Join us in the Colby-Sawyer Fund 4K Challenge

A race to 4,000 donors and a $200,000 prize

As alumni who have made their careers at Colby-Sawyer College, Peg and Beth understand the importance and impact of the Colby-Sawyer Fund. That’s why they’re taking part in the 4K Challenge. Their participation brings us closer to our goal of 4,000 donors by June 30, 2012.

Now it’s your turn. Make your gift and join Peg, Beth and the many other alumni, parents and friends who have already entered the race. If we reach our goal of 4,000 donors, Colby-Sawyer will receive an additional $200,000.

We can’t win this race without you!

Help Us Meet the Challenge at www.colby-sawyer.edu/giving/challenge

Peg Rogers Andrews ’85
Colby-Sawyer employee since 2000
Donor # 1,021

Beth Bryant Camp ’92
Colby-Sawyer employee since 1998
Donor # 970

Table of Contents

Editor
Kimberly Swick Slover

Associate Editor
Kate Dunlop Seamans

Production Manager
Edward Gorman

Class Notes Editors
Tracey Austin
Michael Gregory
Linda Formichelli

Design
Harp and Company
Hanover, N.H.

Printing
Permorm Lithographers
Lewiston, Maine

Features

Extreme Adventures in Snow
For big mountain skier Corey Felton ’03 and Tyler Plimpton ’06, danger comes with the territory, but so do opportunities to earn a living while pursuing their passion for extreme adventure. By Ruth Graham.

Her Own Freedom Trail: A Personal History of Voice and Action
Her early education threatened to silence Dawnnya Noel ’12, but this once shy, quiet young woman took action and pushed beyond prejudices and low expectations to find her voice and a better future. By Kate Dunlop Seamans.

The Picture of Nursing Excellence
Katelyn Sheaff Husband ’07 was well prepared for her role as a critical care nurse, but little did she know that her philosophy of “being there” for her patients and their families would be recognized as a model for excellence in her chosen profession. By Kate Dunlop Seamans.

On the Cover: Professional backcountry skier Corey Felton ’03 soars over a cliff near his home in Jackson Hole, Wyo. He and fellow alumnus, Tyler Plimpton ’06, are featured in Extreme Adventures in Snow on p. 49. Photo by Mike Schief.
Back to the Future

As I write this letter in mid-February, an unusually warm and snowless month, students and faculty are at work hanging sap buckets on the stately maple trees that line the college's front lawn. Maple sugaring is an old New England tradition, and as it turns out, a Colby-Sawyer tradition, one that has been renewed on campus in recent years.

Professors Nick Baer and Leon Malan encountered this history while they were converting a tiny fieldstone storage building into a sugar house, with funds donated by Sue Barto Monks ’60. As they set out to reconstruct its interior walls, they found, scrawled in pencil on the old wood, notes that revealed the building’s sugar-making history. At this school, nearly 175 years old, traditions are carried forward, both knowingly and unknowingly, building the future on foundations laid in our past.

You have in your hands a magazine that introduces you to the college’s new visual identity and strategic themes, which embrace the college’s traditions, strengths and aspirations. The publication’s new design and content seek to capture the vitality, breadth and scope of the college today. The stories within reflect a dynamic and increasingly diverse community, built on our history of engaged learning and strong sense of place.

Colby-Sawyer is, and will always be, a small college with a tightly knit community. Yet even as the college sustains its traditions, it continues to grow and change and create new traditions.

Today’s students represent 33 nations and 30 U.S. states, reflecting our commitment to reaching out to the world and ensuring that our students are well prepared to contribute to, and thrive in, a globalized economy and marketplace.

Change is at once challenging, exciting and inevitable. Since 1837, this institution of teaching and learning has evolved continuously, always bringing the best of the past forward to embrace the future. The new Colby-Sawyer magazine is committed to sharing the stories, past, present and future, that inform, inspire and make us who we are.

Kimberly Swick Slover
Editor
Senior Biology major Jessica Chickering and Associate Professor of Natural Sciences Nick Baer (above) gather water samples from a stream near campus for a research project, while sophomore Jenisha Shrestha (top right) enjoys an exquisite treat she just purchased from the Cupcake Queen truck, which often stops in the loop.

As part of her Introduction to Stagecraft class, Molly Dugas ’15 (above) works on a set for one of the plays in the “Not Your Usual SNAFU” production held in November 2011. (Below) Assistant Director of Admissions Mike Clark offers an appetizer to Katelyn Ducharme ’12 at the dining hall’s 2011 holiday dinner, which featured a wide array of fresh, locally produced foods.

As part of the college’s first Diversity Week, held Jan. 23-27, the new Fashion Club sponsored a fashion show in which these international students and other models showed off some exciting new styles. The students include (from left) Sarina Karmacharya ’14, Ha Pham ’16, Iris Azevedo ’16, Padmina Shrestha ’15 and Jenisha Shrestha ’15.
Dear Mr. Galligan,

I am an alumna from the Class of 2003, now living in Washington, D.C., and working on a cadre of domestic and international policy issues. I’ve wanted to reach out to you for a couple of years now, and when I received the most recent edition of the magazine I couldn’t hold back.

I’ve been following Colby-Sawyer’s development and am grateful for your leadership in helping to foster its transformation into a vibrant and engaged community. The Colby-Sawyer of today truly is the college I dreamed it would become when I was a student. I’ve been so impressed with your leadership and your actions in making the changes happen.

Colby-Sawyer was also a wonderful place when I was a student. I attribute a great deal of my success to the experiences and skills I gained from my time there. The professors, advisors and student community were an important part of my life and always will be. I always see opportunity for change and growth, though, and I’d like to share with you my reflections on just how far you’ve come.

Cultural Diversity: It’s an understatement to describe the student body during my time as homogeneous. There was a handful of students from Japan and no active multicultural club. The few who studied abroad went to another Western country. As a student with an active social life on campus, I was restless with the lack of cultural diversity and opportunity to exchange ideas.

As I read the magazine I came across the article on the student who studied in East Africa and with the School for Field Studies. I was the first Colby-Sawyer student to study abroad through the School for Field Studies and ended up working for them in Latin America after I graduated. It’s refreshing to learn that the current student body is going outside comfort zones to learn from the world. Then I read the article about the student from Vietnam. This is exactly the cross-cultural community the college always had the potential to become. I’ve learned of other multicultural initiatives on-campus, such as the Progressive Scholars program. These are such important developments for Colby-Sawyer in preparing young leaders and changemakers in a dynamic and uncertain time.

Citizen Engagement: I was also frustrated by an apathetic student body. I was on campus during the events of Sept. 11, 2001, and was one of a small handful of students who worked with professors to organize a debate series around these issues, and it seems to have helped plant a seed within the community. Now Colby-Sawyer students are interning in Washington, D.C., and you are testifying before

It’s refreshing to learn that the current student body is going outside comfort zones to learn from the world.
Congress! This is so exciting for me to see as an alumna and engaged citizen.

Environmental Stewardship: When I was a student, Colby-Sawyer did not have basic recycling. I decided to work with a few other students, faculty and staff to change this. In many ways, it was my first experience at taking a stand and making change at an institutional level, and proved to be one of the most valuable lessons of my life. My life is dedicated now to fostering these sorts of changes. It was challenging and empowering.

I’m truly inspired by how the college has embraced its responsibility to the planet. I used to go around to all the dorms, buildings and dumpsters and pull out the cans, bottles and recyclables and haul them to the transfer station. Just eight years later, Colby-Sawyer has a Climate Action Plan, a goal to cut greenhouse gas emissions and a student-driven initiative for an organic vegetable garden. These developments make me proud to be a Colby-Sawyer alumna!

In sum, I want to commend you and the community for your leadership in evolving into a powerful and resilient community. It is my hope that I can contribute to the continued development of the college, not just with funding, but also in other meaningful ways.

Warm Regards,

Rebecca Harned ’03
Senior Partner, Energetics Development
Editor, Vive Vivir Project - www.vivevivir.wordpress.com

* Rebecca Harned recently accepted a new position as executive officer at the National Integration Center of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

--

The Shocker

There are very few things that make me realize I’m old.

Certainly not the old lady who brushes her teeth

With me in the mirror;

She’s appeared so gradually, I’ve grown used to her.

Not my middle-aged children, though I quietly marvel sometimes

At their grey streaks and crow’s feet. But that’s them.

Not me.

No. The real shocker is the Colby-Sawyer Alumni Magazine.

It came yesterday and, as always, I went to the back

To look for my class news. I flipped and flipped

And flipped

FORWARD

Until I was almost to the middle!

Gracious! This is where the old gals are listed.

The impossibly old ones, you know, the class that graduated the year I was born!

How did I get here?

Good grief. I really must be getting old.

Elaine Wahstad Littlehales ’51
Branford, Conn.

Elaine Wahstad Littlehales ’51
Branford, Conn.
On the Hill

Beginning July 4, 2012, Colby-Sawyer College will celebrate its 175th anniversary year as an institution of teaching and learning. As this milestone approaches, we are introducing a new visual identity that builds on the foundations of our past and embodies our present and our plans for the future. With a new logo and tagline, and a set of broad strategic themes, our new identity conveys who we are and what we value as a college community.

Colby-Sawyer College has a tradition of growing and changing in response to students' needs, trends in education, economic realities, and the vision of our extended community. This institution has evolved from a secondary school to a junior college for women and on to become a coeducational baccalaureate institution. Now plans are underway to extend our academic mission to include online offerings and certificate and off-campus programs.

Our new logo, a modern rendering of the cupola atop Colgate Hall, stands before a backdrop of rolling mountains, symbolic of the college’s abiding connection to our sense of place—on campus and in the Lake Sunapee Region of New Hampshire. Our new tagline, “Inside, Outside, Planetwide,” represents the realms in which we extend our influence and expresses in shorthand the college’s four strategic themes, which our community has identified as the college’s strengths and aspirations: Engaged Learning; Living Sustainably; Linking to the World; and Dynamic Devotion to Excellence.

Inside: Since 1837, we have excelled in Engaged Learning and today we are still committed to the development and realization of our students’ individual potential. “Inside” refers to the growth of our students’ self-awareness and self-actualization, achieved through exploration of their interests and
Our new tagline represents the realms in which we extend our influence and expresses in shorthand the college’s four strategic themes.

strengths in small classes and through the close relationships they build with their professors, who serve as their teachers, advisors, mentors and friends within a supportive campus community.

Outside: As students grow more confident and self-directed through their education, they establish themselves as responsible, engaged scholars, leaders and community members. They select their fields of study, take on internships and other professional experiences, and practice the college’s commitment to Living Sustainably. This college priority calls on all community members to reduce their impact on the environment and commit to the preservation of our campus and the natural world.

Planetwide: Colby-Sawyer College recognizes the fragility of our planet and the interconnectedness of humankind and is committed to educating students as responsible global citizens who are prepared to contribute significantly to their communities and the world. By Linking to the World, our students develop an understanding and appreciation of diversity and the multi-faceted perspectives of people with whom they will live and work in the global economy. The college has made rapid progress in diversifying our campus and provides students with opportunities to study, complete internships and conduct field research around the nation and world. Our planetwide reach also encompasses the achievements of our alumni, whose education has prepared them for leadership roles as engaged citizens of the world.

The college is committed to a Dynamic Devotion to Excellence that drives our strategic themes and requires us to build on our enduring strengths and traditions, embrace the best of today’s educational practices and technologies, and preserve our sense of place even as we aspire to extend our influence around the globe. I am grateful to you, and all the members of our college community, for your ongoing dedication and support.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Galligan Jr.

President and Professor of Humanities
tgalligan@colby-sawyer.edu
New Major and Department

by Kate Dunlop Seamans, Assistant Director of Communications

In fall 2011, Colby-Sawyer introduced its twenty-third academic major, a Bachelor of Arts in Multidisciplinary Studies, which will reside within the newly created Multidisciplinary Studies Department, chaired by Professor of Social Sciences and Education Randy Hanson. The new major allows students who are interested in more than one field of study to acquire a broad liberal arts foundation, as well as greater depth in specific disciplines.

The Multidisciplinary Studies Department also serves as an academic home for students who enter the college without declaring interest in a specific field of study. The department will offer support and resources to assist these students in developing their skills in interdisciplinary research and problem-solving and in oral and written communication. Additionally, the department provides an important structural home for collaboration among curricular initiatives that cross disciplinary and departmental boundaries, such as the Wesson Honors Program, the internship program, and writing and quantitative literacy across the curriculum.

Other academic program changes for 2011-2012 include the Health Care Management major’s move to the Business Administration Department; the creation of a new minor in Film Studies, and a name change for Communication Studies, which is now called Media Studies.

---

Data Driven

Student body:

- 28% minorities
- 7.4% international
- 30 states
- 33 countries

Recent alumni:

(2010 graduates)

- 82% employed
  - (66% related to major; 24% somewhat related)
- 16% in full-time graduate studies
- 44% response rate

Based on response rate
Any college would be grateful for a 7 percent increase in retention, combined with a larger-than-expected freshman class. Soon after Colby-Sawyer administrators discovered that happy circumstance last summer, however, they realized they had more students than available housing. They needed to find extra beds, and fast. That’s when President Galligan looked around his house, realized he and wife Susan had quite a bit of extra room, and volunteered to host students.

“When I said that, though I meant it, I never really thought it would happen,” he said with a laugh as the fall semester drew to a close.

As far as anyone knows, this was an unprecedented situation in Colby-Sawyer’s history. Administrators notified six students of their new address at the President’s House in late summer. Two of the women claimed spots in residence halls as they opened up early in the semester, but the other four wanted to stay with the Galligans, even when offered the chance to move elsewhere.

Most students preparing to leave home for the first time for college don’t expect to live in a large residential home—let alone share it with the president and his family. Sitting together on a sofa in the president’s living room with Susan Galligan just before Christmas, the four women giggled as they talked about the initial shock over their housing assignment. But they also said they adjusted quickly.

“It was a great way to transition,” said Art major Kelsey Page. “We weren’t with our families, but we weren’t totally on our own.” Two of the women planned to be roommates on campus this spring.

College staff tried to give the new students as normal a semester as possible: They were assigned a resident assistant in Austin Hall, and they met with the Galligans early in the semester to set ground rules, which included using the washer and dryer in the late afternoon and evening. They had access to the kitchen and television, and were free to have friends over. The students cared for the Galligans’ cats when they traveled, a job they all enjoyed.

“We made it clear that if we were making noise, they should tell [their RA] and she’d ask us to quiet down,” President Galligan said. “And then one of the girls said, ‘Us, too, if we make too much noise.’” The students and the Galligans agree that noise hasn’t been a problem. “They never wake me up,” Mrs. Galligan said. “And it’s nice to hear footsteps sometimes.”
Day Trader in Danforth

by Kimberly Swick Slover

On a December afternoon, Chao Lu ’12 sits at a desk in his neat single room in Danforth Hall, scanning three computer screens that are part of his stock trading station. He monitors 100 or so stocks on his watch list, looking for patterns that may turn into trends. Sudden upward or downward trends in the market alert Lu that it’s time to buy or sell.

A Business Administration major from China, Lu is a part-time proprietary trader who seeks to gain small profits from each of the 40 or 50 trades he makes every day. For the last four months, he has worked for a proprietary trading group that provides him with capital to trade in his residence hall.

“We (trend traders) couldn’t care less whether the market is up or down,” he says. “As long as it’s moving, we make money.”

Lu’s success comes after a decade of study and three years of trading practice, and from his discipline and insistence on learning from mistakes. His initial interest in trading was sparked by a television show on stock markets he saw in middle school, and he began to educate himself about economics and finance. Lu got lucky as a paper trader in a high school class, first with penny stocks and then with stock options, and when he came to the United States three years ago, he began trading with his own money.

“When you use real money, everything changes. All the psychology comes into play: fear, greed, hope,” he says.

To combat such unhelpful emotions and gain deeper insight into the industry, Lu spends three hours a day reading the financial news. He devours books such as *The Alchemy of Finance* by George Soros and *Rogue Trader* by Nick Leeson and subscribes to the *Wall Street Journal*, *Forbes*, *Bloomberg* and *Dealbook*, among other information sources.

On a wall in his room, Lu has created a mosaic of images cut from magazines featuring financial titans like George Soros, Warren Buffett, Peter Lynch and Jamie Dimon. He equates his own philosophy most closely with that of Soros, while he sees the college’s Business Administration Department as more in keeping with Warren Buffett’s approach.

“Warren Buffett has a belief in fundamentals and income statements; he’s been successful because he buys something and holds it,” Lu says. “George Soros is known for being..."
highly speculative, for taking more risks.”

Today Lu is confident, though cautious and conservative. “I’ve proven to myself that I can make a profit, but I have a lot to learn,” he admits. “I still make mistakes.”

Like many of his role models, Lu likes having money more than spending it. “I feel powerful when I earn money,” he says, explaining that conditions in his homeland have shaped his attitudes. “There’s a huge amount of inequality in China. People are fighting for money every day.”

Lu will graduate in May and has a job waiting for him in New York City with T3 Trading Group as a proprietary trader. One day he hopes to lead his own trading firm and to do well enough financially to retire from trading and become a professor or a philanthropist.

“Right now, trading is my passion, but in the long term, property is the most profitable market,” Lu says. “I see huge potential and very attractive property markets in Africa—once all the revolutions are over.”

Lu will graduate in May, earning his B.S. in Business Administration in three years. As a trend trader who works part-time for a proprietary trading group, he retains 90 percent of the profits he makes.
Eight new full-time faculty joined six academic departments at Colby-Sawyer last fall, beginning their first week with an orientation seminar offered by Professor of Exercise and Sport Sciences Jean Eckrich, who is also the director of the Teaching Enrichment Center.

The new faculty members include Leslie Campbell and Mike Skinner in Business Administration; Masahiro Yamamoto in Humanities; Lissanna Follari, Sachi Horback and Kraig Larkin in Social Sciences and Education; Mary Mead in Fine and Performing Arts; and Melissa Thompson in Exercise and Sport Sciences.

Leslie Campbell has taught undergraduate and graduate level business courses and brings decades of human resource experience to the Business Administration Department. A former vice president of Employee and Sales Services with divisions of the Middleby Corporation, Campbell has expertise in recruitment, employee relations, training and organizational development, compensation, benefits, safety and health, and sales support as well as policy and procedure development. She holds a B.A. in Psychology from Assumption College, an M.B.A. from Rivier College and recently completed her D.A. at Franklin Pierce University.

Mike Skinner holds a B.S.N. from Fitchburg State College and an M.S. in Business from the University of South Carolina. A former Army Corpsman, Skinner served as a vice president at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center from 1989 to 2001 before leaving to lead Baystate Franklin Medical Center as president. His teaching experience includes distance learning, undergraduate and graduate level courses at Franklin Pierce University and Husson University, where he developed the Health Care
Studies Program. Skinner is currently enrolled in the Doctor of Arts in Leadership program at Franklin Pierce University and will assist in the implementation of Colby-Sawyer’s new Healthcare Management program.

**Masahiro Yamamoto** joins the Humanities Department as a visiting assistant professor and a doctoral candidate at the Washington State University (WSU) Edward R. Murrow College of Communication. He holds an M.A. in Communication from WSU and a B.A. in Law from Chuo University in Tokyo, Japan. His research interests include effects of social structure on mass communication; mass communication, social control and public health; and effects of new media/social media on social participation and knowledge gap research.

**Lissanna Follari** joins the Social Sciences and Education Department with a specialty in early childhood education. She holds a master’s degree from Rutgers University and a Ph.D. from Capella University. She has taught previously at East Stroudsburg University (Penn.) and Sheridan College (Wyo.) and is the author of *Foundations and Best Practices in Early Childhood Education: History, Theories and Approaches to Learning*.

**Sachi Horback** comes to Colby-Sawyer’s Psychology Program in the Social Sciences and Education Department from Bucks County Community College (Penn.), where she had been a full-time assistant professor of psychology since 2003. As a clinical psychologist, she has had experience in private practice doing psychological testing and counseling and has worked with children, adults, couples and families. Dr. Horback earned a B.A. in psychology at Millersville University, an M.A. in counseling psychology at Immaculata University and a Psy.D. in clinical psychology at Chestnut Hill College.

