’s ice hockey team. Hopefully our class will have more news to share come springtime!

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2004 Nina Lavigne Shedd moved into the house she built with her husband. Her job, as the outreach coordinator for a VT non-profit that provides housing for seniors and those with disabilities, keeps her incredibly busy. Nina frequently sees Krista Lind Tracey, Sarah Crete, Jessie Price and Lauren Kovach for girl’s weekends and often talks to Amanda Githens Brougham on the phone and misses her tons since Amanda’s move to TX. Jason Feitelberg is in his 3rd year at Babson Capital Management as a relationship management associate. Jason participated in the Rodman Race for Kids in Sept. and raised $8,000 towards his goal of $10,000! He also attended the Alumni Rugby game that was held in Oct. with Timothy Morin and John Marsh ’00. Lauren Miller became engaged to Michael Germaine of Boston and is planning an August 2009 wedding in Minneapolis. Lauren’s bridal party will include Margaret Lambert ’03, Kate O’Connor ’03, Wendy Theall ’03, Sarah Cailler ’03 and Lindsay Micarelli. Lauren Palma finished her second bachelor’s in Dec. This time she was graduating with a nursing degree and couldn’t wait to get out there and practice. Lauren still sees her group of girls on a regular basis and has tons of fun whenever they get together. Maggie Warner, who is in her 4th year of teaching photography and studio art, did a lot of travelling last summer. Her first trip was driving cross country from ME to Yosemite, CA. Along the way she stopped in Kansas City, Vail, and

Brian Schrader married his wife, Rebecca, on June 14, 2008, in Manchester, N.H. Photographed with the happy couple are (l to r) Michelle Labrie Strand ’03, Matt Strand ’03, Rebecca Schrader, Brian Schrader ’04, Justin Barker ’03, Erin Jackman ’05, Mark Miller ’02 and Lida Vanasse ’03.

(Back row, l to r) Jen Dube Fisher ’05, Mary Lougee Lambert ’04, Jon Evans ’04, Kim O’Connell ’04, Maggie Warner ’04, (front row, l to r) Chip Fisher ’05, Jessica Murray ’04 and Mike Sullivan ’04 enjoyed their annual alumni camping trip in Pittsburg, N.H., in July.
Maggie also spent 2 weeks in a friend’s tent in Terrace where she enjoyed climbing, hiking and floating down the Merced in inflatable tubes. Maggie sees Kimberly O’Connell, Jen Dube Fisher ’05, Kelly Bateman ’05 and Kelsey Nadeau Reed ’05 in Portsmouth for dinner about once a month. In Sept. Maggie attended a baby shower for Jon DeYoung’s wife, Casey. Also at the shower were Adam Therrien, Becca Payson Therrien ’06, Jon Evans, Anna Sommer Cutts and Anna’s husband, Gary Cutts. Jaxon Richard DeYoung was due on October 8!

Stephanie Hicks Antonucci was expecting her first child with her husband in Nov. She had the chance to see Laura Fulmer Uden and Allison Heppler ’05 in North Conway and she is looking forward to our 5-year reunion this Oct. on the windy hill! Brian Schrader married Rebecca Schrader in Manchester on June 14, 2008. Alicia Patten will be getting married in May 2009 to Anne Johnson and is currently working at Dartmouth Hitchcock in the Intermediate Special Care Unit. Jim Blundon became engaged to Rebecca Paulman while vacationing in Lake George, NY. Kate Rocheford became engaged to Matt Ferguson ’03 and is planning a May 2009 wedding, which is just a month after Kate will graduate from graduate school at UNH. Adam Therrien and Becca Payson Therrien ’06 were married in Sept. 2008. Tia Holt became engaged to Tim Beaton ’05 and is planning a 2010 wedding in ME, waiting until then because she will be in the weddings of Karen Salvo, Becky Brault, Christopher Lane and Allison Huckabee next year, as well as attending the wedding of Kelly Dubois ’03. Tia is currently a clinician at a therapeutic high school and is also doing a trauma certification program in Boston. Stacey Fraser is finishing up her last year of her master’s in museum studies at UNH. She still loves Portsmouth and works part time at Strawbery Banke, and was interning at the USS Constitution Museum in Charlestown. Stacey sees her “usual suspects” every so often and runs into tons of CSC alums in the bars and coffee shops around the area. She also went to the Orchard Street Chop Shop alumni event in July and enjoyed catching up with folks. Time has flown for me as we celebrated my son Giacobbi’s first birthday in July! It was so much fun watching him open presents and try to eat ice cream cake. I see my usual crew often and had the chance to go camping with them last summer in Pittsburg, NH. I also got the chance to see them for a Halloween party and saw a few other alums at the alumni rugby game in Oct. I am in my last year of my 2nd degree and cannot wait to be done! Jess Murray spent one week in July in the Adirondacks with her family and another week at the beach with her high school friends in RI. She was also part of the group that