The History, Society and Culture program welcomes **Kraig Larkin** to the Social Sciences and Education Department. Larkin taught history at Stony Brook University (SUNY), where he earned his Ph.D., and also at Suffolk County Community College. Larkin’s research interest is in 20th-century German cultural history and he has received grants from the DAAD, German Historical Institute, Duke University and the Truman Library to support his work.

**Mary Mead** has taught in the Fine and Performing Arts Department since 2009 as a visiting assistant professor. She teaches all areas of printmaking including intaglio, lithography, silk screen, monotype and relief processes. She also teaches sculpture and advises the art club, Guild of Artistic Thinkers. Previously she was a faculty member of the Visual Arts Department at New Hampshire Technical Institute and a charter member of Two Rivers Printmaking Studio in White River Jct., Vt. She has taught many workshops in printmaking, exhibited her work widely, and is a juried member of the Boston Printmakers Society. She holds an undergraduate degree in fine arts from the University of Wisconsin/Madison and a M.F.A. from Tufts University/Boston Museum School.

**Melissa Thompson** joins the Exercise and Sport Sciences Department after leaving her post as an assistant professor in the Department of Community Medicine at Mercer University School of Medicine, where she was named the 2010-2011 Teacher of the Year, in the Master of Public Health Program. She previously taught at Baldwin Wallace College and Kent State University. She remains an evaluator in the Student Support Services Center at Genesee Valley Educational Partnership. A Peace Corps volunteer from 1994 to 1998 in Mauritania, West Africa, Thompson holds a doctorate in Health Education and Health Promotion from Kent State University and a B.S. in Biology from State University of New York/Geneseo. ◆
New Trustees on Board

by Kate Dunlop Seamans

Andrew S. Pillsbury ’07 of Manchester, N.H., joined the Board of Trustees in May 2011 as a Winton-Black trustee. A Sport Management major and Business Administration minor, Pillsbury is a senior ticket package account executive for the Manchester Monarchs, the primary affiliate for the National Hockey League’s Los Angeles Kings. He joined the Monarchs’ front office in June 2008 as an account executive and moved into his current role in March 2010. Previously, Pillsbury worked as an account executive with the American Hockey League’s Portland Pirates.

As a student, Pillsbury played four seasons on the tennis team and was a four-year letter winner and team captain in his senior year. He was also president of the Ice Hockey Club and completed internships with the Minnesota Twins (Major League Baseball) and the Bridgeport Sound Tigers (American Hockey League).

Alumni Trustee Sally Shaw Veitch ’66 received her associate of arts degree from Colby Junior College in Business Administration in 1966 and earned her B.A. from University of Denver in 1968. She is currently the general partner of Marca Associates, LLC, a privately held residential property management firm in Colorado Springs, Colo. She is also a member of the board of Vail Valley Medical Center Health Services, as well as the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo in Colorado Springs, Colo. Veitch currently serves on the Colby-Sawyer College President’s Alumni Advisory Council.

While remaining active in her philanthropic endeavors, Veitch also focuses on her family, especially her grandchildren. She has been extremely generous to her alma mater and was inducted into the college’s Legends Society on Oct. 13, 2011 [see article page 60]. Veitch divides her time between Vail and Colorado Springs, Colo., and Rangely, Maine. She has two sons and four grandchildren. ◆

Andrew S. Pillsbury ’07

Sally Shaw Veitch ’66

Photo: Ed Germar
Academic Dean Eases into New Role

by Kimberly Swick Slover

When Burton Kirkwood, the college’s new academic dean, arrived on campus for an interview, he immediately felt at home. The mountains and woods that surround the campus reminded him of Virginia, his home state and that of Bridgewater College, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in history.

Dean Kirkwood is equally familiar with Colby-Sawyer’s academic terrain, with its interdisciplinary and liberal arts emphasis, which mirror his experiences as a student and later as a professor and administrator at the University of Evansville in Indiana. After earning an M.A. in U.S. history at James Madison University and a Ph.D. in Latin American History at Florida State University, he arrived at the University of Evansville in 1995 as an assistant professor of history. Over the next 16 years, Kirkwood maintained his teaching position, becoming a full professor of history in 2009, while taking on academic and administrative leadership roles of increasing breadth and responsibility.

In the Department of History, he was the internship program coordinator, helped supervise senior thesis projects, and served as the department liaison to the university’s endowment campaign and acting department chair. His other roles on campus included director of the World Cultures Program, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and assistant vice president of Academic Affairs.

In these roles, Dean Kirkwood coordinated with colleagues to meet the university’s strategic goals, from promoting collaborative learning across four colleges and improving recruitment and retention of undeclared students, to strengthening teaching and ensuring the curriculum’s relevance to the university’s goals and mission. He also engaged others in building effective evaluation and assessment tools and ensuring fiscal responsibility within the academic programs.

“I built coalitions and worked in a collaborative and transparent manner that furthered the university’s goals and significantly benefitted students,” he explains. He simply embraced new roles as part of his “singular commitment to shaping students’ academic success.”

With a soft southern accent and wry sense of humor, Dean Kirkwood has brought an engaging, collegial approach to his new position. His broad experience and inclusive style will be helpful as he takes on two major initiatives: the Liberal Education Program review and the college’s 10-year re-accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Already, the dean’s calm demeanor and air of unflappability suggest he is adapting quickly to his new environment. He was undaunted by an October snowstorm, which gave him a chance to take his wife, Maryclare, and their young son, Benjamin, sledding, and he appears unfazed by the rapid rate of change underway at Colby-Sawyer. “It’s just a natural part of the college’s growth and evolution,” he says. •
Imagine walking on a pedestrian pathway alongside the Hogan Sports Center east toward the Ivey Science Center, but instead of seeing a parking lot next to Ivey, a spectacular new fine and performing arts center rises up before a backdrop of rolling mountains.

“This vision will become reality as alumni and friends of Colby-Sawyer are inspired to fund this vital signature building. A new fine and performing arts center is the college’s next essential project in its campus master plan because after more than half a century of heavy use, the current arts center is neither large enough nor inspiring enough to meet current and future needs.

“In 2006, I toured the Sawyer Fine Arts Center for the first time in many years and knew that Colby-Sawyer College must have a new arts center,” says Robin Mead ’72, trustee and co-chair of the Arts Center Steering Committee. “When I considered that every student, regardless of major, must study the arts before graduation, it was clear to me that we cannot wait to replace this facility. I am invested in this project, and I hope others will be inspired to join me.”

The college’s master plan envisions a new arts center that will accentuate an academic quadrangle now taking shape on the east side of campus, which includes the Susan Colgate Cleveland Library/Learning Center, the Curtis L. Ivey Science Center, the Windy Hill School and Sue's Sugar House. Mount Kearsarge will frame the arts center, sited to embrace the breathtaking landscape and reflect distinctive architectural and natural elements from the surrounding buildings and environment.

The art center’s exterior takes its cues from the library’s Civil War-era barns, the sugar house and nearby stone walls. Vertical and horizontal wood siding create the appearance of barn forms, with a color palette that visually reduces the building’s overall mass. The main tower entrance and base will be built of New Hampshire stone, an elegant way to welcome those who study and enjoy the arts.

“This unique and inspirational building is not only a necessity for serving a growing student body, but it will also provide the college with an opportunity to showcase the arts and their importance for all students,” says Trustee Emerita and Steering Committee Co-Chair Eleanor “Ellie” Morrison Goldthwait ’51. "For years the fine and performing arts have enriched the life of the college, and now it is up to us to enrich the life of the arts at Colby-Sawyer.”

“I’m invested in this project, and I hope others will be inspired to join me.”
This architectural rendering shows the proposed new fine and performing arts center, designed by The S/L/A/M/ Collaborative. The design features elements that mirror the surrounding environment, such as the clapboard siding of the library's barns and the fieldstone of nearby stonewalls and Sue's Sugar House.
Before the attic of Colgate Hall became a suite for the Wesson Honors Program, it served as a studio for student artists. On Dec. 1, 2011, the attic was once again filled with art and art lovers as part of a creative collaboration between the honors program and the Guild of Artistic Thinkers (GOAT).

The event that drew 150 community members was an exhibition featuring more than 80 student works in an impressive mix of art media. A vibrant mural, created last spring by visiting Mexican artist Sergio Sanchez Santamaria, lent a stunning backdrop to the artists' ceramic and sculptural work.

The exhibition took months to plan and grew out of honors student Kara Gulezian's independent study with Humanities Professor Ann Page Stecker last fall, which focused on ways to hone honors students' leadership skills and share the suite with other students.

“Self-Portrait,” Chris Diego ’12

The art exhibition was a way to bring the campus community together through the Wesson Honors Program,” says Gulezian, a senior nursing major. “We thought it would be wonderful to have student art decorate the honors suite.”

Gulezian contacted her friend Chris Diego ’12, president of GOAT, who was enthusiastic about a new and inspiring place to exhibit students’ art. Gulezian acted as the liaison between the honors program and the art club, and helped with organizing and promoting the event and preparing the space. Meanwhile GOAT members solicited art work from students and led the judging process, with guidance from fine arts faculty.

“It became very important to me that the show was a success,” says Gulezian, who discovered the difficulties of coordinating a campus event. “I learned to stay organized and on task and how to lead a group of people.”

Diego, a Communication Studies and Studio Art
double major, believes the exhibition may be the first student-run art exhibition ever held on campus. “The Honors Program was willing to showcase students’ work and recognize their hard work with awards,” he says. “We had a couple months to do the paper work, promotion, and then hang and label all the art work.” He smiles, knowing he’ll graduate in May, and adds, “We should do this every semester!”

The exhibition was a huge step for students, says Karen Fondoules ’13, a graphic designer and GOAT member. GOAT wanted all students to be able to participate, not just art majors and minors, but they were unprepared for the sheer volume and high quality of creative work that arrived. “We had no idea what the outcome would be when we started,” says Fondoules. “The plan was just to give students a chance to showcase their work.”

The fine arts are central to the lives of these students, says Assistant Professor of Fine and Performing Arts Mary Mead, faculty advisor to GOAT. “Prior to this exhibition the only opportunity to show their work was in the juried student show in the spring,” she explains. “Exhibiting is an important component of the studio arts, forcing a student to fully resolve a work and prepare for exhibition. There is so much good work being produced that slips into portfolios and never sees an audience. The GOATs also had the important experience of hanging a show, which can be a bit like a chess game.”

Professor Stecker, who coordinates the Honors Program, says she was “astounded” by the outcome. “The fine arts faculty were behind the event, but the students—the GOAT members and the honors students—did the rest: organized the jury, made the selections, hung the show, wrote the commendations for the awards, ran the event.”

The show of support from the college community, friends and family was another welcome surprise. “It was an overwhelming feeling to see the pride in the artists who brought people to see their work,” Fondoules says. “I am very proud to have been a part of it.”

More than 80 works of art by students filled the Wesson Honors Suite for the GOAT exhibition.
Sense of Place

Associate Professor of Environmental Studies Laura Alexander and students from Exploring Nature classes hike up Mt. Sunapee to see one of the few old-growth forests in New Hampshire.

Photo: Michael Seamans
In the Exploring Nature class, students learn 66 of the woody plants (trees and shrubs) that grow naturally in our region. Knowledge of these species is critical for Environmental Science and Studies students, because if they know the plants that inhabit an area, they can predict the animal species that live there.

Nearly every class period is spent outdoors, and students always visit two rare forest communities less than two hours from campus—the alpine zone on Mt. Washington and Mt. Cardigan, and the old growth forest on Mt. Sunapee.

Perhaps my favorite end-of-the-field-season excursion is the annual field trip to visit a rare old growth forest in the remote East Bowl of Mt. Sunapee with Colby-Sawyer College students enrolled in the Environmental Studies Department’s Exploring Nature classes. Just before Halloween, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies Laura Alexander invited me once again to share the history and ecology of the rare 150-acre tract of old growth red spruce, yellow birch, beech and sugar maple. This largest known fragment of old growth forest south of the White Mountains is hidden off a seldom used hiking trail within Mount Sunapee State Park.

It’s not easy to reach the ancient forest—if it were, it would have been logged long ago. A steep drive up an access road at the base of the Sun Bowl and then a short, steep hike up the Williamson ski trail reaches a trailhead for the Lake Solitude Trail. With afternoon sunlight fading fast before 3 p.m., we hike quickly into the frosty forest where the first snow lingers on a high slope overlooking Lake Sunapee.

We’d come to visit a stand of gnarled old yellow birch trees with nearly 40-inch diameter trunks. Most are less than 50 feet tall. At the subalpine elevation of 2,400 feet, the uppermost branches are twisted, broken and wind-pruned by centuries of harsh mountain weather, including the 1998 ice storm. Some of these yellow birch stems were age-cored to more than 200 years old a decade ago. The largest hollow giants with rotten heartwood are likely more than 300 years old. The red spruces exhibit protruding knees, exposed roots radiating from flared trunks. They grow 80 feet tall, 30 feet or more above the surrounding canopy of hardwoods. One red spruce was age-cored at 248 years in 1997. The tallest spruce are visible from the Sun Bowl chairlift at the ski slope and from the lake below.

In the presence of these ancients, the students’ excited banter quiets. We find fresh bear tracks in the snow, where a black bear rolled in a snow bed next to a huge fallen spruce whose tangle of upper branches would make an ideal winter den site. There’s a narrow window for finding bear tracks in snow in late fall.

With an awe-inspiring late autumn view north—ten miles by line of sight back to the New London campus, visible through the bare hardwood branches—I ask students to consider the history these old trees have witnessed. Local lore says the first recorded European visitor to Lake Sunapee was an advance
In the presence of these ancients, the students’ excited banter quiets.

scout for a Boston exploring party in 1630. Due to hostile bands of Abenaki Indians, the region remained an uncharted, howling wilderness for another 130 years.

The 260-year-old red spruce began growing on Sunapee in 1750, just prior to the final years of the French and Indian War, from 1753 to 1760, an era of Indian raids when isolated homes were attacked and burned, and settlers were taken captive, carried off to Canada and sold as slaves. Few white settlers dared venture inland from the Seacoast towns of Durham, Hampton, Portsmouth and Exeter. British Colonial expansion was effectively blocked by the French and Indian confederacy.

By 1755, Indian raids against British settlements along the Hudson River and east to the Connecticut River and upper Merrimack River valleys were launched from Western Abenaki strongholds at Missisquoi on Lake Champlain and St. Francis in Quebec. That year, under the command of Colonel Joseph Blanchard, New Hampshire troops were dispatched to Crown Point, marching from Salisbury Fort Number Six on the Merrimack River west, via the shortest direct route to Fort Number Four on the Connecticut River in Charlestown. Blanchard’s 500-man regiment, with oxen hauling cannons, included famed Captain Robert Rogers and his lieutenant, John Stark. The men followed a rough Indian trail through dense forests, camping in the mountain’s shadow at the foot of Sunapee Lake. Their march deepened the trail that would become Province Road, now part of Route 103 in Newbury.

In 1771 the venerable trees bore witness to the first survey party working along the “Great Sixty Mile Curve,” an inland arc 60 miles from the coast which delineated the west boundary of the British province. Surveyor Joseph Blanchard Jr., son of the colonel, and nine men were hired “to run the line and mark it well,” passing just west of Mount Sunapee and crossing “Great Sunapee Pond” on a raft of logs. The Masonian Curve eventually became the western boundary of Merrimack County and now divides the lake from south to north.

When Newbury’s charter was granted in 1772, lots were surveyed by Zephaniah Clark for the Portsmouth-based Masonian Proprietors. Subsequently, Newbury was incorporated as “Fishersfield” in 1778. By then, the old yellow birch and red spruce trees were 70- and 30-years old respectively. All around them, lowland forests in the region began to fall for the construction of new farms. Yet 230 years later, these few ancient yellow birch and red spruce trees of the East Bowl still stand, watching over the lake.

Why did the trees survive? In 1911, conservation activist Herbert Welsh and forester Philip Ayers raised funds for The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests to purchase two tracts of 656 acres to protect them from logging. The 1938 hurricane and a devastating forest fire in 1947 spared the core of old growth in the East Bowl. Through conservation efforts and the will of the winds, these trees have survived fire and tempest.

The Colby-Sawyer students stand in stunned silence: happens every time. Ancient trees have an unparalleled power of time-keeping, living for centuries beyond any single human lifespan.

To me, the undergraduates seem younger every year. They must think their professors, Laura Alexander and Leon Malan, and I are tree-worshipping fossils ourselves.

“Respect your elders!” I instruct as I gesture at a massive yellow birch tree, our ultimate destination. “Now let’s all give this old tree a big group hug!”

Dave Anderson is a naturalist and director of Education and Volunteers for The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, www.forestsociety.org, a statewide land trust and forestry organization established in 1901.
It’s in the Whole

by Jennifer White ’90, Sustainability Coordinator

Through our GreenROUTES program, Colby-Sawyer College has embarked on “The Pathway to Carbon Neutrality & Whole Systems Sustainability.” In other words, we’ve pledged to reduce our carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions 50 percent by 2015, 70 percent by 2020, and 100 percent by 2050. At the same time we’ve committed to promote personal well-being, social justice, economic stability and environmental balance through our policies and practices on campus. All of this may sound impossible and complicated until you realize that many of these issues are inextricably connected; an action in one area actually leverages positive change in several others at the same time.

For example, let’s say you decide to walk or ride your bike to your local farm stand instead of driving. By doing so you save money on gas, get a bit of exercise and avoid polluting the air. If you pick up some local, organic produce, then you’ve supported a neighborhood business; chosen fresh, nutrient-dense veggies that haven’t been sprayed with toxic pesticides; and negated the need for a refrigerated truck to transport those goodies from a thousand miles away. Win, win, win!

On campus we’re keeping waste out of the landfill, conserving energy, reducing our greenhouse gas emissions and giving products a second life with our new zero-sort recycling program. We’re even feeding local pigs through our Chow for Sows program. To prepare our students to both succeed in and serve a changing world, one faced with growing environmental and social challenges, the Sustainability Teaching and Academic Resources Task Force has created an online resource guide to help faculty create relevant new curricula and integrate holistic ideas into their classrooms. Our Polar Bear Monitors (see pg. 26) track electricity use in the residence halls and provide direct feedback to our students about their energy consumption, teaching them ways to make a difference and actively engage in being part of the solution.

As we develop and expand our sustainability initiatives we’re always on the lookout for ways to embody our Strategic Themes and get more people involved. It is only through broad collaboration and a whole systems approach that we can hope to reach our goals and create a thriving, healthful future that genuinely works for everyone. Won’t you join us in “Walking Our Talk?”

Learn more at www.colby-sawyer.edu/greenroutes/walkingourtalk.html
Feeding the Dream
by Ruth Graham

In May 2010, Colby-Sawyer announced four strategic themes to guide the college through the coming decades. One of the themes, Living Sustainably, includes goals such as reducing the college’s carbon footprint and appreciating our sense of place. In 2011, the college received a major grant from the Margaret A. Cargill (MAC) Foundation that will advance those ambitions significantly.

The MAC Foundation provided the college with $50,000 to be paid over five years and an additional one-time grant of $383,612. The grant is intended to support the college’s environmental priorities, but other than that broad guideline, Colby-Sawyer has free rein to develop its own projects.

Jennifer White ’90, assistant professor of Environmental Studies and the college’s first sustainability coordinator, says the grant will mean the difference between imagining what Colby-Sawyer could do to advance principles of sustainability, and actually doing it. “We’d been thinking about all kinds of great ideas, but didn’t have the funds,” White says. “Some of these plans we’d had in the back of our minds on a wish list, but now we can take them so much further.”

One of the most ambitious projects is a three-part course to be called Shelter and Sustainability, in which students will design and build a sustainable classroom space. Students in the fall 2012 session will learn about designing and permitting, while the spring semester will be devoted to building techniques and material selection. A short summer workshop will provide long, warmer days to do the actual building. The finished product will be a simple classroom that White calls the Sun Shack. The details will be up to the students, but White hopes for elements such as solar-thermal panels and a wood stove.

The grant will also help with a major expansion of the Anne Baynes Hall ’67 Tree Nursery and Organic Garden. White envisions the installation of a “food forest,” a permaculture concept that is essentially a rich, multilayered planned garden that imitates the appearance of a natural forest. White compares it to something out of Willy Wonka’s chocolate factory, since it features so many edible plants.

Students could lead workshops for the community focused topics like soil testing.

Other plans to be funded by the new grant include a pole-mounted solar array and a small wind turbine connected to a web-based tracking system that will allow students to study wind speed and output. Students and visitors to the campus will see these projects cropping up as soon as this spring.

“We were just so excited to find out we’d been awarded this grant,” White says. “It’s great to have the opportunity to offer so many examples of what sustainability looks like.”

The garden expansion could also include more perennial and medicinal plants, greenhouses to grow more edible plants, and interpretive trail signs to encourage strolling.
Computers, microwaves, fridges, iPods, cell phones, televisions, lamps—college students stash a lot of electronics in their rooms. It's easy to leave something turned on when dashing off to class, and even easier to forget that this growing list of appliances and gadgets have a negative environmental impact. Electrical consumption makes up 43 percent of Colby-Sawyer's emissions.

In November 2011, after months of planning by Sustainability Coordinator Jennifer White '90 and the Sustainability Core, and a generous gift from an anonymous alumna, students received a new housemate and a tangible reminder of their energy consumption when monitors with an animated polar bear were installed in every residence hall. A product of the sustainability company TellEmotion, real-time energy use is illustrated through the bear's behavior and a letter grade: When energy use in the building is low (Grade A), the bear smiles and cavorts with butterflies. When energy use rises, the bear turns glum, and the grade drops; with heavy usage, the sun blazes and melts the ice floe beneath the bear, leaving it floundering in D-strait. The image of a drowning polar bear is very effective in influencing students' behavior.

After the college collected baseline information on energy consumption, a competition among residence halls was held during Sustainability Week (Nov. 28-Dec. 2 2011) to see which hall could most reduce its energy use. Residents Amber McPherson '15 and Simon Fargeon '15 celebrate their efforts that helped cut energy consumption 14.58 percent.

Colby Hall claimed the prize of a pizza party in a contest to see which hall could most reduce its energy use. Residents Amber McPherson '15 and Simon Fargeon '15 celebrate their efforts that helped cut energy consumption 14.58 percent.
The Season in Sports

Fall 2011

by Ryan Emerson, Director of Sports Information

Volleyball
(20-15, 7-0 NAC)

The 2011 women’s volleyball team made it back to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Tournament for the first time since 2005. In the school’s first year in the North Atlantic Conference (NAC), Colby-Sawyer won the championship after defeating four-time defending champion Maine Maritime.

The Chargers finished the season with a 20-15 overall record with a perfect 7-0 in NAC play. Their 20 wins marks the ninth straight season the team has recorded at least 20 victories.

After earning a bye in the first round of the NAC tournament, the Chargers easily defeated Husson 3-0 in the semifinals. The team, which handed Maine Maritime its first regular season NAC loss since 2008 earlier in the season, swept the Mariners in the championship match. Sophomore Courtney O’Hara (Mystic, Conn.) was named tournament MVP. Senior and team captain Kristin Sawyer (Walpole, Mass.) and sophomore Ally Le-Bruno (Medfield, Mass.) were named to the All-Tournament team.

The NAC Championship earned the Chargers a trip to the 2011 NCAA tournament. Colby-Sawyer drew Middlebury College in the first round. The match was close but after an injury to middle hitter sophomore Emilee McBride (Strafford, N.H.), Middlebury was able to gain separation and go on to advance in the tournament, ending the season for Colby-Sawyer.

Ally Le-Bruno was named the NAC Defensive Player of the Year and Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) Defensive Player of the Year. She also was named to the NAC All-Conference First Team. She led the Chargers with 925 assists and finished her career with 2,037 assists, which ranks her fifth all-time. For her great season, Sawyer was named Honorable Mention for the NEWVA Senior Classic.

Courtney O’Hara and Emilee McBride also earned All-Conference First Team accolades. O’Hara led the Chargers with 383 kills and 3.17 kills per set. McBride led the team with a .310 hitting percentage and 90 total blocks. Kristin Sawyer earned a nod to the All-Conference Second Team. She led the Chargers with 925 assists and finished her career with 2,037 assists, which ranks her fifth all-time. For her great season, Sawyer was named Honorable Mention for the NEWVA Senior Classic.

Women’s Tennis
(9-8, 7-1 NEAC)

In its first season as a member of the North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) East Division, the women’s tennis team reached the championship match.

First Team All-Conference Volleyball honorees Courtney O’Hara (left) and Ally Le-Bruno were part of a strong squad last season.

Photo: John Quackenbos
The Chargers finished the year with a combined doubles record of 30-21 (.588) and a singles record of 48-48 (.500). Colby-Sawyer finished the fall season with an overall record of 9-8 and a conference record of 7-1. Five of the team’s victories came via the sweep.

The Chargers, who were chosen to finish second in the standings, ended the season as the second seed after losing a tie-breaker scenario with Castleton State College.

Junior Claire Toffey (Barnstable, Mass.) and sophomore Liz Lincoln (Plymouth, Mass.) continued to show their dominance against opponents in 2011. Lincoln and Toffey were named NEAC First Team Doubles after posting a perfect 6-0 mark in conference play at No. 1 doubles. They compiled an overall record of 13-2. Lincoln played all of her singles matches at the first flight and earned a nod to the NEAC First Team for Singles. She was 5-0 in NEAC competition and 9-5 overall. Toffey also earned NEAC First Team Singles accolades with a 6-2 conference record. She finished the season with a 9-7 record (2-1 at No. 1, 7-6 at No. 2). Toffey also started to make her way up the all-time victories lists. She currently ranks 10th in total wins with 71 and is 5th in doubles victories with 40.

Head Coach Barry Schoonmaker was named Co-Coach of the Year with Castleton’s Rob Purdy after both teams posted identical 7-1 conference records.

Women’s Soccer (11-7-2, 7-1-1 NAC)

The women’s soccer team, in its first NAC season, was 11-7-2 overall and 7-1-1 in conference play. The 11 wins tied for the most in school history, set in 1990 and again in 1997. The team also compiled an impressive 10 shutouts.

The Chargers ended a two-year hiatus from post-season play by earning the second seed in the NAC tournament. Colby-Sawyer advanced to the semifinals after defeating Johnson State on penalty kicks in the quarterfinals. Husson struck for a goal in the 72nd minute, the game-winner that ended the Chargers’ season.

Although the season ended in the conference semifinals, 2011 was a special year for the Chargers. In addition to the team accolades, there were spectacular individual efforts exhibited all season.

Sophomore Stephanie Huntley (Woodbury, Conn.) was named the 2011 NAC Women’s Soccer Defensive Player of the Year, as voted by the league’s head coaches. Huntley led a Chargers defense that allowed only seven goals in nine conference contests, which included seven shutouts. She also contributed three goals and a team best three assists in that span. Huntley also was named to the All-Conference First Team.

Three other student-athletes garnered All-Conference accolades. Sophomore Adrienne Bender (Wakefield, R.I.)
was named to the First Team after posting 10 goals, including four game-winners.

Sophomore Lauren Bernard (Manchester, N.H.) earned a nod to the Second Team. She was second on the Chargers with 10 points on four goals and two assists.

Junior Shalyn Spencer (Natick, Mass.) also was named to the Second Team for her superb play in net. She allowed only seven goals in 783 minutes and collected five clean sheets. Her goals against average was a miniscule 0.80 and saved .844 percent of the opponent’s shots.

Bender had one of the best offensive seasons in Colby-Sawyer history. She led the team with 32 points on 15 goals and two assists. The 32 points is the third best in school history and the 15 goals is tied for second most all-time. She currently sits in ninth place with 19 career goals. Six of her 15 goals in 2011 were game-winners, which was 13th most in the country.

Spencer, a team captain, had a record-setting year in net for the Chargers. She had a school record 11 wins, which included tying a school record with eight solo shutouts. She also played significant minutes in the team’s other two shutouts. Spencer has recorded 17 wins, which is third most in school history and has a career 1.24 goals against average ranking her fifth on the all-time list.

Men’s Soccer (6-12-1, 3-5-1 NAC)

The Colby-Sawyer College men’s soccer team, which was picked to finish seventh in its first season with NAC, reached the postseason for the 16th time in the past 17 years. Colby-Sawyer finished the season with a 6-12-1 overall record and a 3-5-1 mark in the NAC, which earned the team the seventh seed and a matchup with Castleton in the quarterfinals.

The Chargers fell to the Spartans 3-1, but had several promising performances by its young players throughout the season.

Three of the top five point totals came from freshmen. Alex Ortega (Milton, Vt.) led the team with 12 on four goals and four assists. Clay Allen (Massena, N.Y.) was third with nine points on four...
goals and an assist. Chris DiCecca (Wilmington, Mass.) was fifth with three goals.

Senior Will Berry (Berlin, Vt.) went 5-9 as the team’s primary goalie and recorded three shutouts. He moved into fifth all-time in saves (287), fifth in wins (17), and tied for sixth in goals against average (1.83).

Senior Derek Veilleux (Winslow, Maine) was named 2011 College Division Scholar All-East Region Honorable Mention, according to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA). Veilleux earned the award for the second straight year.

Cross Country (Individual Results)

The 2011 men’s and women’s cross country teams continued to bring the young program to regional prominence. In Colby-Sawyer’s first NAC year, the Chargers proved they can compete with the top teams with a combination of senior leadership and talented youth.

Highlighting the men’s season was a fourth place finish at the NAC Championships.

Freshman Hayden Bunnell (St. Johnsbury, Vt.) quickly established himself as the pace setter for the Chargers. Bunnell placed in the top ten in five of the team’s nine races and was the top finisher for the Chargers in all nine meets. Bunnell’s second place finish at the NAC Championship earned him the Conference Rookie of the Year and First Team All-Conference accolades.

The women’s team also excelled at the NAC Championships, where the Chargers finished second. Freshman Caila Walker (Newington, N.H.) led the team with an overall finish of second. Walker was the top freshman finisher earning her Rookie of the Year honors. Freshman Brianne Dunn (Ellsworth, Maine) placed fourth and sophomore Emily Davis (Colchester, Vt.) was the third top-ten finisher for the Chargers placing eighth. Walker, Dunn and Davis were all honored as First Team All-Conference members.

Field Hockey (3-13, 1-8 NAC)

The 2011 Colby-Sawyer field hockey team competed for the first time under varsity status since the 1980s. The team competed in the NAC and was chosen to finish ninth in the standings.

Although the team failed to reach the postseason, Head Coach Emily Rinde-Thorsen has high hopes for the coming years as she saw great production from the young talent on this year’s squad.

Freshman Nykki Stritzinger (Bel Air, Md.) led the team with 16 points on six goals and four assists. Freshman Alexa Comesanas (Germantown, N.Y.) tallied six goals and two assists, while freshman Katharine Kessler (Newport, N.H.) was third on the team with 10 points on three goals and four assists.

Colby-Sawyer finished the season with a 3-13 overall record and a 1-8 mark in the conference. The Chargers outscored their opponents 7-1 in the three wins. Five of the team’s losses were by one goal and three of them came in overtime.

Freshman field hockey player Nichole Danehy controls the ball on a rain-soaked field.
Deb Field McGrath ’68, Colby-Sawyer’s athletic director, has always supported her college. Last summer, she chose to make a gift that exceeded all her past contributions: a $50,000 commitment to help fund the construction of a turf field and track.

McGrath’s passion for this project comes not just from her own experiences as an alumna and an elite athlete and coach, but also from her professional experience as the college’s athletic director. For the past 24 years, she has led the college’s NCAA Division III athletic program as it has grown from seven to 19 teams, expanded to involve more than 280 student athletes each year, and garnered numerous regional and national championships. During this time, Colby-Sawyer’s athletic programs have consistently been recognized for good sportsmanship and the success of our student athletes.

“I want to help make this a reality for our current students, as well as for prospective students.”

“We are committed to excellence at Colby-Sawyer, and that includes having excellent facilities. I’ve made this gift because a turf field is essential to the student athlete experience in northern New England, and I want to help make this a reality for our current students, as well as for prospective students,” McGrath said, before adding her trademark, “Go, Chargers!”

Athletic Director Deb McGrath celebrates her 25th year at Colby-Sawyer in 2012.
Honoring Our Alumni Athletes

by Ryan Emerson

Five alumni and former student athletes were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at a ceremony on Oct. 2, 2011, during the college’s Alumni Fall Festival. The honorees were soccer player Jay Geiger ’94; swimmer Signe Linville ’06; alpine ski racer Euginnia Manseau ’05; tennis player Christopher Pugliese ’05; and basketball player Andrew St. Clair ’06.

Established in 2006, the Hall of Fame celebrates the accomplishments of athletes, coaches, teams and supporters who have advanced the college’s commitment to excellence.

Jay Geiger ’94 of Watervie, N.Y., was one of the founding members of the men’s soccer team. A four-time team captain, he helped lay the groundwork for future program success and guided the Chargers to three winning seasons. Geiger is still tied for first in goals in a game with four, and points in a game with eight. He was selected as a New England Intercollegiate Soccer League All-Star and was named the team’s Most Valuable Player all four years as well as Colby-Sawyer’s Male Athlete of the Year as a senior.

Signe Linville ’06 of Enfield, N.H., remains one of the most decorated and versatile student athletes to hit the pool in college history. A two-time team captain, she led the women’s swimming team in the freestyle, breaststroke and individual medley, and she excelled when it counted the most. Linville holds seven individual records and was a member of all five relay teams that currently hold school records. She qualified for the New England Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Association Championships all four years and was a finalist in every one of her individual events all four years. In addition to her own achievements, Linville helped her teammates become Relay Conference Champions.

Euginnia Manseau ’05 of Vail, Colo., garnered five U.S. Collegiate Ski & Snowboard Association (USCSA) All-American Awards in her four years as an alpine ski racer. As a senior, she led the Chargers to a second-place tie at the USCSA National Championships and was also an Eastern Collegiate Ski Conference All-Region selection nine times. A two-time team captain, Manseau was named the most Valuable Team Member three years, which is tied for the most in program history. In addition to her skiing accomplishments, she played four years on the women’s soccer team.

Christopher Pugliese ’05 of Burlington, Mass., is one of the best men’s tennis players ever to compete for Colby-Sawyer. He currently holds school records in singles season victories (17), career...
Andrew St. Clair ‘06 of Malden, Mass., is one of the most outstanding men’s basketball players in the college’s history. He holds school records in rebounds (1,007), steals (206), blocks (142) and field goals (825). He was one of three players to eclipse 2,000 career points (2,043) and was nationally ranked in scoring and rebounding throughout his career. St. Clair was named Rookie of the Year in his first season and Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) Player of the Year three times. He also garnered regional and national awards, and was a National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) All-American Second Team selection.

St. Clair earned College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSida) Academic All-American honors in 2005 and 2006. He was named CoSida Academic All-District three times, D3hoops.com All-New England three times, and NABC All-Northeast District three times. He was the Colby-Sawyer Male Athlete of the Year and Senior Scholar Athlete of the Year in 2006. Following his collegiate career, he became the third Colby-Sawyer athlete to compete professionally overseas, playing forward for a year with the U.K.’s Northampton Neptunes.

In her four years as a Colby-Sawyer alpine ski racer, Euginnia Manseau ’05 of Vail, Colo., garnered five U.S. Collegiate Ski & Snowboard Association All-American Awards.

In her four years as a Colby-Sawyer alpine ski racer, Euginnia Manseau ’05 of Vail, Colo., garnered five U.S. Collegiate Ski & Snowboard Association All-American Awards.
Pablo Gomez Lillo is on campus for the 2011-2012 year through the Fulbright Foundation’s Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program, which assists young educators in refining their teaching and foreign language skills while sharing their native language and culture with their host communities.

The affable 23-year-old from Madrid, Spain studied elementary education at Universidad Complutense de Madrid. He loves to travel, play and watch basketball and soccer, and create and share art work. Last fall he taught an introductory course in Spanish language and culture and took two courses as a student.

What was your early life like, and how did you come to be at Colby-Sawyer?

When I was really young, I spent three years in Nashville, Tenn., where my mother (Pilar Lillo) was invited to work as a biophysics researcher. My father (Javier Gomez) is an antiques seller and the director of Madrid’s Playing Card Museum. My older brother, Daniel, is a filmmaker. Both of my parents worked, so my grandmother helped raise me and my brother. I spent almost my whole life in Ramiro de Maeztu, a public school. Some of the teachers and the school were so great. Teachers can change your life!

I became a teacher because I like working with children and have always wanted to teach. I’m finding that teachers don’t really have a lot of free time! I spent three years in college studying to be an elementary school teacher and two more years specializing in English, and taught English and arts and crafts to young children at my old school. Art is one of the most important subjects; we should teach students about art and artists from around the world.

I wanted to come here because I had already travelled to the United States; I like the people and am used to the culture. Two years ago I had a scholarship to study in New York City and then I was able to finish my studies at Newman University College in Birmingham, England.

How was your first semester?

At the beginning of my first class I sat and talked to students as they came in, asking them about going to other countries and what they thought the Spanish teacher would be like. When they were all there, I stood and said, ‘I’m your teacher!’ They were surprised because I’m not much older than them. I was expecting to have three or four students, but I had 14.
When I arrived at Colby-Sawyer I was surprised by all the international students. My class had students from Nepal, China, Haiti, Japan and America. I think it’s beautiful.

I focus on what young people like—music, sports, festivals, ways you can have fun in Spain. I try to link my classes to food—almost every week I bring in Spanish cheese or something. I had my students create short films in Spanish. At the beginning my students couldn’t express themselves in Spanish, and we had a lot of fun with that. The class laughs when I commit a mistake in English. I always ask them to tell me what I can do better. They say the class is really fresh; it’s relaxed. I make mistakes, but they are learning. We are learning.

This spring I will teach two classes with 50 students total. I was supposed to teach just one class, but my fall students want to continue. It will be a challenge, but it means students here want more languages! If I play a small part in bringing more languages to Colby-Sawyer, I will be very happy.

I am half teacher, half student. I’m taking a film class with Pat Anderson; he is such a fantastic teacher! I’ve learned a lot about movies from him, but also how to behave as a teacher and run a class.

**What do you miss about home?**

I miss cheering for the Estudiantes basketball team and helping my friends at my local comic book store, Atom Comics. At least I get to watch Real Zaragoza’s soccer games with my father by Skype. I also miss ‘sobremesa,’ the time after a meal when people sit and talk for a long time. You really get to know people! The other day they opened the dining hall from 9 to 11 p.m. for final exam study, and people were just sitting and talking. I was really happy! By talking at meals you get to know people’s cultures and learn to respect them. My friends here from Nepal like to get a plate of food and share it with others. For me, this is normal.

---

Pablo Gomez Lillo discusses his experiences at Colby-Sawyer with editor Kimberly Swick Slover.
Local Newspapers Linked to Healthy Communities

by Kimberly Swick Slover

The local newspaper is a mainstay in many communities—the best place to follow local issues, learn about upcoming events, and find out whether anyone you know has won a game or received an award. These newspapers may also play a larger role in building and unifying healthy communities, according to Assistant Professor of Humanities Masahiro Yamamoto.

A Ph.D. candidate at Washington State University’s Edward R. Murrow College of Communication, Yamamoto’s dissertation research explores the role of community newspapers in the social organization of the communities they serve.

“My hypothesis is that active community journalism helps foster local social networks and strengthens local organizations and institutions,” says Yamamoto. “It’s how people learn about what is happening in their community, and local culture and norms that serve to define deviant behavior and encourage behavior in conformity with their community’s collective goals. What I found in my dissertation research was that communities with active community newspapers tend to have a lower incidence of burglary and robbery. The prevalence of information from community newspapers helps increase the density of personal relationships, and close relationships constrain behavior and influence the probability that individuals will engage in crime.”

In his research, Yamamoto integrates existing studies in sociology and criminology into the role of mass communications in society, and examines data from the U.S. Census, crime statistics, and a national newspaper directory. He published the theoretical piece of his dissertation in an article, “Mass Media as a Macrolevel Source of Social Control: A New Direction in the Community Structure Model,” in November 2011 in the journal Mass Communications and Society.