A large group of alumni rugby players were on campus in October for the annual alumni game. (Back row, l to r) Cameron Wiese ’09, Tim Morin ’04, David Collins ’01, Logan Shedd ’04, Shannon Lange ’07, Taylor Theall ’08 (obscured), Joseph Page ’04, John Marsh ’00, Eric Keskula ’03, James Georgitis ’06, Jay Gehrig ’04, Robert Wardwell ’08 (obscured), Jason Kelly ’07, Peter Mailoux ’06, Chris Huyler ’08 (obscured), Matt Hiller ’01, Jason Feitlerberg ’04, Rob Ryder ’03 and Coach Chris Reed. (Kneeling, l to r) Chuck Mayer ’06, Maddie Daigleish ’08, Shawn Kitchet ’07, Kristin Costello ’08, Sarah Cohen ’08, Tara Stewart ’08, Cheryl Oliveira ’05, Lisa Giordano ’08 and Meghan Gendron ’08. (Front row, l to r) Morgan Sayre (transferred), Anthony Giacomini ’06, Rob Burnett ’07 and Liam Murphy (honorary rugby alumnus).
Cecily Danver ’04 was chosen the most valuable performer for January 2009 at the Elliot Hospital in Manchester, NH. She runs the “Welliot” health and fitness center for the employees of the Elliot.

went camping in Pittsburg, NH. Jess waited little a little through the summer, but spent most of her time relaxing and preparing for her 2nd year of teaching 4th grade in Glastonbury, CT. In Sept., Jess also attended the wedding of Adam Therrien and Becca Payson Therrien ’06. Charlie Bazdanes was recently approached by the Under Secretary of the Air Force at an event he was working and was asked to work for him directly at the Pentagon, which he accepted. He writes, “I will be working as an acquisition manager for the US Air Force at the Pentagon in SAF/AQX, which I start in March of 2009. We are also expecting a boy, Arthur John Bazdanes, in Feb. 2009.” Benjamin Coons has been accepted to SUNY Upstate Medical U. in Syracuse, NY, to pursue a doctorate in PT. Other than that, not much else is new. Good to hear from you all!

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Cheryl Oliveira now works full-time for Girl Scouts of Eastern MA as a membership specialist, taking care of volunteers who work with the girls. Over the summer, she was an assistant director at a Girl Scout camp in Plymouth, MA.

Jacqueline Curtis

Meaghan Smith Beaulieu ’05 poses with her alumni friends on her wedding day. (L to r) Taryn Page ’05, Kristy Gerry ’05, Breien Milton ’07, Meaghan Smith Beaulieu ’05, Jackie Sullivan ’06, Greg Genest ’06 and Jessie Kamal ’06.

Cook was married in June of 2007 and lives with her husband in Milford, NH. She now works as a secretary at the same company as her husband. Jacqueline still manages to get some painting in and says her life is going well. Amy Lancaster is now married to Randy Baker, whom she started dating towards the end of her senior year at CSC. After living in MA for a year and a half, she has moved to Hanover, NH, and is working at Dartmouth College.