Yamamoto’s article begins with analysis of the community structure model of mass communications, first introduced in 1973 by a Minnesota team of researchers, which suggests that local media’s influence on the stability of social systems revolves around their promotion of values espoused by local centers of power. Yamamoto is among the first researchers to link local mass media directly to communities’ ability to regulate social behavior and realize their collective core values.

“The previous research suggests that media reinforce the local power structure. In an attempt to extend the existing literature, I argue that local media function not just as a reflection of the elite interests,” Yamamoto says, “but also can be a key aspect of healthy communities by promoting local culture, residents and institutions.”

Although community newspapers are under pressure to adapt quickly to changing media landscapes, Yamamoto believes they will continue to play powerful and positive roles in local communities. “Digital and social media are a big challenge to traditional media,” he acknowledges, “but if they focus on their communities and integrate digital media into the production and distribution of community news, as some newspapers are already experimenting with, they should be fine.”

in research
New York Times bestselling author and Assistant Professor of Humanities David Elliott’s latest book, *In the Sea*, the third in a series of woodcut/verse picture books illustrated by Caldecott Honor-winning artist Holly Meade, was released in February 2012. Published by Candlewick Press, it received a starred review from *Booklist*, which praises this latest creation as “a playful exploration of life in the sea… The poems are tailor-made for reading aloud, with vocabulary sophisticated enough to challenge emerging readers while also engaging them in the fun of wordplay… A magnificent merger of words and images. It will not only appeal to poetry fans, but to all those children who marvel over the mysteries of the deep.” Professor Elliott is also Colby-Sawyer’s director of International Student Services and a faculty member in Lesley University’s M.F.A. in Creative Writing Program.

Frederick Stecker, adjunct Humanities faculty, is an Episcopal minister and a student of religion and culture. He holds doctorates from Bangor Theological Seminary and The Institute for the Study of Violence of the Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis. *Midwest Book Review* wrote that Professor Stecker’s book, *The Podium, the Pulpit, and the Republicans: How Presidential Candidates Use Religious Language in American Political Debate* (Praeger, 2011), “is so timely and such a valued contribution to the growing body of literature concerning the impact and influence of religion upon American politics, politicians and political movements,” describing it as a “highly recommended addition for academic and community library reference collections (and) supplemental reading lists for American Political Science curriculums.”

Ann Blackman ’66 spent many years covering politics for TIME magazine and the Associated Press and has published several books. Her latest, *Off to Save the World: How Julia Taft Made a Difference* (Maine Authors Publishing), is a biography of the legendary humanitarian aid expert. “With admiration and amusement,” notes political analyst Cokie Roberts, “Ann Blackman tells the story of Julia Taft, who changed the way the United States responds to disasters, proving that one person truly can make a difference in thousands, if not millions, of lives.”

Betsy Smith Budelman ’63 recently self-published her memoir *150 Montrose*, which examines her childhood in New Jersey during and immediately after WWII. “The stories behind the doors of the houses included in this book,” she writes, “reflect an era and lifestyle that should not be forgotten.”

Susan Chapman Melanson ’66 and her husband are the sugar makers behind High Acres Maple Syrup. *Our Love Affair with the Maple Tree* (lulu.com) is the story of how they came to start a maple sugaring enterprise. Filled with practical information, humorous anecdotes and color photographs, it should be a sweet treat for budding maple syrup producers, as well as those who are happy simply to consume the delicious stuff.

In 2002 Dierdre Dennis ’73 spent two months hiking the Appalachian Trail, an experience that forms the basis for her strikingly poetic book *Walking into Spring, or Bowling My Way Home* (lulu.com). As the introduction explains, “…what follows is a snapshot of a woman on a path, eerily familiar and yet, unfamiliar, to a destination once met she’d long for over and over again.”

Beverly Bethell Dolezal ’71 self-published her first book, *Seashell Poems and Reflections to Soothe the Soul*, in March 2011. A seashell enthusiast since her childhood in the Bahamas, Dolezal presents a dozen poems with accompanying photographs from noted conchologist S. Peter Dance.
The opportunity to teach in Florence, Italy, with the Global Explorations program in fall 2011 was an excellent motivator to revive my love of experiential education. Before I began my doctorate, I earned an M.A. in Education and taught environmental education at the University of Rhode Island, as well as led backpacking trips for various national organizations. My goal then was for my students to explore the natural world through direct contact with the flora, fauna, geology and cultural history of the sites we visited. To acquire intimate knowledge of the environment, there was no substitute for direct interaction with the plants, the animals and the landscape itself.

I took a similar approach to our semester in Italy, believing that one should experience the city of Florence to gain a deeper understanding of the literature and ideas that originated there. My aim was to bring students to the heart of the city through the study of literature and gardens, the topics of my courses.

I drew from the curriculum “City as Text,” used by the National Collegiate Honors Council to organize short encounters in urban environments, in which classes “read” the city as a representation of its social and intellectual traditions. This approach was used in the first two assignments to orient the students to the layout of the city and its public transportation, and to document their experience of a neighborhood. Through these exercises, I hoped to bypass barriers to observation and develop in my students the habits of mind associated with reflection and writing. It was also a way to encourage their independence, self-confidence and continued exploration of the city.

As a group, we expanded on this approach throughout the semester. Florence naturally wove itself into our readings and discussions, and almost every class session was conducted with the city as our classroom.

We would meet, discuss the day’s readings and then travel by foot or bus to a “place of encounter” between the text, the city and the self. My intention was to deepen students’ understanding of the texts by immersing them in environments that embodied or challenged their readings, or which captured the way literature informs our interpretations and experiences of life.

“This trip has made me want to do and see something new every day; to explore, learn and grow, without fear of what might be lost. Now, instead of being anxious in a new or challenging situation, I seize it as an opportunity to gain knowledge and... adventure.”

— Lesley Frank ’14
Two examples illustrate some of the ways that connections between literature, location and life developed in our classes. In the Galleria dell’Accademia, we read Michelangelo’s poetry at the feet of his famous “David” sculpture and in the shadows of his unfinished figures of “Prisoners.”

It was illuminating to allow the clearly Petrarchan, Neo-Platonic voice of his poetry to organize a reading of his sculptures: The powerful figures of prisoners, half-submerged in stone, seemed to represent the moment at which life battles against matter—the tipping point between freedom and slavery, between emerging into the world as a human being or returning to the formless void.

On another occasion, we read from Boccaccio’s Decameron high up in the Bardini Gardens, overlooking the city. Boccaccio borrowed heavily from the idea of the medieval “garden of love,” which valued adaptation and transformation over rigid hierarchies. All 100 stories of his book were told by young people sitting in gardens overlooking the city of Florence.

We reflected on the structure and the function of the garden through which we walked, and contemplated these stories of metamorphosis. This experience helped bring into focus many of the narrative patterns we encountered throughout the semester regarding love, the self and nature.

To encourage the students to engage in the city as a living text and to develop their own interpretive capacities, I asked them to choose a writer or a topic of interest to them and map it onto the city. The objective of this assignment was to combine research with an exploration of the streets, architecture and art of Florence, in a way that would lead both the student and the reader to a more complex appreciation of the subject and the city.

Mapping is a method of finding meaningful patterns in information, and when we are able to do that independently, we achieve a functional mastery of the subject. In this case, the subject was both Florence and the students’ own learning processes. It was a wonderful opportunity for the students and their teacher to examine the sources and manifestations of the Renaissance. I am especially proud of the students for engaging fully in the experience and accepting the challenges with patience and open minds.

Professor Kealy led the Global Explorations study abroad program in Florence, Italy, with a group of Colby-Sawyer students in fall 2011.
Affordable and accessible health care, including reproductive health care, emerged as the top issue on the 2011 New Hampshire Women’s Caucus Platform adopted Saturday, Nov. 12, at Colby-Sawyer College.

Timed to precede the first-in-the-nation primary and 2012 state and national elections, the New Hampshire Women’s Caucus identified critical issues for women and families and ways to effect positive change and ensure their priorities become part of the political dialogue.

Nearly 200 women and a smaller number of men from the state and region participated in an energetic caucus in which they debated and adopted an issues-based platform aimed at improving the status of women.

Participants also expressed strong support for workplace equality and flexibility, especially equal opportunities and pay for women, who earn an average of 20 percent less than men. They also called for affordable, high quality child care, the lack of which stymies the capacity of women across the socioeconomic spectrum to provide adequate financial support for their families and to advance their careers.

Additionally, the platform calls for the United States to ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), an international bill of rights adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1979, which defines women’s rights as human rights. The United States, along with Iran, Somalia and Sudan,
remain among the seven nations yet to ratify the treaty.

The Women’s Caucus began with remarks by Ann McLane Kuster, a public policy advocate and community activist who called for more women in leadership roles in the U.S. Congress and on Wall Street.

“Women bring a special sensibility to these areas; we’ve held our babies and watched our parents die. Our collective voice needs to be heard in Washington on the issues of the day: getting back to work, balancing our budgets, ending these two wars,” Kuster said, referring to U.S. military involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan.

A candidate for U.S. Congress, Kuster emphasized that “we can’t do this on the backs of the sick and the poor. Women are bearing the brunt of this downturn in the economy and need to be heard in this election. We’re talking about American values: liberty, equality and justice.”

In the afternoon, a panel discussed strategies and resources for bringing about positive social change. Panel moderator Melissa Meade, associate professor of Humanities at Colby-Sawyer and one of the three caucus founders, closed the panel by asking, “Who among us will run for office? Who among us will reach out to the media, or start our own media? And who among us will withdraw our obedience?”

The Women’s Caucus originated three years ago, when Assistant Professor of Humanities Margaret Wiley brought the idea to Professors Meade and Ann Page Stecker, her colleagues in the Humanities Department. The three faculty members agreed that Colby-Sawyer, as a former women’s college located in the first-in-the-nation presidential primary state, would be a perfect venue for hosting an event aimed at highlighting issues critical for women and families and empowering women as agents of change.

Prior to author Sheryl WuDunn’s keynote speech, Professor Wiley took to the stage at the Sawyer Center to announce the Women’s Caucus Platform, encouraging everyone to work together for positive change.

“Women’s issues are America’s issues,” Professor Wiley said, in remarks that echoed statements made throughout the day. “It’s hard to make change…and to make people listen and learn to see issues they thought they knew about with new eyes…The journey continues after the caucus ends. We need your talent and energy. Don’t let disagreements stop the conversation before it starts. We can work together. Women must always be advocates for change.”

To learn more and view videos, visit www.colby-sawyer.edu/news/nhwc2011.html.
A Dream in the Making

by Kimberly Swick Slover

Peter Mitchell ’14 grew up in Harlem in what he describes as a “racially narrow environment,” in a family with few financial resources. Yet even at a young age, he knew these limitations would not define him as a person.

Last semester, Mitchell, a Sociology major and Progressive Scholar, learned he had received the prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, which makes it possible for him to attend the University of Westminster in London this spring. The scholarship program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, gives American undergraduate students with high financial need a chance to study abroad and prepare for leadership roles in the global economy.

“Being able to study abroad excites me because learning about different cultures is what I am passionate about,” Mitchell wrote in an email in early January, on the day he departed for England.

Mitchell had his first exposure to a vastly different culture in high school when he traveled to India through Summer Search, a program that mentors students and develops their academic and leadership potential. He visited small villages, worked in rice fields, helped care for mentally disabled people, and volunteered at a center for children whose parents were HIV-positive.

“The experience in India expanded my vision and showed me there was so much more to a culture than what can be read in a textbook,” Mitchell wrote in his scholarship essay. “It has inspired me to continue to dream, to realize that travel abroad is not out of my reach, and to leave no stone unturned as it relates to opportunities to expand my life experiences.”

Summer Search also linked Mitchell to Colby-Sawyer’s Progressive Scholars program, which provides scholarships to promising urban students. The scholarship provided by Progressive Scholars made it possible for him to attend college and to thrive in an environment where he says “my voice actually counts.” At Colby-Sawyer he discovered his interest in sociology, and now he is “eager to take another step toward exploring the world through a study abroad program so that I can learn other cultural perspectives on sociology and political science theory. I know it will also help to extend my personal outlook and will be another life-changing experience.”

Associate Dean of International and Diversity Programs Pamela Serota Cote knew of Mitchell’s desire to study abroad and recommended he apply for the Gilman Scholarship. She calls him a promising student who has proven himself academically, earning a spot on the Dean’s list and a position as a teacher’s assistant. “I knew Peter would be a perfect candidate for the Gilman Scholarship for the same reason he was a perfect candidate for the Progressive Scholar program—he has overcome disadvantages with his determination, intelligence, curiosity and motivation to learn and grow,” Serota Cote says. “Studying abroad can be a transformative experience for many: it stretches a person’s boundaries, opens up new perspectives, and provides one with deeper senses of self and independence.” She believes he will “truly flourish in this experience.”

In addition to his studies in London, Mitchell plans to seek an internship to gain practical experience there, and he plans to explore England to learn about its history and culture. He has interest in international relations, especially relative to law and politics, and wonders whether he could become a diplomat. But for now, Mitchell needs to finish packing and get to the airport so he can fly toward his dream.

“...Learning about other cultures is what I am passionate about.”
Three years ago, Corey Felton ’03 was skiing down a remote slope near Jackson, Wyo., when the entire mountain suddenly seemed to pile down on top of him. All he could do was let the avalanche toss him down the mountain and hope for the best as he banged against trees and over rocks on his way down. Reflecting on the experience, he compares it to being pushed down by a strong wave while surfing, or to having concrete poured on top of him. But his first thought as the snow struck him was a more hopeful one: “I knew they’d find me. I had complete faith in that.”

Felton is no bunny sloper. With his younger brother, Taylor, and fellow Colby-Sawyer alumnus Topher Plimpton ’04, he has made a career of a brand of skiing that you don’t see in the Olympics or on weekend resort
jaunts. And it was those men he was skiing with that day, and who indeed came to his rescue. Plimpton reached him first, quickly clearing an ice dam from Felton’s throat. Felton had a busted knee, but otherwise escaped unharmed.

Felton and Plimpton’s style is called back country, or “big mountain,” skiing, and danger comes with the territory. The trio accesses their terrain via snowmobiles, in search of wilderness locations where there are serious cliffs to jump, and the “lines,” skiing lingo for swaths of downhill snow, are big. They ski frequently near their home base in Jackson, Wyo., but have also traveled to Alaska, Canada and France in pursuit of epic runs. As Plimpton put it, “The goal is just to chase the snow.”

That’s been the ambition for both Colby-Sawyer graduates almost since they could walk. Both come from skiing families on the East Coast; Plimpton’s family is in Vermont, and Felton’s is in Boston. They have been skiing since they were two years old, were involved in competitive racing during their childhood, and chose Colby-Sawyer in part because of its ski team.

But the trio does more than just ski together on weekends. This is their second ski season producing a web video series called The Run Around, which documents their adventures in short, dramatic segments posted on their website, therunaroundblog.com. The videos show the men soaring off high cliffs into soft powder below, weaving effortlessly around trees and boulders, and carving wide arcs down open untouched slopes of snow.

The camera follows them off the course, too. They often travel in a 30-foot-long trailer owned by Corey’s brother, Taylor. “Instead of just the 30 seconds of an amazing line, we want to give it that behind-the-scenes personal feel of the travel,” Plimpton said with a chuckle. “There are a lot of highs and lows when you have three dudes living in a 30-foot trailer for a month at a time.”

The 2012 season got off to an unpromising start, unfortunately. The Jackson area was slammed with snow in October which sat around turning to a consistency that Plimpton compares to ball bearings. “That’s the base layer we’re looking at, so any other snowfall has that underneath, which is never a good thing,” he explained. Though there’s

“That’s the base layer we’re looking at, so any other snowfall has that underneath, which is never a good thing,” he explained. Though there’s

“It’s a balance between what’s pushing and what’s stupid. Mother Nature’s good at reminding you when you’re being stupid.”
been little snow since then, Plimpton and Felton are optimistic for what’s to come.

They have also toyed with competing in the Free Skiing World Tour, the most prominent big mountain skiing tour in the world. Plimpton plans to enter a few other competitions this season, but although winning can mean prize money, competing can be expensive. To really excel, he explained, a skier should be at every event, from Revelstoke, in British Columbia, to a resort outside Santiago, Chile. “Either you’re full-on or just playing with it a bit,” he said. “That’s not only expensive, but it takes a lot of time.”

In the off-season, they work and train in other sports. Felton is a dirt-biker, and Plimpton enjoys mountain biking. Their former coach at Colby-Sawyer, Andrew Gannon, who is now head coach at Plymouth State, still sends them training routines.

Even with all their success, Felton and Plimpton have to make ends meet with a patchwork of financial sources. Their sport is expensive, even though they do it the relatively cheap way; costs would skyrocket if they traveled more widely or used helicopters. Snowmobiling comes with repair costs—and occasional $75 tickets for being caught in an area without the proper permitting—but is affordable.

Both have individual sponsorships with ski companies that pay them to wear and promote their gear. They produce the Run Around to have a product to show other potential sponsors what they’re up to. Perhaps one of them would be interested in placing the episodes on a different site that would expand their reach and income. As it is, Plimpton said with a rueful laugh, “We’re broke all the time.” “Constantly,” Felton chimed in cheerfully.

Their retirement funds aren’t the only things the pair puts at risk by skiing. As Felton’s avalanche encounter made clear, this is a physically dangerous pursuit. When asked, a bit hyperbolically, if their sport is “insanely dangerous,” they demur. “If it were couple avalanche scares every season. They both say their families worry about them, but they stay in frequent touch to try to alleviate those concerns.

“We obviously try to make it as safe as possible,” Plimpton said. They carry plenty of safety equipment; the fact that Felton was wearing a helmet and a transceiver in that 2009 avalanche probably saved his life. Both men are Wilderness First Responders, a designation for people trained to respond to back-country emergencies, and they’re experienced at techniques for avalanche control.

On the other hand, if they’re not putting themselves in some danger, they’re not doing their jobs. “It’s one of those elements where if you’re not pushing and you’re not skiing hard enough, you’re not excelling,” Plimpton continued. “It’s a balance between what’s pushing and what’s stupid.”
Mother Nature’s good at reminding you when you’re being stupid.”

A career of such extreme athleticism doesn’t last forever, as any 30-something retired athlete knows. Eventually a skier’s body doesn’t do what it used to. Plus, as Felton put it, “As you get older, sponsors are looking for the youngest, new and better thing, and that’s when you move on.”

Neither of them is in any rush to quit. On the other hand, he said, “I don’t want to completely destroy myself and be in a wheelchair at 40.”

So what will Felton and Plimpton do when skiing is no longer a full-time option? Felton has spent every off season working as an arborist in Jackson, pruning and felling trees, “basically trying to make enough money to accommodate the winter season.” When he’s done skiing, he says, he’d like to make a serious career of that by either starting his own company or buying the one he works for. He’s hopeful that he could continue to make do by working just half the year, as his current boss does. “That’s another reason I can’t really completely destroy myself,” he explained. “I still need my body to work.”

Plimpton took a job last fall as the winter sports manager for Scott Sports, an equipment manufacturer based in Sun Valley, Utah. He travels the five hours east to ski with Felton in Jackson regularly, but it makes coordinating their schedules trickier than it used to be. He seems aware of the roads not taken. “The majority of our friends are married with a kid now,” he mused. “It’s kinda surreal to look at how lives can go different directions. I don’t regret it in the least, but you think about how long you can do this for, how long you want to be pinching pennies and making sacrifices.”

But when you hear the sheer joy that both men exude when they’re talking about hitting the slopes, it’s hard to imagine them quitting completely. “It’s like a drug to be out there exploring, taking those calculated risks with an element like Mother Nature,” Plimpton said. “There are no other factors going on but you and the slope. It’s a hard question to think about, when you’ll hang it up, if you totally can hang it up.” For these two, there may be no such thing.

Ruth Graham is a freelance writer based in New Hampshire.