Allison Kelly still loves working as a certified child life specialist at Yale-New Haven Hospital. She writes, “I moved to the shoreline town of Branford, CT, in April 2008 and now live alone in a one bedroom loft apt. I love having a place to decorate and call my own.” Allison traveled over the summer. She saw Ali Natovich multiple times; went camping in NH with Lindsay McKeton Frazier, her husband Dave, and some friends; and spent a fun-filled Labor Day weekend when she and Lindsay went to Prudence Island (off of RI) with some friends. Lisa Falconi is living in Hookset, NH, with her fiancé; they are getting married on August 1, 2009, in Boston. Halary Patch and Euginnia Manseau will be bridesmaids in the wedding. Lisa will also be a bridesmaid in Halary’s wedding in June 2009. After 2 years, Lisa has finished working at the New Hampton School as a learning skills specialist and teacher, and has started grad school at BU in their school of education. She will be pursuing her master’s in ed. for school counseling. She is also doing an internship at the Fay School in Southborough, MA. Lisa was lucky to spend some time traveling over the summer with Euginnia Manseau through CO, UT, and even ended up in Vegas for a few days. Sarah Cook works as an athletic trainer and adjunct faculty at Bridgewater College in Bridgewater, VA.

Jen Haagensen is finishing her master’s at Drexel U. College of Medicine and, this May, will have a MS in biological sciences. Jen is also applying to and interviewing at US medical schools. Good luck, Jen! Laura Lepene and Jeff Guyette have moved back to NH after 2 years in Burlington, VT. While living in Concord, Laura is a graphic designer for the Concord Monitor and Jeff is now teaching K-4 art in the Franklin School District. Laura and Jeff are glad to be back in NH and hope to visit Colby-Sawyer for an art opening in the future. Chris Beaudet and Gwen O’Neil Beaudet continue to live in Manchester, NH. Gwen is enrolled in a 16-month accelerated bachelor’s program at the Manchester campus of MA College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and will have her nursing degree by next Dec. Chris also started school, pursuing a master’s in nursing at Rivier in Nashua, NH. Meaghan Smith Beaulieu had a very busy summer. She was married July 12, 2008. A week before she got married, she accepted a job at Epping Elementary School in NH as a guidance counselor. Jen Wood lives in New London, NH, and works at Richards Elementary School in Newport, NH, as a 1-1 paraeducator. Jen got engaged in Aug. Beth Holdsworth moved to Dover, NH, and started a new job as an occupational therapist assistant with the Rochester School District. Kati Harrigan and Ben Holley are planning a July 2009 wedding in Boston. They currently live in Boston’s Back Bay. Katie

Monica Michaud ’05 and her boyfriend on one of their many summer trips.
Colby-Sawyer alumni gathering for Jaron Foster’s July 5, 2008, wedding were (l to r) Brian Skoczynski ’06, Allison Pyles ’06, Stephen McMahon ’06, bride Megan Foster, groom Jaron Foster ’06, Kate Abbateangelo ’06 and Patrick Casey ’06.

2006

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I am excited to report that more and more of you are responding to my e-mails with exciting updates. Please continue to e-mail me throughout the year as you have news to report that you would like include in the magazine. On to the news!

Jay DaPrich has been teaching English in South Korea to elementary school children since July 2007. He arrived back in the US right before last Thanksgiving. Last June Kathryn Mills started a new job as the academic advisor for the biology majors in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences at the University of FL. She absolutely loves her job and living in FL! Ashley Lorance has kept herself busy teaching PE at a charter school 3 days a week, teaching Zumba fitness classes and serving as the new head women’s volleyball coach at MA Maritime Academy. Since graduation, Adam Perron has been playing pro soccer with the USL-2 western Mass Pioneers, working in sales with various companies, and assistant coaching a high school varsity girls soccer team. He recently signed a pro contract to play with the Massachusetts Twisters, members of the NISL Professional Indoor Soccer League. Brian Stetson is working for Old Orchard Beach Public Safety as a dispatcher and firefighter. In wedding news, on Aug. 2, 2008, Amara Spang became Amara Noel. Amara is still living in Keenebunkport, ME, working at a Portland engineering firm (that she interned with while at Colby-Sawyer) as a compensation and benefits specialist. Matthew Voss married Jennifer Roussel on Nov. 2, 2008, at Zorvino Vineyards in Sandown, NH. They honeymooned at the Wentworth by the Sea in New Castle, NH. Allie Locke is keeping busy in her 2nd year of graduate school for physical therapy. She and Matt Pallotta are engaged and planning a fall 2010 wedding. Emily Holt has worked for 2 years as a physical therapy aide and decided to go back to school. She moved to Narragansett, RI, in Sept. and started a 3-year graduate program in PT at URI. Collin Bray now resides in Brookline, MA. He works with CENTURY 21 Cityside in the Back Bay of Boston, assists clients in finding their dream homes in all the downtown neighborhoods, including the Back Bay, Beacon Hill and the Waterfront. He owes a major part of his success to the strong network of friends,