Topher Plimpton flies off a cliff through the sky while skiing in the high mountains near Jackson Hole, Wyo.
The Picture of Nursing Excellence

by Kate Dunlop Seamans

Kate Sheaff
Husband, RN, ’07 of Enfield, N.H., has a simple philosophy that guides her work as a critical care nurse in the Intermediate Special Care Unit (ISCU) at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC): Be there. Be there for the patient in the bed, distorted by tubes and drains, and be there for the entire constellation of family and friends who are anxious to hear news.

“I don’t have just one patient on an assignment,” says Husband. “I can have up to 20 if there’s a waiting room full of family. They’re my patients, too.”

“Katelyn is the picture of the Areté award—nursing excellence,” says Deanna Orfanidis, nursing director of the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and the ISCU.

Husband, who is halfway through the family nurse practitioner master’s program at Rivier College in Nashua, N.H., was surprised to hear she had won the award.

“My manager and two educators sort of ambushed me in the office; I thought I was in trouble but couldn’t think what I’d done wrong. I actually cried when they told me,” says Husband. “I don’t make a big deal about what I do so when the focus is on me it’s a shock, but it is nice to know what I do is appreciated. It made me even more proud of what I do on a daily basis. I wouldn’t do anything else, that’s for sure. I’m proud to be a nurse.”

Her spouse, Garrett Husband ’07, a Sports Management major who earned his M.B.A. at Plymouth State University, also works at DHMC, in revenue management, and was in the audience at the ceremony that recognized Katelyn and others for their outstanding contributions to nursing.

The eight-bed ISCU, the level of care between the ICU and the floor, feels like its own little world in the universe of Dartmouth-Hitchcock. The patients there are either doing well and have come out of the ICU or are failing and need to go there. Husband provides care to a mix of medical and surgical cases: kidney and pancreas transplant recipients, patients with respiratory issues, GI bleeds, and neuro trauma cases—if they are not complicated by drains or intubation.

Nurse Tom Sweet, who has worked with Husband for two years, says she is a first-rate teammate. “You know when Katelyn’s

I’m proud to be a nurse.

This philosophy serves Husband and her patients well, and her effective caring, teaching and collaboration were recognized in 2011 when her colleagues and leadership nominated her for DHMC’s Areté Award for Nursing Excellence.
working that she’s got your back. When she’s in charge she’s very conscientious about making sure everyone’s okay. She’s a great person and a great resource. Whatever her education was, you can tell it was quality because she’s very good.”

The Road to DHMC

When Husband was 16 and her grandmother fell ill, she witnessed the difference nurses can make, not only for their patients but also for families.

“Everyone was really upset and the nurse came in to speak to my family and said, ‘Ask me whatever you want to know,’” recalls Husband. “I thought, Wow, that took a lot of guts. And she answered everything. She was just so caring with everybody.”

Though everyone in her family is a teacher, Husband knew she wanted a medical career. She broke the family mold of attending Keene State College, where her father was a professor, and chose to pursue a nursing degree instead of entering the field of education.

When she met nursing faculty Shari Goldberg and Renee Vebell, she knew she’d found the right place to finish her college education. “Colby-Sawyer’s Nursing Department is great; you can go to the faculty for anything, and I still do,” says Husband.

The college’s affiliation with DHMC mattered, too. When Husband proudly drove her parents up to see the hospital for the first time, she says they were in awe. “They still can’t believe what I do,” she laughs. “But when my sister’s water broke early she was sent here; she was on bed rest for 30 days while my niece was in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for 61 days. Everyone stayed at my house and they got a taste of what I do in this big place. I think there’s more appreciation now for what I do.”

And certainly Husband finds herself in the role of educator, teaching Colby-Sawyer students when they have an instructor on the floor and during their 12-week senior practicum. “The relationship between Colby-Sawyer and DHMC is amazing, and a lot of bright futures are coming out of it,” says Husband. “It makes me so excited. It’s a great program and a great alliance.”

When Colby-Sawyer students walk through the doors of DHMC, what Husband and others notice is the personality aspect. “They’re not afraid to go in a room and smile and say hi, introduce themselves, and take a set of vital signs. They have communication skills, which is the biggest thing,” says Husband. “They are very open and relaxed, and with other schools’ students I don’t see that. Colby-Sawyer students get a lot more bedside time with the patient. You learn a lot more. It’s part of the clinical program, to introduce yourself and tell the patient what you’re going to do before you do it. It’s something I was taught, and I still do it, and I teach it to students who come here from schools other than Colby-Sawyer.”

“Colby-Sawyer got me to where I am and I’m thankful for that,” says Husband. “I love it more than anything; it’s a beautiful campus and I love the program and the people there. It started a career that’s such a blessing to be a part of. I love what I do, and it all started with Colby-Sawyer.”
The fifth grader, a shy Haitian girl named Daphney, considered her teacher’s question. She folded her hands together and stared at them, avoiding her teacher’s gaze. Outside, palm trees stood straight and tall in the Florida sun, guarding the school and casting shadows across the rows of desks. Daphney hesitated to share her dream with this teacher.

“Daphney?” the teacher prodded. Her white classmates snickered.

Daphney pictured her mother in her scrubs and how she came home with a look of exhausted pride each day with tales from her shift. She took a deep breath and said in a soft voice, “When I grow up, I want to be a nurse.”

“Well, it’s always nice to dream, isn’t it,” her teacher said, unkindly, before applauding another student’s desire to be a firefighter. Daphney slumped in her seat. Over the years, hearing that message in a thousand ways, a girl doesn’t dare to think of great things for herself.
On an August afternoon, a cool breeze moves through the leaves of two European elms. Their branches shelter Daphney Noel '12 from the sun as she stands before the Robert Gould Shaw Memorial across from the Massachusetts State House. Tourists stream by on the brick sidewalk spot where Noel stands in her National Park Service uniform—sturdy polished shoes, a shiny nametag, green pants, gray shirt and a ranger hat—and stop to ask if she has maps of Boston’s famous Freedom Trail. With an easy smile, she says no and tells them where to find the map kiosk. Then she invites them to take her free tour of the Black Freedom Trail that winds through Beacon Hill’s north side.

The tourists look confused, ask again about the Freedom Trail maps, and set out in the direction of Noel’s pointing finger.

Noel, a History, Society and Culture major completing her Colby-Sawyer internship requirement as a National Park Service ranger at the Boston African American National Historic Site (BOAF), wishes the tourists would stick around long enough to learn more, but their itineraries are often scheduled to the minute. The site is a collection of structures owned by blacks prior to the Civil War. Massachusetts abolished slavery in 1783, and by the mid-19th century, Boston was home to a community of 3,000 free blacks who owned homes and businesses, built schools and churches. On the north side of Beacon Hill, some of these strong individuals spoke their minds in voices that united and turned into action. They confronted the realities of the far-reaching Fugitive Slave Act of 1850, which required the recovery of runaway slaves and denied them a jury trial. Free blacks were not immune, and once sold into slavery, they had no legal recourse. When war broke out, they enlisted in the 54th Regiment to fight with the Union.

The story of the Black Heritage Trail is similar to that of the Freedom Trail, says BOAF site supervisor Terry Brown, because everyone involved was fighting for the same thing.

Daphney Noel ’12 explains the 54th Regiment’s significance to visitors in front of the Boston memorial created by Augustus Saint-Gaudens. The 54th Regiment was the first black regiment recruited in the North after President Abraham Lincoln admitted African American soldiers into the Union forces in 1863.
“When you start talking about slavery and overcoming the odds and picking yourself up by your bootstraps, we all can relate to that,” says Brown. “Sometimes I feel people are turned off by our name. They think, ‘Oh, African American National Historic Site, I don’t have time to do that. I’m not sure if I want to engage in this deep, very involved story that will remind me of a horrific past.’ But it’s a very relevant story with a lot of great moving parts.”

Right on time, Noel pulls her tour together in front of the monument. She takes a deep breath. Her gentle voice grows strong and animated as she leads the tour up and down the contours of Beacon Hill, populating Boston’s 21st-century streets with characters from the huge, beautiful and tragic story of slavery, and freedom, in the 19th century. At one point, a frazzled resident carrying groceries along a quiet street walks right between Noel and her audience as if they were not there. Past and present blur in a shimmer of summer heat. Halfway along the route, as she stands on a corner sharing an example of the injustices Boston’s free blacks faced, an older gentleman in a tan jacket, sporting a bow tie under a pale, wobbly chin, very deliberately crosses the street to interrupt Noel.

“She’s making this all up. I live around the corner, I see these people around here all the time. They make it all up.”

He says this with a smile, as if history were a joke, and doffs an imaginary hat as he moves on.

But Noel knows the power of history, and the power of knowledge, and she continues as if he were never there at all.

Voice and Action
Noel carries herself with the confidence of a woman who knows where she’s going, in large part because she knows where she comes from.

“Until recently, I didn’t consider myself African American. I was Haitian. If you said Haitian American, I’d say no, I’m Haitian,” says Noel. “My mother would give me books about African American leaders and tell me, ‘Know who you are!’ When I started getting into actual African American history, I realized the struggle’s the same. It’s something that stuck with me and something I grew to love.”

It wasn’t easy, though, learning to love her history and find her voice. When

“We don’t just go to school, black and white children together, just because we can. People before us fought for that right—for me.”
her grandmother eventually saved enough, she bought a townhouse in an Orlando neighborhood full of white homeowners that was large enough for her strict Christian household of seven children and several grandchildren. Though the family listened to gospel music, their neighbors complained about their “rap music.” Though Noel was painfully shy and quiet, she was labeled a noisy troublemaker. The family watched For Sale signs sprout around them as all their white neighbors moved away.

“I hated my childhood, mostly because of school,” she says. “I was discriminated against because I was black, and among the very few black kids in my school, I was discriminated against because I was Haitian. I could never win because I didn’t fit in with anybody. The school was segregated in every way you can imagine. It was just ridiculous, so I kept to myself and stayed in my own little bubble.”

Trips to Cambridge, Mass., every summer to visit her aunt, an accountant, and her uncle, a downtown hotel manager, provided glimpses of another world.

“Florida is not as diverse as people may think. Actually, it’s not diverse at all; it is very conservative and still very segregated,” says Noel. “And Southern schools ... quite frankly, I was bored. I was told not to have goals—that teacher never thought I could be a nurse—and you begin to think you’re gonna grow up and get a 10-hour shift job and just sit there as a cashier or something. I never saw myself going to college. It’s not that college wasn’t something I wanted to do, I just couldn’t see myself going. I didn’t see myself coming this far, period.”

In Cambridge, Noel hung out with black, white and Hispanic kids in the neighborhood, a combination she says would have been considered an “abomination” at home in central Florida. She loved Cambridge and its social freedoms, and she told her mother she wanted to move north. In Haitian culture, Noel says, a daughter is always supposed to be by her mother.

Noel had made up her mind, though, and she moved just in time to start high school in 2004.

**Culture Shock**

If Florida schools had bored Noel, Cambridge’s Rindge and Latin School floored her.

“Oh, my goodness,” Noel exhales at the memory. “The culture shock, wow. First of all, white students talked to me. I had to learn how to open up. One teacher said, ‘You’re so mad all the time!’ I told her I wasn’t mad, just quiet. But I was stuck with that mentality of ‘Why do you care, you’re white,’ because that’s what I grew up with. Coming north was an eye opener.

“And I realized how far behind I was. You hear that the North has better schools, but I didn’t think...
it was going to be that hard to transfer. When I first came here, though, I had three tutors, one before school, one during and one after. What was review for most freshmen, I was learning for the first time. Like algebra. It took me two years to catch up."

Once Noel caught up there was no stopping her, and she became a self-proclaimed overachiever who joined an honors college preparation program at Rindge and Latin. College started to seem like a possibility.

In her senior year, Noel heard about a chance to stay overnight at a small college called Colby-Sawyer and learn more about its brand new Progressive Scholar Program, created to recruit talented urban and underrepresented students. She was scared to leave home even for that short amount of time, but a full four-year scholarship was on the line, and her family insisted she pursue the opportunity.

"There was a huge snowstorm when I visited, but I have never seen such a friendly place in my whole life. Everyone says hi and waits for a response. We don’t do that in Boston," Noel laughs. "But the fact that the school was small and the teachers knew their students caught my attention ‘cause I am not a number."

On that visit, Noel says, she could count the number of black people she saw on one hand.

By the time Colby-Sawyer offered her a full scholarship, Noel had options. All but two of the 20 colleges she applied to had accepted her, and one southern university offered a nearly full scholarship. "I will never go back to the South," she says emphatically. "I’ve had enough of the South in my life. It was a great offer, but it was an absolute no."

Noel engaged in campus life immediately and joined every club she could. “It was the best year ever. I was always doing something,” she says. Then she got her grades and realized she needed to balance academic work and activities. It wasn’t until sophomore year, though, that she found her voice on campus and broke out of her shell.

"I grew up on gospel music in a strict Christian family. My mother sings, I sing, my sister sings, my brother sings—it’s something I love, and I always wanted a gospel group at Colby-Sawyer," Noel says. "My friend suggested I start one and I was like, ‘Are you crazy?’ He pushed me for a year. Then new Progressive Scholars arrived the next year, and I heard them singing gospel all the time. We started talking one on one about the idea of a group but they were a big group and intimidated me!’"

When Christian Fellowship advisor Cindy Benson asked Noel to sing at a service on Family Weekend, she was so scared she talked to students about singing with her. Instead of the two or three she expected, 20 students showed up for rehearsal.

"My heart was pounding. Someone started singing, and I knew the song, and people jumped in and pretty soon we all were singing. Cindy walked in and said, ‘We have a new choir at Colby-Sawyer!’ I thought, oh my goodness, I really did just start a choir. I’m shaking, even when I talk about it now. That’s something no one would ever believe I’d do.”

Now in its third year, the gospel choir is an official club with more than 30 members. “That is what..."
I have given to Colby-Sawyer,” Noel says. But that was singing, something the shy girl was more comfortable with: To sing gospel was her testimony. “When it came to talking in front of people and interpreting history for them, that was a different story,” Noel says. “But I wanted to do it; it’s something I love, so I was determined to do it.”

“It is the kind of determination fostered by a mother who let her daughter fly, that was nurtured by family and tutors and teachers who believed in her, that was unleashed in a small college community in New Hampshire. It’s the kind of determination one needs to make change in the world.

“If you don’t know where you came from, where you stand, you’re not going to know how to move on,” Noel says. “You’re going to end up making the same mistakes. We don’t just go to school, black and white children together, just because we can. People before us fought for that right—for me. To intern with the government or go to Colby-Sawyer or get the scholarship that I did—it was not done just on my own.

“Nobody gets where they are on their own. They fought for us to have equal rights and integrated schools, but it’s up to me to actually finish school. It’s my choice. If I don’t, I’m just letting that opportunity go to waste. My ancestors would have fought for no reason. I look back and I think, my goodness, I’ve made it this far! But learning never ends, you just need to find what you love and dig deeper. You’ll never be bored or finished. There’s always more to learn.”

So says the woman who was nearly silenced as a child, whose goal now is to be a child advocate and a voice for those who can’t yet speak for themselves.

“It’s nice to dream. Watch out, world. Here comes Daphney Noel, and she’s got a lot to say.

“I’ve seen such a change in Daphney; it’s been humbling to watch. I’ll never forget her in the admissions process; she presented herself as so quiet and shy, and she’s anything but—this is a student who can sing in front of 100 people!”

“Daphney wrote me a note after we accepted her about what this scholarship means to her. I know there was doubt, but she forged ahead and has blossomed—it’s remarkable to see a student so excited about her future. She realizes that what lies ahead is a wide expanse of possibilities. The journey is all part of it, and her education has opened that up. I can’t wait to see what the future holds for her.”

— Jennifer Smith, senior associate director of Admissions and director of International and Diversity Recruitment
Why did you choose an internship with the National Park Service?

Daphney Noel (DN): My mother used to say, ‘Know where you come from.’ I wondered if Boston had something devoted to African American history and started looking. I talked to a ranger who told me about BOAF, and I thought it was so cool I asked if I could get a job here. She said to talk to her supervisor and that’s how it started.

I tell my friends I’m with the National Park Service and if they know about the Freedom Trail, they’ll mention that. I tell them no, I work at the Boston African American Historic Site, and they’re like, ‘What? Where? That name is too long.’ They’ve never heard of it. These are people who have lived in Boston forever. Some of them have taken the tour now and they say, ‘All this history is right here? Wow!’ That was my reaction, too.

What skills were required for this internship and what were your responsibilities?

Terry Brown (TB): I look for a nice personality. Our title is National Park Service, so you’ve got to have that customer service attitude. And, you’ve got to be able to speak to large and small groups, and that’s not easy. You’re required to read books and then go out and tell the public what’s in them.

DN: I give tours Tuesday through Saturday, either at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. My days start with a staff meeting and then we get our assignments. For example, I might have a morning tour which lasts 90 minutes and then go on a rove, where I walk around and tell people about our tours and BOAF. I might do a Shaw talk at the Robert Gould Shaw Memorial. Tourists love to take pictures of the monument but don’t know its significance, so I inform those who are willing to listen.

BOAF partners with the Museum of African American History.

Our job at the museum is to open up the building and welcome visitors. There are two floors of exhibits and a short film about the Black Heritage Trail tours. Some days I do two tours, which is crazy; Beacon Hill is not called Beacon Hill for no reason. It’s hard walking up the hills in 90 degrees with high humidity. But overall, I love my job!

What was your first day like?

DN: After my first tour the people said, ‘You did really good but you were so nervous!’ They said I gave too many facts, which shocked me, since I thought facts were the point. They wanted more of a story, though. So that’s what I’ve been working on, and I’ve gotten better with every tour.

How did you prepare for this job?

DN: Coming in, I was very nervous. In my two weeks of training I had to learn about BOAF and the history of the free black community in Boston during the late 18th and 19th centuries. To do that, I read books such as Where Death and Glory Meet, Black Bostonians and Sarah’s Long Walk.

I also looked at every single page on the website and shadowed my coworkers. I saw how they filtered the same information through their personalities into their tours. They’re sharing the same history but the way they deliver it is so different. I had to form my own style.

How has your course work helped with your internship?

DN: I was a psychology major but Professor Randy Hanson converted me to history. He’s a good teacher. I’ve always loved history but I never thought about it as a major. I’m still into psychology, though, and I might go back to it for my master’s and a doctorate. Or maybe law school. I would like to be a child advocate and speak for those who can’t speak for themselves.
I'm typically a shy person and in Randy's classes, you can't be shy. Plus working here and dealing with the public, you have to be outspoken. And I'm comfortable with it now; you'd never know I was shy. This internship definitely brought me out of my shell.

**What do you think of the uniform?**

DN: I feel all professional working for the federal government. I love my uniform; it fits me and most clothes don't. People respect me more when I'm wearing it; it has power. And the National Park Service is a federal agency so there's a military flavor to the way we do things. For example, we have to stand to greet someone and welcome them.

**Someone called you a racist recently. What happened?**

DN: A woman came into the Museum of African American History with her National Parks Passport and a list of parks and museums she can visit for free. The museum is not under the National Park Service and charges a $5 fee. I told her that and she said 'No, I have my passport, I should be here for free.' She went to the register and they told her the same thing. She started yelling, 'You're a racist, if a black person came in here you'd let them in.' I told her I had no say in the museum charging people but that we do give free tours. She was so heated and upset that she walked out. Her husband came back to apologize, but you have to deal, unfortunately, with people like that. They still see it as a black and white situation and it's not—it may be black history, but it's our history, it's American history. People like to put colors on stuff. Black, white, whatever, it's still our history. That's what I try to tell people.

TB: That is so beautiful, I could give you a hug right now. I love that. Life is full of obstacles; how you deal with them is key. I want to teach people how to deal with those difficult things. If you're able to understand your history, you're able to have a conversation about what really happened, and if you're comfortable in the story there's no need to get angry. You're not going to please everyone, but a lot of people are willing to listen. People want to hear it; they just need to be comfortable and know it's relevant to them.

**Have there been other tough days?**

DN: Teachers are the hardest people to have on your tour because they challenge you, and you have to make the Park Service look good and be respectful. You just have to stay calm; even when you get frustrated you smile and let it go. This experience definitely got me to break out of my shell and now I'm speaking to you guys! With no hesitation, and I'm confident, and I think this job definitely boosted my confidence. I can say I'm not shy anymore!

TB: On her first day, I saw a young lady who was not sure what this internship would bring. She was shy and talked with her head down, her voice very low. I love the transition. I really do. Out west when people see a park ranger, they know what comes with the uniform. You walk the streets here, people are like, ‘Who are you, are you feeding squirrels or what?’ It is a hurdle you have to overcome. Then you have to tell them a story that can be controversial, on the surface, and then you have to put a smile on that and make them feel welcome. It's a huge challenge. Not everyone can do it. It's difficult to read these books and go out and tell that story to professors and people who study this topic on their own; you get people who play what we call 'Stump the Ranger.' It’s not easy, and to see Daphney where she is now is really nice. She's put in the work, and it shows. Good job. You should be very proud of yourself, Daphney.
The third annual Alumni Fall Festival took place on campus from Friday, Oct. 1, to Sunday, Oct. 3. Despite a lack of cooperation from Mother Nature, the event was a great success, with a record-breaking number of alumni, friends and family making their way to New London from across the country. Weekend events included faculty-led workshops, campus tours, the annual alumni athletic competitions, class reunion gatherings and parties, and more.

During Saturday's All-Alumni Gala Celebration, Karen Craffey Eldred '86, a longtime college volunteer and current member of the Board of Trustees, was recognized with the 2011 Alumni Service Award in honor of her steadfast devotion to her alma mater. The Graduate Award was presented to Jaycee McCarthy '11 by Judeen Cameron Barwood ’58, ’09, whose grandmother established the award in 1935. The college was also pleased to recognize reunion classes for their generous support of the Colby-Sawyer Fund. The Class of 1951 received the award for the highest percentage of giving, while the Class of 1956 was honored for contributing the highest amount to the fund. Alumni Fall Festival 2012 will take place Friday, Oct. 12 to Sunday, Oct. 14. Mark your calendar now and plan to join the campus community for a weekend of fun and camaraderie.

Class agent Ruth Gray Pratt ’51 accepts the silver bowl award from Director of Annual Giving Chris Reed. The Class of 1951 was honored as the reunion class with the highest percentage of donors to the Colby-Sawyer Fund.

Barbara Steinemann Crosby ’61 and her husband, David, are greeted by President and Susan Galligan at the 50th reunion cocktail party at the President’s House.

Julie Morgan ’14 points to a photo of her grandmother, Virginia Colpitts Bowers ’50, in the 1950 Colbyan yearbook.

Judeen Cameron Barwood ’58, ’09 presented Jaycee McCarthy ’11 with the Graduate Award.
Class agent Nancy Hoyt Langbein ’56 accepts the silver bowl award from Director of Annual Giving Chris Reed. The Class of 1956 was honored as the reunion class that raised the most money for the Colby-Sawyer Fund.

Alumni returned to campus to find classmates and other Colby-Sawyer friends, as well as to meet other alumni. Gathered at the beer tent, these young alumni include (back row from left) Erinn Ring ’11, Stef Turner ’11, Mallary Blair ’08, Katherine Lee ’11, Allyson Newell ’08, Phoebe Wolcott-MacCausland ’08, and Pearson Neal ’07 and front row, from left: Liz Williams ’11, Abbie Morse ’10 and Deb MacEachern ’11.

At Alumni Fall Festival, some members of the Class of 1991 gathered for a toast during their 20th reunion celebration. The group includes (from left) Laura Hockmeyer Reynolds, Jodi Dow Bonewald, Stefanie Baker Johnstone, Kristin Helle Hojnoski, Larissa Kezema and Katie DeWolfe Gardner.

Recipient of the Alumni Service Award Karen Craffey Eldred ’86 and Director of Alumni Relations Tracey Austin.

Pam Stanley Bright ’61 and Jackie Taft Lowe ’61 and her husband, John, at the President’s House for the 50th Reunion cocktail party.
College Celebrates a New Legend

Sally Shaw Veitch ’66

by Kate Dunlop Seamans

When Colby-Sawyer athletes are able to train and compete outside later in the fall and earlier in the spring than ever before, they will have trustee Sally Shaw Veitch ’66, along with other alumni and friends of the college, to thank. An alumna with a long history of dedication to her college, Veitch’s latest act of support is an extraordinary lead gift to help build a turf field and track.

Flanked by Legends Society members Pat Kelsey, Jean Thielen Wheeler, Sheridan S. Danforth, Pat Thornton ’56 and Susan Morrison Mayer ’50, and before an audience of college community members, Veitch was inducted as the newest member of this impressive group. The Legends Society honors those whose lifetime philanthropy at the college equals $1 million or more.

Since she graduated in 1966, Veitch has been a loyal and supportive alumna who has returned to campus for reunions and President’s Alumni Advisory Council meetings. She has been a leadership donor to the Colby-Sawyer Fund for more than 20 years.

In 2007, Veitch’s generous support helped complete the new field house floor, and she has been an early lead donor in the campaign for the new fine and performing arts center. At the induction ceremony, President Galligan said her most recent gift will “transform the lives of Colby-Sawyer’s student athletes, intramural participants, campus runners and walkers, and our entire community.”

Transformative gifts such as Veitch’s, says Board of Trustees Chair Tom Csatar, have propelled Colby-Sawyer toward new levels of academic excellence during every stage of the college’s history.

“We are especially mindful of the profound impact that extraordinary gifts have on the college,” says Csatar. “Our Legends have shaped Colby-Sawyer and inspire each of us to do all we individually can do to support today’s students and ensure a robust future for the college.”

After the ceremony, Veitch was invited to walk through an honor corridor of student athletes, those who will most immediately and directly benefit from the addition of a turf field and track, after which she enjoyed a reception in her honor.
Med Tech Alumni Honor Beloved Professor

Rebecca Brewster Irving ’42 MT

by Beth Cahill

Nearly 50 Medical Technology alumni, with class years spanning more than five decades, travelled from points across the country to converge on the Alumni Fall Festival 2011 at Colby-Sawyer. These alumni shared more than a major, though: They are all former students and friends of a much respected and beloved teacher, Professor Emerita Rebecca “Becky” Brewster Irving ’42 MT.

For 28 years Professor Irving taught at the college and led the Medical Technology Department. Professor Irving’s commitment to her students and to then-Dean Eleanor Dodd remains the cornerstone of her relationship with her college. She broke barriers to find clinical placements at 75 hospitals in 23 states for her students; she held her students to high expectations; and she followed her students and tracked their progress long after they graduated.

After a luncheon at Lethbridge Lodge, Professor Irving told the group how proud she was of them, and how especially grateful she was for the work they did during her tenure to raise the $250,000 for a laboratory at New London Hospital.

Professor Irving takes great pride in her students, and in turn, they are deeply grateful for her firm, no-nonsense leadership and support over so many years. Their long-awaited reunion was a wonderful opportunity to reminisce and express joy and gratitude for their shared history and success.

Professor Irving relaxes at the center of a gathering of nearly 50 Medical Technology alumni, who honored her in a joyous reunion at Lethbridge Lodge during the 2011 Alumni Fall Festival.
News from Alumni Relations and Annual Giving

New Alumni Directory Project Underway

The Colby-Sawyer Alumni Office is pleased to announce a partnership with Publishing Concepts, Inc., (PCI) to produce the first new alumni directory since 2005. PCI is a long-standing and reputable company in the directory business, and has published alumni directories for thousands of educational institutions across the country. PCI will be contacting alumni by postcard and e-mail, inviting alumni to call a 1-800 number to confirm and update their contact and business information. This request is legitimate and the information will be used only to update Colby-Sawyer’s alumni database and to print the new directory. The college will receive a small portion of the proceeds from the sale of each directory.

Where is Your Colby-Sawyer 4K Challenge Race Bib?

A group of donors has laid down a challenge: If 4,000 people (including 3,000 alumni) make a gift to the Colby-Sawyer Fund this fiscal year, the college will receive an additional gift of $200,000! Each person who makes a gift will receive an official CSC 4K race bib. Send us a picture of you displaying your bib and show off your Colby-Sawyer pride! All pictures will be displayed on the 4K webpage (colby-sawyer.edu/giving). When the fiscal year closes on June 30, 2012, the most creative entry will win a pair of Red Sox tickets.

Thanks to Our Alumni Inaugural Delegates

In 2011, three alumni represented President Thomas Galligan and Colby-Sawyer College as official delegates to inaugural ceremonies at other colleges and universities. We are grateful to these alumnae who accepted inaugural delegate invitations: Judeen Cameron Barwood ’58, ’09 at Vermont Technical College on Sept. 30; Susan Rich Daylor ’71 at the University of Massachusetts on Nov. 1, and Ellie Goodwin Cochran ’71 at Rivier College on Nov. 18.

Colby-Sawyer May Come to an Area Near You!

Visit www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni/events for a complete list of upcoming alumni events.

Save-the-Date:

Alumni Fall Festival 2012
Friday, Oct. 12 – Sunday, Oct. 14

Reconnect with friends and classmates, and celebrate your college memories. Find out more at www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni/fallfestival.

Contact the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving:

(800) 266-8253 or alumni@colby-sawyer.edu
Volunteer Extraordinaire

Tony Librot ’94

by Tracey Austin

Since his graduation from Colby-Sawyer College 17 years ago, Tony Librot has made his alma mater a priority in his life. Not only has he supported the college financially as a loyal donor to the Colby-Sawyer Fund, but he’s also shared his time and talent generously. Librot was a member of the former Alumni Council, has worked on his class reunion committees, and since 2007 has served on the President’s Alumni Advisory Council.

Additionally, Librot, a managing partner with the Waldron H. Rand & Co. accounting firm, has shared his business and professional expertise with Colby-Sawyer students. Several times a year he travels to campus from his Sharon, Mass., home to serve as a guest speaker in Professor Tony Quinn’s economic classes, and twice a year serves as a mock interviewer for students in Professor Quinn’s Managerial Communications course.

“It’s really important to me that I continue to maintain the strong relationship that I have with the college, its administration, professors and staff. I had such a great experience at Colby-Sawyer; it provides a way for me to give back to current students and to help make their experience as well rounded as mine was,” explains Librot. “In addition, I have maintained a really close relationship with my college advisor and mentor, Professor Tony Quinn. It means a lot to me to be able to give back to him because he gave me so much during my years at the college and in the years since.”

Professor Quinn admires and appreciates Librot’s dedication and service, especially his classroom visits. “Tony’s class discussions help relate what it will be like when the students graduate and enter the workforce,” he says. “His topics cover such things as employer expectations, wage and salary potential and work hours. He also addresses the economic conditions of the day, such as unemployment, inflation and debt, in ways that are meaningful and relevant for students.”

Colby-Sawyer College and our students have greatly benefited from Librot’s leadership, generosity and dedication. He is a volunteer extraordinaire who finds great meaning and satisfaction in giving back. 

Tony Librot is shown here with his former professor, advisor and mentor in the Business Administration Department, Tony Quinn, during a recent campus visit. Librot received the Young Alumni Achievement Award in 2009.
When Gail Graham Lee ’62 comes to campus during Alumni Fall Festival in October 2012 to celebrate her 50th reunion, she and her husband, Dick Lee, will also celebrate their role in keeping the college vibrant for decades to come.

Both Gail and Dick Lee have included the college in their individual estate plans. While they share a love for the college, they made their commitments with different priorities in mind. For Dick, a retired CPA and hospital COO who was a trustee at Emmanuel College, the decision was simple. “The greatest need in general is for better education, and Colby-Sawyer is a place that can really teach students because of its size and commitment to liberal arts education,” he says.

Gail’s decision to include the college in her estate plans came after she reflected on how she would like to make a difference with her assets. She explains, “I don’t have children and my heirs are financially comfortable, so I thought the best place to support would be Colby-Sawyer. My gift will be to support financial aid and residence hall renovations.”

With future plans in place, the Lees have also made a decision to support a top college priority now with a gift to help construct a new fine and performing arts center. Their support, combined with the support of Gail’s three siblings, provides a family gift that will be recognized by naming the Gallery Director’s Office in the new building in memory of their mother, Barbara Thomas Graham ’37, an art major at Colby Junior College.

Knowing that alumni can support the college in a variety of ways, and that each gift makes a difference, Gail hopes her classmates will also support the college in honor of their 50th reunion. Her sentiment is echoed by her husband Dick, who says, “It’s a joy to be able to do something for Colby-Sawyer.”
The Best Reward
Beth Constantinides Meurlin ’70

by Beth Cahill

A return to campus to celebrate her 40th reunion in the fall of 2010 made all the difference for Beth Meurlin. During that weekend she renewed commitments to friendships begun in the late 1960s and left Colby-Sawyer determined to become more involved with the college she has always been passionate about.

Since that reunion, Meurlin has joined the President’s Alumni Advisory Council, and in doing so, she has learned more about Colby-Sawyer’s priorities. “I have always had a keen interest in trying to do something to help the college, and after learning more about the economic challenges students face today and the effect of financial pressures on student retention, I wanted to figure out what I could do to help students stay in school,” she explains. “The thought of a student leaving because of economic difficulties really bothered me.”

That new insight provided the impetus for Meurlin to create the Beth Constantinides Meurlin ’70 Scholarship Fund. “This is the first time I’ve made a gift like this; the timing is right,” Meurlin says, adding that she wants to help make the Colby-Sawyer experience possible for more students. “I was sad to leave Colby Junior after two years and wished it could have gone on longer. I fell in love with the school, and the experience was profound for me. I developed community awareness and learned leadership skills that have stayed with me. President Woodman did a lot to instill values of leadership, and that personal experience gave me confidence. I want that for today’s students.”

After graduating from Colby Junior College, Meurlin completed her bachelor’s degree at the University of Vermont, where she met her husband, Keith. Together they raised two sons and now enjoy a growing family with daughters-in-law and grandchildren. Meurlin says she’s become more reflective, and offers this advice: If you are passionate and feel there is a way in which you can be of help, it’s better to do something than nothing at all, she says. “Don’t back away from what is important to you,” she says. “Knowing you might make a difference is the best reward possible.”

“I fell in love with the school, and the experience was profound for me.”
California Dreamin’

by Tracey Austin

“All the leaves were brown, and the sky was gray...” So goes the classic hit song by the Mamas & the Papas, “California Dreamin’.” Those lyrics rang true last November, when Professor of Fine and Performing Arts Jon Keenan led a group of Colby-Sawyer alumni and guests from New London on an almost-winter’s day to sunny Southern California. The second trip in the Alumni Travel Program, California Dreamin’ provided an intimate group travel experience that included the excitement of Los Angeles, the luxurious majesty of Santa Barbara, and plenty of Colby-Sawyer camaraderie along the way.

Highlights included a guided tour of the Japanese Pavilion at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art with Curator Robert T. Singer (former professor and mentor of Professor Keenan); a VIP Hollywood lot tour at Warner Bros. Studios; an intimate cocktail party hosted by alumna Meg Dougherty Purdy ’95 and her husband, Dan, at their Santa Barbara home; and a wine-tasting in the picturesque Santa Ynez Valley.

Curator of Japanese art Robert T. Singer treated the Colby-Sawyer group to a private tour of the Japanese Pavilion at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Here Mr. Singer shares a newly acquired work of Nabeshima porcelain with the group.

The California trip with alumni and friends included a visit to the Getty Art Center (above) and to the Santa Monica pier (right).
Traveling with Colby-Sawyer provides enriching cultural and educational opportunities, and offers powerful and memorable shared experiences among alumni and friends. Future trips are being planned, so watch your mailbox for news of our next adventure.

Bugs Bunny welcomed the group for a tour at Warner Bros. Studios. Pictured are (from left) Professor of Fine and Performing Arts Jon Keenan, Barton Lane and his wife Elizabeth Abel Lane ’60, Director of Alumni Relations Tracey Austin, Melissa Leitch ’04, Sandra Davis Carpenter ’55, Sarah Bond Gilson ’52 and her husband, Ben, Carol Glock Seving ’57 and her husband, Fred, Sally Roesser Johnston ’55, and Advancement Officer Allison Faccone.
Academy-1937

Please send your news to the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving
541 Main Street
New London, NH 03257
alumni@colby-sawyer.edu

Barb Wilson Lenox ’32 has been enjoying her home at the Inn at Robbin’s Brook in Acton, MA, for the past 5 years. She’s thrilled to be able to see her family often, including her granddaughter, Madeleine Lenox ’08. Barbara has fond memories of Colby Junior College, and loved having chats with Dr. Sawyer. She will celebrate her 99th birthday in Feb. 2012.

1938

Mary Trafton Simonds
1010 Waltham Street, Suite 602
Lexington, MA 02421
(781) 862-7131

Mary Lee Kingman Natti has taken on class secretary for her Smith class. Three generations of her family have been involved with books. Daughter Susanna has illustrated 75 children’s books, daughter Lydia is working on a Ph.D. at Vanderbilt U. in religious studies, and granddaughter Kate works as an assistant editor at Chronicle Books. And Lee? Published 27 children’s books! Barbara “B.J.” Symonds Ayer’s retirement home has relocated residents to a wonderful new facility where each now has their own room and bath. She is very happy and like many of us uses a walker—but doesn’t feel 92! The Budget Box in Kennebunk continues to keep Inez Gianfranchi Snowdon busy volunteering. She has stopped driving, but helpful friends have come to her rescue. Elizabeth Allenson has changed her room at her retirement home. Elizabeth Champlin Bottorff is living with her daughter in Walnut Creek, CA, and continues working in the library there. Helen Rudd Doriss mentions lots of broken hips or maladies du jour at her retirement home. She uses a walker now and is in great health for her 93 years. Like the others, I (Mary Trafton Simonds) use a walker and miss driving. Moved to assisted living, where more help is available. Nearby live 3 children who are most helpful. In July, my first great-grandson was born in Salt Lake City.

1939

Please send your news to the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving
541 Main Street
New London, NH 03257
alumni@colby-sawyer.edu

1940

Judy Conover Reinicker
107 Cardiff Court West
Newark, DE 19711-3442
(302) 239-0965
jreinicker@aol.com

Carol Woodward Turner writes that her mother, Marion “Stevie” Stevenson Woodward Haugh, is now living in Eugene, OR, at the Eugene Hotel Retirement Center and looks forward to her Alumni Magazine.

1941

Please send your news to the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving
541 Main Street
New London, NH 03257
alumni@colby-sawyer.edu

1942

Bobbie Boyd Bradley
Jan. 1 – May 1:
601 Seaview Court, C-311
Marco Island, FL 34145-2939
(239) 394-2881
mimibrad@aol.com

May 2 – Dec. 31:
865 Central Avenue, Apt. l-203
Needham, MA 02492
(781) 400-5249
mimibrad@aol.com

Eleanor “Lynne” Brown Pearce has moved to an assisted living facility. Her daughter lives nearby in Huron, OH, on Lake Erie. Bobbie Molander Warner, who has been in her apartment for 8 years, spends the summer on the Vineyard. Three of her children retired from teaching in June. She loves to walk, read and go to the movies and out to dinner.