Barton/Pelletier Wedding

Amara Spang Noel and her new husband, Keith Noel, pose with their alumni friends on their wedding day. (L to r) Noah Ellis-Payne, Katie Corliss ’07, Becky Jones ’07, Keith Noel, Amara Spang Noel ’06, Sean Gildea ’07, Jamie Coan ’06, Beth Norris ’06 and Christopher LaBranche.

Alana Barton ’06 and Jason Pelletier ’06 were married on October 17, 2008.

(L to r) Andrew Poliquin, Jessie Kamal ’06, Greg Genest ’06, Jackie Sullivan ’06, Brandon Gagnon, Alana Barton ’06, Kara Bordeaux ’06 and Jason Pelletier ’06.
colleagues and past clients who refer him to others. He attributes his hard work and dedication to skills he learned while playing 4 years on the Colby-Sawyer basketball team.

Ashley Rodkey is still a permanent substitute in the Northampton, MA, school district and is looking into pursuing her master’s in elementary education. Please note the new e-mail address: rodkeyyah@yahoo.com. Melissa Ferrigno is still living and loving life in Sunapee. She’s working for an insurance agency in Hanover. She gets together with Brian Campbell ’08, Jimmy Giddings, Katina Caraganis, Caitlin Merrill, and is looking at the usual suspects! Matt Merrill is a police officer in Grantham, NH. Carl Keyser is back in CT working at a weekly paper. He, Zach Ackles and Jeff Blood have started their own advertising firm called Painted Elephant Designs. Congratulations to all those who are engaged or married! Garrett Husband and Katelyn Sheaff were engaged New Year’s Eve 2007 and are planning a summer wedding in June 2009. Katelyn is a RN at Dartmouth Hitchcock on the inpatient surgery floor. Garrett works for the Human Capital Institute (HCI) in Wilder, VT, and is pursuing his MBA from Plymouth State U. Both Garrett and Katelyn have also been working as statisticians for the Dartmouth College men and women’s ice hockey home games.

Denise Benton is engaged to Dave Estey ’05 and they are planning a June 2009 wedding. Carly Rademaker was married to Sean Dolan and they are planning a reception for Aug. 2009 in Lake George, NY. Carly is currently in Portland, OR, pursuing a certificate in environmental and natural resource law from Lewis and Clark Law School. Carly and Sean were looking for a house big enough for themselves, their 2 dogs and one kitten. Annalese Brown was married in Aug. 2008 to Chad Balsen, and is now Annalese Brown Balsen. Annalese and Chad are currently living in New Durham, NH. Jen Richard was married to Peter Johnson on Sept. 13 and is now Jen Richard Johnson. She is still an accountant at Sturm, Ruger & Co while pursuing her MBA at Southern New Hampshire U. Jen is currently living in Wilmot, NH, where she just bought a house. Sharon Belden is proud to announce the arrival of a granddaughter, Geraldine May Belden. Sharon is planning on being married in 2009 and has also received her credentials to be an art teacher. Mary Eid has been working as a front desk receptionist at The Bridges Resort in Warren, VT, since April and is planning to move to AZ with her boyfriend at the beginning of the year. Steph Guazzo received her master’s of science in athletic training from IA State U. Steph is currently working as the assistant athletic trainer at Becker College and living in Worcester, MA. She works with football, men’s and women’s basketball and lacrosse. Meghan Hunt is engaged. Lauri Baudanza is back at Colby-Sawyer working as a resident director. Marissa DeSousa is engaged to Jake Marquis.

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