Connie Ainley Mayo sold her house and beautiful property to her son, who lives next door. Connie plans to stay in her home as long as she can. She is blind, but manages well in her house. She listens to audio books every day and her 6 children drop by often for visits with her grandchildren. Her oldest
grandchild teaches English in Japan, just 200 miles from the earthquake. Ruth Kerney Scott lives in Falls Church, VA. She's very busy with grandchildren getting married and great-grandchildren arriving almost yearly—12 so far. She chats with Connie Colby Shelton and roommate Ruth Richardson Emery a few times a year. Mary Reed Cody has moved from Mexico to Newton, MA. She enjoys lunch with Nancy Bowman Rutherford during summers on the Vineyard. Nancy is well and still in her house. Nancy lost her husband last year and when Mary was living in Mexico, they would get together when Mary came north to visit her kids. Nancy has 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Mary “Terry” Allen Cadwell and her husband are still in the old (renovated) farmhouse on John’s family farm, which is now a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) operation with young couples growing vegetables and raising pigs, ducks, chickens and laying hens organically. Barbara Hughes Ford lives in an assisted living facility near Seattle. She has 3 children from Seattle to HI and 16 in the family—teachers, lawyers, homemakers. All are healthy and happy. Betsy Dunn Kennedy’s daughter wrote me that her mom is 90 years young and lives in an assisted living facility. She has macular degeneration, but still loves life. Judy Lind William in Hampton, VA, has been blessed with good health and bowls in a league, volunteers at the hospital, and goes to church and social events. Her 4 children and 6 grandchildren are scattered in FL, TX and NC. Luckily, she has one son in Williamsburg, VA, who visits her every Sunday. Lois Wetsel Schweizer is still in her apartment in Annapolis, MD, and uses a walker or cane. Her vision has become serious due to medicine problems, but she prays for some correction in time. She no longer drives, but there are good transportation and medical facilities where she lives. Lois lost her oldest son, Tom, to cancer in 2005, 3 weeks before her husband passed away. Tom’s son is doing his Ph.D. in digital media at Georgia Tech and his daughter is in her 3rd year of teaching 2nd grade in northern VA. Lois’s younger son and wife work—and play—very diligently, and are world travelers. Lois spends her time trying to stay computer savvy. She still sings in a mixed chorus and runs a thrift shop, all at the facility where she lives. Helen “Bucky” Starbuck Moore’s sister-in-law lives here at North Hill and keeps me up to date about Bucky. Sadly, Bucky lost her husband a few months ago. They had moved to an assisted living facility in Wilton, CT, where she now lives. As for Dave and I, Bobbie Boyd Bradley, we will celebrate our 67th wedding anniversary in October. Two of our 8 grandchildren are now married. We still love North Hill, where we are still in independent living, though I need a fair amount of help. We walk with canes and walkers, but so much goes on right here at North Hill that accommodates such helpers, we are busy as beavers. Dave sings in a chorus, and I read constantly. This year will be our 70th Reunion. I hope to see all of you there—it will be a great time!
Cynthia Alexander Carlson writes, “My husband has macular degeneration and has not driven in over 10 years. Luckily I still am driving. We are FL residents, but still go back to WI for 6 months. As for activities, we both go into the pool when weather permits. Ralph plays golf with some very kind helping friends. I read, do the bookkeeping, shopping, laundry and some cooking, watch a little TV, and yap on the phone.” They live in a socially active condo and have many friends in the 2 buildings. Their 3 daughters, 2 husbands and 8 grandchildren visit every year. Six have graduated from college, one graduates this year and the last just graduated from high school and is working for his father. Cynthia will be 88 next Apr. and Ralph recently turned 90. Cynthia adds that she hears from Rosamond “Roz” Holt Haley at Christmas time. Louise “Lou” Fiacre Krauss is still playing golf, and is a proud great-grandmother to 12 great-grandchildren who live in TX and NM. She knows Ann Richmond Knipe, who lives on the gulf side of FL. Jeanne “Penny” Losey Bole and Dick still live most of the year in Shelburne, MA, where they went through Hurricane Irene and a Nor’easter that dumped 20” of snow in their area. She writes, “After that, we left and headed to FL to our little ‘hideaway home’ for 5 months.” Shirley Merz Bryant is still enjoying summers on Lake George and the rest of the year in NC. This past July she visited a friend in New London and toured the campus, where she enjoyed seeing the many changes. Shirley’s middle grandson graduated from UNC in Dec. and was drafted by the Green Bay Packers. “I never followed the NFL before, but I am now,” she says. “In case any of you are Packer fans he is Ryan Taylor, #82, and is on the special team.”

Ruth Anderson Padgett
2535 Ardath Road
La Jolla, CA 92037
(858) 454-4623
ruthlajolla@aol.com

Elizabeth Bryant Parker in Windsor, CT, is still active in her community and has 3 great-grandchildren. She’s had 3 surgeries and is on her 2nd pacemaker. Jane Secombe Rice and her husband Jay are happy in their retirement community in Cupertino, CA, a city she’s lived in for 50 years.

Ruth Hall Guernsey has lived in the same house in West Lebanon, NH, for 57 years! She raised 3 children and now has grandkids in their 20s, one of whom is working on her master’s at Dartmouth. She keeps in touch with Margaret “Peg” Jardine Van Dine ’44 and Nancy Walker Guernsey ’44. I’ve received recent phone calls from Nancy Dean Maynard and Shirley “Shal” Glidden Splaine. Nancy has recently returned from a grandson’s wedding in MD. Shal is well and was planning to spend the winter in NH. Unfortunately, her sister is very ill, and Shal is helping with her care. Barbara MacAulay Watkins in Diamondhead, MS, is very happy, but is thinking of moving back to MA where all her family live. She plays a lot of bridge now that she’s given up golf, and volunteers at her church. She’s a great-grandmother. Word came from the families of Grace MacDonald Ross and Betty Jane Southwell King that they are no longer able to correspond with us. Martha Whitney Steers and her daughter were on a cruise ending in Athens in the middle of a strike and she was shut up in a hotel for 3 days before being able to fly home—so she had an adventure! Gus and I (Ruth Anderson Padgett) have lots of health issues, but are still able to enjoy our large families. I keep hoping I’ll get back on the tennis court. Gus and I are really into helping the homeless in our beach community and I sit on the board of La Jolla Shores Association, hoping to keep our beach area the way I found it 50 years ago.

I’ll be in better health after my knee replacement in March. I had fun wrecking my knee, though, since I was a downhill skier for 67 years.

Priscilla Beardsley Glenn ’46
It’s wonderful to have my Colby roommate, Marty, nearby after all these years.

Oggie Wells Dalton ’47

1946

Ramona “Hoppy” Hopkins O’Brien
54 Texel Drive
Springfield, MA 01108-2698
(413) 739-2071

Frances “Twink” Randall Wood writes, “We are living in a retirement home, Kendal on Hudson, in Sleepy Hollow, NY, and love it. Jim retains more energy than I do, and bounces all over the place, but I am very content to stay home and read and make lace and do some occasional weaving.” Priscilla Beardsley Glenn and Russ have been married 61 years and live in Sandy Springs, GA, just north of Atlanta. She writes, “I am in basic good health and so is my husband, and I’ll be in better health after my knee replacement in Mar. I had fun wrecking my knee, though, since I was a downhill skier for 67 years.” Priscilla and Russ have a show in the Atlanta Artist’s Gallery every month. They have 2 sons living in Mt. Pleasant, SC. One is a successful entrepreneur, and the other does military studies for governments both here and internationally. Their 3rd son is with the Glenn Financial Group with Wells Fargo in Portland, ME. Priscilla and Russ have 6 grandchildren. Priscilla is in her 2nd year as the Dunwoody Fine Art Association’s president, is a professional artist and has a studio attached to her house. She and Russ cruise every other year and have visited 72 countries. I spoke with Connie Foster Henry and learned that she had breast cancer, but after undergoing all the necessary treatments, she is just fine. Every year she and her husband plant their big vegetable garden, which supplies them with veggies all year long. They also have a large freezer and what they don’t eat they freeze. Jean Schabacker Donati lives in Williamstown, MA, which she describes as a lovely New England town. She is retired, but was the music organizer for Williams College. Her family is nearby so she keeps busy with them and enjoys living in a college town. Sorry to report that Barbara Goodell Flynn has been stricken with Parkinson’s Disease. Her daughter, Karen, is her caretaker and takes good care of her. She insisted on talking to me, but it was a great ordeal for her. She was, however, very happy to hear from someone from Colby Jr. I would love for you gals to send Bobbie a card or note. She would love to hear from anyone. Call me or the college if you’d like her address. Our 65th reunion was great this year and even though we were small—only Barbara Bell Clark and yours truly—the class of 1946 was represented. The college hosted a nice craft fair during the reunion weekend. That’s it for now. I would love to hear from more of you, so please be in touch…it’s important!

1947

Nancy Nutter Snow
79 Greystone Circle
Post Office Box 485
New London, NH 03257
Phone: (603) 526-6287
nancysnow79@comcast.net

Betty Funk Smith talked to Grace Greene Williams recently. She enjoys having her daughter and granddaughter, Isobel, nearby. Betty and son Ian took in the races during the holiday. Claire Nugent Sullivan and Henry were on the high seas, cruising the coast of Italy; Casablanca, Morocco; Gibraltar and other ports for 45 days! She has been in touch with fellow Stuart residents Jean Mellert Keating and Marilyn “Marnie” Rachel Lorish. The Sullivans had a great visit with Dorothy “Dorsi” Brooks Tately and Hal on the Cape. The Tatelys’ granddaughter had just been married. All 4 sons are doing well. I had the pleasure of talking to Jean Mellert Keating, who shares my challenge of caring for our special husbands. Oggie Wells Dalton writes, “It’s wonderful to have my Colby roommate Marty nearby after all these years. We play bridge with Marty Worth Oberrender and Gerry Oberrender quite often. It’s always been great to have Barbara ‘Punky’ Hunt Peirson and John close by. And yesterday I zipped down the street to see Je-Je Harding Pierce; I catch her in May and Oct. when she is between Boca Grande and Woods Hole. Great-grandchildren have been popping into our lives every year. Have retired from the art business.” Cornella Fay Rendell-Wilder (our faithful class agent) looks forward to news from the contributors. She still can’t leave her “Eagle’s Nest”
Mary “Oggie” Ogden Sutcliffe ’48

Oggie did lots of swimming and training for the Senior Olympics.

overlooking the ocean in Delray Beach as she plays the piano: Beethoven, Mozart, Haydn and improv jazz. Martha Turner Klenk has been at ACORN for 44 years. Her younger granddaughter, Kelsey Elizabeth, was married in Oct. 2011. Thelma Bergman Parker visited Colby-Sawyer last fall and had great memories of her roommate Gloria Wallace Hartshorn. Thelma lost her husband 4 years ago and is now living near her daughter, her daughter’s husband and her grandson Geoff, who will be graduating from FL State in Apr. Gloria Wallace Hartshorn and Bill have been celebrating anniversaries, weddings and birthdays (5 great-grands) and enjoying their beautiful retirement home. Nuge Sullivan sent them pictures of their round-the-world-in-102-days journey. Margaret “Peggy” Fish Langa and Herb visited Colby-Sawyer with daughter Melissa Langa ’74, who is on the President’s Council. Peggy reported the death of Betsey Cook Willis ’48 of cancer. They reunited in Brevard, NC, at St. Phillip’s Episcopal Church after 50 years. Bud and I are so lucky to be living in New London with waterfront on Little Sunapee. We now have 2 little great-grands, a boy and a girl. Grace and I keep our eyes on each other. She just rescued a little dog to play with our rescued Golden, Jacoby.

1948

Phyllis “Les” Harty Wells 6305 SW, 37th Way Gainesville, FL 32608-5104 Phone and fax: (352) 376-8475 lesmase@bellsouth.net

Jane Maynard Gibson and Jack have been doing well, but they haven’t been able to play much golf as Jack got a new knee over the summer. Jane calls Bobbie Strauss Lowenbaum, a Shepard Dorm pal, every year to say Happy Birthday. Bridge, good books, good friends, good movies and lots of walking keep the Gibsons on the go. In the fall, Jane spent her 83rd birthday at the Ritz Carlton at Amelia Island, FL. Bobbie Strauss Lowenbaum and Ralph celebrated their 60th in Mar. They have 2 married kids in St. Louis: Michael, a very successful attorney, and Cathy, a teacher and real estate agent. Eddie, number 3, lives in Glencoe, IL, and has his own commercial real estate company. Bobby and Ralph have 6 grandkids. Grandson Scott Lowenbaum is an artist who sells all over the world and teaches at a university in Africa. Bobbie still dabbles in real estate, plays bridge and keeps her fingers crossed that her Cardinals will win the World Series—which they did! She gets to FL at least once a year. Most of her CJC friends in the St. Louis area have passed away, as has her roommate, Beverly Williams O’Keefe. Jean Klaubert Friend had to take Paul to the ER the day after a trip up to MA in May. He experienced severe pain and had to have emergency surgery. He was hospitalized for almost a month. Jean was hoping to have him home soon. Sylvia “Sis” Elsaesser Taylor lives in Santa Barbara and studies art and painting. Sis worked in MA for The First Church of Christ for 26 years. She lived right in Boston for 12 of those years and was able to study at Mass Art for little or no cost as a senior citizen. She moved to CA in 2004 to be near her daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren. Jan “Westie” West Williams attended her 65th high school reunion in Oct. with 80 members of the class of ’46 present. Harry and Jan attended a 100th birthday celebration for their daughter-in-law’s grandmother! Mary “Oggie” Ogden Sutcliffe and Herb spent 2 of the colder winter months in Phoenix. Herb turned 92 in Apr. and still talks about buying a smaller RV. They got stuck in MA on their way to NH when Hurricane Irene hit, but managed to make it in time to see their 18-year-old granddaughter off to Plymouth State. While at her son’s at Windham Pond, Oggie did lots of swimming and training for the Senior Olympics; she was hoping to make the Olympics in Tucson in Jan. She had word from Jeanne “Woody” Woodruff Ramsey that her 92-year-old husband, John, now has a wonderful male aide to help him with everyday things. Mase and I went to Annapolis for Mase’s 65th reunion then continued on to Marblehead, MA, for my 65th high school reunion, and stopped in Pawlet, VT, to see Nancy “Hob” Hobkirk Pierson at her vacation home. Her hubby, Jim, still loves to ski. They survived Irene with no flooding, though they went

72 Colby-Sawyer College Magazine
Jeff with power. Sally Ackerman Frey says life in Memphis continues to be a pleasure. She keeps very busy as head of the altar flower delivery at St. Mary’s Episcopal Cathedral. She attends church each week with a friend who drives her back and forth, as her eyesight is not good enough for city driving. She was attending lectures at Rhodes College, where her deceased husband, Leonard, taught. She still goes to the Hutchinson School, where she and Leonard taught for years, every few weeks as a volunteer and resource person. I hope you all noticed that blurb in the last magazine on Ann Wyllie Jarrett. She thanked me for recommending her to the Alumni Office—Ann is so talented that I thought they might be interested in our very own Grandma Moses. She hoped the article would reflect positively on our class. Fran Wannerstrom Clark and a friend took a motor coach trip to Newport, RI. She had a trip to the Big Apple and then went a second time to see the show “Priscilla, Queen of the Desert.” She celebrated the 4th on a 2-week Canadian adventure with Grand Circle Tours. In Sept., she took to the sea with her daughters, Cathy and Margie, for an Adriatic Sea voyage. Carol “Shoe” Shoemaker Marck and Chuck flew out to CO in Aug. They saw 2 of our classmates, Nini Hawthorne Maytag and Emi Lou Simson Croke. In the fall, the Marcks flew to MN to watch 2 of their Miami of OH grandsons play the U of MN in Minneapolis. Nini dropped me a note after she returned to Colorado Springs from a month in Rancho Santa Fe, CA, and Aspen, CO. All was well and it was good to be home. Carol “Weissy” Weissenborn Smith was excited that her UT daughter had moved to MD. Weissy planned to be there for Thanksgiving and then again for Christmas. In Jan., she planned to visit her other girls in FL for 6 weeks. Madelon Pennicke Cattell says she doesn’t know what she would do if she didn’t live at The Village in State College, PA. Maddy misses Newt, of course, but has lots of fun and good friends and finds plenty to do at this retirement complex. She was still struggling with her last back surgery but found that physical therapy was helping a lot.

1949

Elizabeth Reynolds Matthews
5 Wildflower Lane
Bedminster, NJ 07921
(908) 234-9033
elimth@aol.com

Editor’s Note: Welcome and a special thank you to Elizabeth Reynolds Matthews, who has agreed to serve as the Class of ’49 correspondent. Look for her column in the next issue.

1950

Class Correspondent Needed
Please send your news to the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving
541 Main Street
New London, NH 03257
alumni@colby-sawyer.edu

Gretchen Siegfried Nymoen writes, “I live at the Saratoga Retirement Home with my husband, whom I met here 6 years ago shortly after I moved in. It is a lovely place and we have lots of friends. I am loaded with arthritis but still get along fairly well. Don is in better shape than I am and takes very good care of me. I talk to Lindy Clapp Macfarland occasionally.” Jean Wheeler Blackmur writes that after rotating between their home in Great Barrington, MA, for the summer season and their home in FL in the winter, she and her husband Arnold decided to make FL their home state. Sadly, after an increasing number of ailments, he died in 2008. Jean has a daughter and other family members in CA and a son and family who live in MO. Maxine Morrison Hunter writes, “I have been working with North Lawndale to have Colby-Sawyer open to some of their students. Last I heard, they have 4. Je-Je Harding Pierce ’47, who has been on the board at Colby-Sawyer, has a home on Boca Grande, FL, as do I. My roommate Nancy Brown Pieper died. I have 4 grandchildren who are college graduates, and one at S.M.U. I am 81!” Joan Eaton Mauk is now a widow but feels fortunate to have wonderful memories, a great family and many good friends. She spends half her time in Cincinnati and half in

Jean Wheeler Blackmur ’50 poses for a family photo with her son Bob Blackmur, her daughter Peggy Blackmur Cope and her granddaughter Ellie Cope.
Vero Beach. She writes, “Please give me a call. I would love to see or hear from any of you.” She sees Joan Reynolds Irish, who lives at Grand Harbor, too. Bobbie Bishop MacLean and Phil were busy getting the Bridgton house ready for winter and moving to their condo in Portland for the winter, as they have done for the past 3 years. She writes, “Andy and Scott and their families will come to ski and snowboard during Christmas and Feb. vacations, too.”

1951

Bobbie Green Davis
107 Columbia Avenue
Swarthmore, PA 19081
(610) 543-6688

When I heard from Anne Rantoul Conner, who lives in Woodstock, VT, she was awaiting her first crop of grapes, and her first crop of wine. This past fall she took a hot air balloon ride for her 80th birthday! She was able to see all of the devastation from Hurricane Irene, which took such a toll on VT. Anne had a great time at our 60th reunion. She won a Colby-Sawyer painting in the raffle. Margery Bugbee Atherton has been married for 60 years. She met her husband in Burpee. Ruth Gray Pratt was married 53 years on Halloween. This is old news, but Ruth says she started school when she was 5 and was 17 when she came to campus. Didn’t know you were so young, Ruthie! Barbara Easterbrooks Mailey is retired and has a beautiful Golden Retriever. She had a great visit at the Peabody Museum in Salem and got together with Barbara Nute Orr, along with Nute’s husband, Phil. Ellen Duane Stumph says she’ll never retire; she’s been teaching school since 1993. She was in a golf tournament with her 15-year-old granddaughter...they didn’t win, but had fun anyway. Janet Ten Broeck Pierce is leaving Boston and headed for her favorite spot, Seven Mile Reef on Grand Cayman.

1952

Marilyn “Woodsie”
Woods Entwistle
16 Cooks Mill Road
Naples, ME 04055
(207) 693-3503

MEwoodsie1@roadrunner.com

We have lost a class icon, a member of the CSC Athletic Hall of Fame: Marilyn “Chasie” Chase. To quote her obit, “On June 4, 2011, Marilyn flew up to the great golf course in the sky to meet some buddies for a round or two.” We will remember well her independent spirit. On a happier note, on “Skiing Tuckerman’s” on NHPBS they talked about the legends of the place, including Carl Shumway who, in 1912, was one of the first to climb to the top of the ravine and ski down. Yes, the father of our Nancy Shumway Adams. A founder of the Dartmouth Outing Club, he instilled in his family a strong tradition of skiing. Grandson Bo, the current president of the NE Ski Museum at Cannon Mt., guided by Shum and Roger, started skiing Tuckerman’s at age 5. This spring he will complete 50 consecutive years, 100 years after his grandfather’s historic run. And the tradition continues with Bo’s son Wyatt, now 16, who also started skiing Tuckerman’s at age 5. Ingrid Mellgren Davidge says they thoroughly enjoyed having Mary Anne (M.A.) Lutz Mackin and husband visit them and that they are all well. Marny Scruton Green is fine and hoping to make Reunion. Brem is still having some health issues that have ended his golf, but he’s replacing it with some excellent bridge playing. Sae Bond Gilson reports that Noel Henriques Brakenhoff spent a nice week in London with her daughter, daughter-in-law and 2 granddaughters this past summer. Also, she and Ben went on the CSC trip to Santa Barbara and LA. From Mary Lanius, “I am alive and well and off to London for Asia Week...will certainly try to make
Not wanting to completely retire, I started another company, The Sirius Bead Jewelry Collection.

Arline Sodeberg Ely ’54

Reunion.” Mary Jane Fritzinger Moeller also looks forward to Reunion. Her daughter Jeanne just completed a master’s in Ed. and found an exciting job with BCD Travel, instructing agents in the US, Canada and South America. Naomi Nylund Ogden ’53 writes that on the very day she was making plans to travel with her 2 daughters to Prerow, a small town on the Baltic Sea, she was astonished to read in our column that Judy Fowle Hinds had traveled twice to her grandmother’s birthplace in Prerow! Our 60th Reunion will take place during Alumni Fall Festival, Oct. 12-14, 2012. Three ’52 gals have reserved a house for our class at Twin Lake Village that accommodates 16, which will have to be on a first-come, first-served basis. It is one of the 2 houses that had to be rebuilt after the terrible fire in 2010. According to Polly Heath Kidder, who is presently relaxing with Hank in FL, their guests loved both houses. Also, a 2-for-1 bargain: any gift to the Colby-Sawyer Fund this fiscal year counts towards our Reunion participation as well as towards the 4K Challenge. Remember, it’s your participation that matters, not the amount!

I953

JANE PEARL DICKINSON
80 Maple Street Unit #204
Danvers, MA 01923
(978) 777-2778
jane.dickinson@verizon.net

Jo-Anne Greene Cobban
9 Mayflower Drive
Keene, NH 03431
(603) 352-5064

Agnes Lind Werring had just returned home from a visit to NYC and the Bahamas when she wrote, “Two of my 5 grandchildren are now studying in Boston; otherwise my family of 3 daughters and a son live near me in Oslo, so I am lucky to see them often. Unfortunately, my husband is sick with Alzheimer’s. Please tell me if you come to my side of the world!” Harriet Johnson Toadvine had a wonderful trip to AK last summer that included dog sledding on a glacier. She spends her winters in Naples, FL. Janet Hofmann Hansen and her daughter, Lisa, went on a Caribbean cruise in the winter of 2011. During the summer she and her husband, Tobey, got to see many lifelong friends right in Harbor Springs, MI.

I954

ARLINE SODEBERG ELY retired from Ely Specialized Tours in Sept. 2011 after 20 years. Arline writes, “Not wanting to completely retire, I started another company, The Sirius Bead Jewelry Collection. I have a wonderful male friend my age, and we are having the time of our lives, traveling, snowshoeing, biking and hiking. Life is good.” From Rochester, MN, Elizabeth Margeson Harrison writes that she became a great-grandmother for the 2nd time, as her granddaughter, Virginia, had another boy. Her granddaughter, Julia, is a 1st year student at Dartmouth, a runner and a skier. She was one of 12 finalists in the Heisman Trophy high school competition, where there were over 55,000 candidates nationwide. Frances “Frannie” Pryor Haws loves being the great-grandmother to 6. “Our 9-year-old great-granddaughter has decided to take up figure skating at HI’s Ice Palace,” she writes. In Dec. 2010, The Pilot, a Southern Pines, NC, newspaper, printed an article and photo covering the accomplishments of Barbara Rogers Berndt and her colleague, who volunteer making Christmas stockings and Santa hats for babies born on Christmas Eve and Day at a local hospital. They also are members of the Toymakers, creating over 11 different varieties of stuffed animals to present to children throughout the year. Barbara writes, “I have put in approximately 10,500 volunteer hours, doing everything from data entry to knitting baby items and hats for cancer patients. Keeps my hands busy and I enjoy a great group of friends.”

Sandra Davis Carpenter ’55 MT went on the alumni trip to CA this past Nov. with former roommate Sally Roesser Johnston ’55 and 12 others, and she had fun meeting up with other Colby alums. Emily Spencer Breaugh of Traverse City, MI, held constant family visits over the summer. By Aug. she and her husband were
Belief in Natural Beauty
Sidney Faithfull Van Zandt ’54

Today most of us understand the importance of environmental sustainability and preservation, but Sidney Faithfull Van Zandt ’54 was an early trailblazer for these causes. A founding member of the Groton Open Space Association (GOSA), she has been deeply involved with environmental issues since the 1960s.

Born in New York City, Van Zandt is a longtime resident of the Groton, Conn., area, home to the popular state park Haley Farm. In the late 1960s, before this space was protected, a developer was eager to transform it into duplex housing. Van Zandt mobilized a group of citizens, vowing to keep this beautiful pastoral area in its natural state for future generations.

“We were just a grassroots volunteer group,” recalls Van Zandt, noting that this was long before people regularly went to hearings to voice their concerns about development’s impact on the environment. Ultimately, through the group’s efforts, the state agreed to purchase Haley Farm and turn it into a state park.

The success of this campaign was the starting point for GOSA, with Van Zandt serving as its first president. Since then, the association has continued to work for the preservation of open space and wildlife habitats in Groton, counting the protection of Bluff Point in 1975 and the 2008 acquisition of the Merritt Family Forest among its legacies. Van Zandt remains on the Board of Directors and active in ongoing efforts to preserve the natural beauty of southeastern Connecticut. She reveals in GOSA’s latest triumph, the purchase of a 63-acre sheep farm on the site of Groton’s highest waterfall.

Van Zandt’s love of the environment extends beyond her homeland. In 1981, she and her husband, Sandy, moved onto a boat that he built, living on it for more than a dozen years. In 1987, they completed a double transatlantic crossing, and five years later, set out for six years of circumnavigating the globe before returning to their home in Connecticut.

Whether traversing the ocean or preserving the land, Sidney Faithfull Van Zandt remains committed to, and engaged with, the natural beauty of the world around her.

— Mike Gregory
checking out the campus and visiting with good friend Margaret “Peg” Lewis Moreland. We shared many interests and participated on the NH Mayflower Society Board. At one time she was the New London town archivist; one summer, before she retired, Peg showed me where historical material was preserved. It was only a short time later, after our last phone conversation, that I learned the sad news that Peg had passed away.

1955

Gretchen Davis Hammer
1165 Morrison Hill
Barnet, VT 05821
(802) 633-3803
gdh777@hughes.net

Our sincere apologies that the Class of ’55 column did not appear in the last magazine; we are printing it and the winter column so you will not miss any news.

Mar. 2011
Barbara Curtis Sturgeon
from CA and her husband, Bill, enjoyed a cruise in the Caribbean last fall. She’s taken on a volunteer job at Lindbergh Field as an airport ambassador, which is an arm of Traveler’s Aid. This group also helps Wounded Warriors who need help negotiating TSA. Barb hears fairly often from Rosie Carhart Keenan, as do I. Rosie has been having difficulty with her back during the winter, making traveling between home and rehab, where her husband, Mike, is a patient, somewhat difficult. Bobbie Jerald Coffin and her husband retired to Hancock, NH, about 14 years ago. Their 3 sons are living in the Boston area, so Bobbie gets to see her 8 grandchildren fairly often. Three of the grandchildren are now out of college, one is in law school, and the oldest, Sarah, is getting married in June! Martha Dodge Wilkerson has just returned to NH from wintering in FL with her retired surgeon husband. She took an impressionist painting course while there and hopes to repeat it next year. Martha keeps busy doing the framing for her daughter Betsy Craumer, who is a pastel artist. One of Martha’s grandsons is a sophomore at RIT and the other is job hunting. They all, along with Martha’s Golden Retriever, keep her busy. She adds that her book, The Simon Patch Story, continues to do well. Nan Wilkins Kaplan, who also lives in NH, has recovered nicely from her hip surgery late last fall and was looking forward to traveling to Italy in mid-Apr. with her husband to visit their daughter and family who live there. Nan and Patti Cook Cohen were looking forward to our Spring get-together in Lebanon, NH, in May.

Marcia Harmon Symmes reports that Nancy Petke Silverstein and her husband, Morris, joined them for Kennebunkport’s Prelude to Christmas this past Dec. They had attended the CSC Reunion together this past fall, too. Marcia’s 3 daughters, husbands and grandchildren joined her in ME for Christmas before she left for FL in Jan. Along with her partner, Marcia visited St. Thomas and St. Johns, and planned to return to New England at the end of Apr.

Mindy Helmer Beinert ‘55

In FL has participated in some 5K races (as a power walker because of her knees), one of which was on the Dayton Speedway Track. She writes, “When the award for the winner of the age 75-99 category was announced, and I was the only one in the category, there was a real whoop and holler, and it felt so nice.” Mindy has reconnected with an old friend from her high school years, and they’ve been traveling to various places in the US and spending time together in FL. Eloise Hamel Becker has stopped coaching ice skaters and is now working part-time at Chico’s. She still loves living in CA, and has her 2 girls not too far away.

Carol Meyers Ditmore divides her time between Plymouth, MA, in the summer, where she does a lot of bird watching, reading and swimming, her timeshare right on the beach on St. Croix, and her home in Needham, MA. Carol’s husband passed away in 2004. In Needham she volunteers at the hospital coffee shop and is the treasurer of the Friends 77

When the award for the winner of the age 75-99 category was announced, and I was the only one in the category, there was a real whoop and holler, and it felt so nice.

Mindy Helmer Beinert ‘55
of the Needham Elderly, and still manages to get to the health club 3 times a week to work out and swim a mile! She and her CJC roommate, Irmeli “Imie” Ahomaki Kilburn, have reconnected after discovering that they live near each other in Needham. Stephanie Brown Reinger in NH writes that ILEAD commands a lot of her volunteer time. Last Sept. she helped put on a gala birthday party where Big Apple Circus founder Paul Binder was the guest of honor. She also spends a lot of time and energy on her painting. Her work is presently on display at Long River Studios in Lyme, NH. She participates in AVA shows that invite members to show their art, and currently there are several of her large watercolors decorating Stella’s Restaurant in Lyme.

**Lisabeth Miller Dearborn ’58**, whose father was a member of my father’s law firm many years ago, saw my picture in the last CJC Alumni Magazine and decided to write…what an absolutely marvelous treat!

---

**Nov. 2011**

Eloise Hamel Becker, my Colby roommate, is still residing in CA. She has been very involved in the Professional Skaters Organization International, having earned 4 Master ratings in teaching and program administration. She served for 9 years on its Board of Governors before retiring a year ago, and received the Honorary Member-Lifetime Achievement award and the National Spirit Award. Ellie misses being on the ice, but is still mentoring a few coaches. During her coaching years she found time to write the coaches’ manual, develop an apprentice program that is still a National Education program, and write several articles for magazines. Sally Beardslee Foster is very active in the Garden Club of America, where she helps document wonderful gardens in the Pittsburgh area. As a result, she’s become very interested in photography as well! She volunteers at a county park in Pittsburgh and takes care of 3 gardens there. She also finds time to enjoy her 5 grandsons, even though 4 are on the West Coast. She and her husband, Don, are still in good health and have moved into an apartment on the Alleghany River. Connie Valpey Deschenes and Ed are enjoying their retirement years with friends and family. Their children have built 2nd homes in ME and NH, and Connie and Ed often go there for boating, cross-country skiing and golf. They also are enjoying a Mon. lunch group along with her sister Ann Valpey Langan. Both Connie and Ann, who live in Marblehead when they are not traveling, planned to head to FL in Mar. to visit Ann’s daughter for 3 weeks. Irmeli Ahomaki Kilburn of MA tells of her son’s engagement this fall. She and her future daughter-in-law are both librarians, so they speak the same language! Imie had a knee replacement this past spring, and is healing well and walking much longer and with much more energy. She was planning a trip up to the Northeast Kingdom this fall. Adrienne Pease Gupstill, still living on Cape Cod, is very active in a new church. She recently returned from a 2-week cruise to the 6 islands in the Caribbean. Adrienne also spends her time as a volunteer for the Cape Cod Symphony and for Elder Services of Cape Cod in their Money Management program. She received the Volunteer of the Year award last May!

Sallie Lou Johnson Elliott in Kiawah Island, SC, Joan Peterson Bishop and her friend Vic, and Barbara Harmon Sawyer and her husband, Jeffery, had a visit this past July in the Deer Isle/Stonington area. Petie lives in North Hatley, Quebec, and Barb in Hampton Falls, NH. Sallie says that her husband “flunked retirement” so they keep busy with the Conservancy in Kiawah. He also directs short films, and has one currently on PBS called “The Curious Mister Catesby.” Sallie helps some with editing. They have a son, Jeff, whose family lives in Charleston, and a daughter, Gwen, whose family is in Cincinnati. Sallie keeps in touch with Grace Meeks Berg, Joanne Holden Miller and Nancy VanVoast Taylor—a great group from Burpee. Nancy Sellers Mion attended a special luncheon during Alumni Fall Festival at Colby-Sawyer, honoring Dr. Becky Irving ’42! Nancy says that it was wonderful seeing Becky looking so good. While there, Nancy had a chance to catch up with Jane Shoemaker Storm, Carole Binney Haehnel and Sarah “Sae” Bond Gibson ’53, as well as many other Med Techs. Joanne Holden Miller and her husband, Jim, still enjoy the country setting of their 1803 home, which has a view of Mt. Cardigan from their terrace. She and Jim also enjoy having his family from TN come to visit, and she keeps busy volunteering in her community hospital. Rug hooking has caught her interest, and she meets regularly with a group. Rosie Carhart Keenan sent me Elaine Gilman’s contact information, and Elaine and I had a great visit on the telephone in Sept. She makes exquisite handbags, while her partner John is an artist. Elaine is living in West Wardsboro,
VT. Rosie shared the sad news that her beloved husband, Mike, passed away in the early fall. And news of the death of Sandy Davis Carpenter’s husband, Bernie, reached me at about the same time. I also heard from Polly Simpson Curran’s son, John, that Polly passed away last May. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the families.

Nancy Hoyt Langbein
2 Appletree Drive
Brunswick, ME 04011
(207) 729-3879
loislangbein@gmail.com

I (Nancy Hoyt Langbein) returned to campus Sept. 30-Oct. 2 for the Fall Festival and our 55th reunion. Had a great time despite the rainy weather on Saturday. I had a nice chat with Sally Morris Hayden ’61, sister of Nancy Morris Adams, back for her 50th. Also enjoyed talking to Nancy

Sellers Mion ’55, sister of our Carol Sellers Baldock, who passed away in 2006. At the banquet Saturday evening I was very proud to accept the silver bowl in recognition of the reunion class who gave the highest amount of money to the Colby-Sawyer Fund. A big cheer for ’56! As of Apr. 2012, Nancy Morris Adams and Peter will be neighbors of ours when they move into the Highlands, a senior retirement community in Topsham, ME. Gussie Crocker Stewart and Dick were in Brunswick early in Oct. to see the Edward Hopper art exhibit at the Walker Art Museum on the Bowdoin campus. Bill and Sonja Carlson Davidow were on the CSC campus just after the Fall Festival. Bill is a venture capitalist in CA who has written a book entitled Overconnected. He was on campus to give a lecture to the students. M. Gale Gilchrest still works 4 days a week. In Feb., she took a wonderful trip to Mexico. Lynn Millar

Cash sold their summer home in VT. During the Bowdoin football season I met Whitney Crowell Cardew ’77. She is the “football mom” of Griffin, an excellent runner and only a sophomore! Our sympathy to the family of Susan Carrier Treiss, who passed away in Aug. 2011.

Jill Booth Macdonell
1303 8th Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95818
(916) 446-3927
jillphotoart@yahoo.com

“I retired this Feb. from my 15 year stint as an economic development planner for the City of Cambridge, MA,” writes Elaine McKenzie Kutrosky. “I am the president of a 450-member all New England ski and sports club, the Top of the Hill Gang. I am also on the Board of Directors of The Nora Theater Company, a resident theater of the Central Square Theater, Cambridge, MA.” Barbara Koontz Adams has lived in NH for the last 20 years, and is involved in the arts: She was the president of the Pastel Society of NH, and is now doing some oil painting and working with pastels. Barbara is the featured artist in a gallery at the Seacoast Artists Association. Dick’s daughter has 3 little boys under the age of 7, and Barbara’s 2 children each have 3 children ranging in age from 17 to 7. Her oldest grandson is a senior in high school and his first choice of college is Colby-Sawyer. Suzanne Vander Veer writes, “Diane Shugrue Gallagher and Elaine McKenzie Kutrosky came and spent 5 days with me this summer. Just spent 3 weeks in Italy. I’m very active in Philadelphia and my church and Junior League, and in a 12-gal singing group every week.” Bettie Lucie Perreault is still working for a national commercial real estate brokerage firm in New

(l to r) Joan Potter Nelson ’54, Connie Foster Henry ’46, Judy Tinsman White ’56 and Nancy Hoyt Langbein ’56.
Haven, CT. Her children and their families live nearby. Five grandsons range in age from 22 down to 7 and her granddaughter is 17. One grandson is at BU studying engineering; her granddaughter will be looking at colleges for next year and is a member of the National Honor Society, varsity captain of field hockey and lacrosse, and secretary of the student council. The youngest 2 grandkids are Little League players. Bettie has occasionally been in touch with Polly Cross D’Arche ’58.

Robin McDougal writes, “I recently returned from a fascinating trip to The Italian Lakes—Garda, Maggiore and Como—with Road Scholar. Then I went to visit friends on the French Riviera town of Antibes in Oct. after I competed 3 months of therapy for a broken hip.”

Phyllis Goldfine Berensen has lived in Cincinnati for a long time. Five years ago, after retiring, she trained to become a docent at the Taft Museum of Art, and is also involved in other volunteer activities. Her physician husband is retired and spends most of his time on the golf course or refighting the Civil War. They’re both in good health. Phyllis and her family have 3 sons: one in Los Angeles, one in Parkersburg, WV, and one in Cincinnati. They also have 4 grandchildren and a chocolate poodle, Coco. Jan Eaton Atkins from San Antonio writes that she went on a trip to Israel, where she climbed up Masada, Mt. Carmel and Mt. Arbel; walked through the desert for 2 days and had lunch with the Bedouins; walked where Christ walked; prayed at the Wailing Wall (now called the Western Wall); and swam in the Dead Sea.

Annette Gingras Hobbs writes, “My mother died this year at age 95. For the past 30 years, my husband, Will, and I have lived in Santa Fe, NM. For the past 21 years I have owned a special event company called Great Occasions International. We created events and weddings for the rich and famous. This year I decided to create a new business with my daughter in CO: Lenicy Beads, with exquisite glass beads from around the world and jewelry made in America. (Etsy.com/people/LenicyBeads). Hiking and skiing continue to be a part of our lives. We are blessed with excellent health.” Jane Baxter Richardson became a great-grandmother on May 22, 2011, to Madison Jane Eldred. Laura, Madison’s mother, is now back to teaching after taking a couple of months off. Jane’s daughter Beth and her husband moved to NY from PA in Sept. to be nearer his new job. Her son Bill is still at the VA Hospital in Buffalo and doing fine. Jane is singing in a chorus and church choir, volunteering at her local ministry to help those in need, playing bridge in a couple of groups, and quilting almost every day; she sells her products in CA in a gift shop. I, Jill Booth MacDonell spent 5 days in Nov. with Lois Hanewald Ward and Elaine McKenzie Kutrosky in LA, touring the 2 Getty Museums, Venice Beach and Rodeo Drive, but best of all we had a wonderful time renewing friendships from 2 generations ago.

1958

Cynthia Grindrod van der Wyk Huntington Harbour Bay Club

I loved being a member of the choir at CJC under the direction of Miss Margaret Cawley ’41 and haven’t sung since 1958 until last year.

Nancy Carrell Sanborn ’58
where I met my husband Gerald in Japan. After 2 more years in schools in Turkey and Germany, we settled in Santa Cruz, CA, and raised a small family of one son and one daughter. We now have 5 grandchildren and travel as much as time allows.” Lisabeth Miller Dearborn writes, “I am fortunate to be in contact with both of my Colby roommates, Gill Brisbane Ingram and Jenny Sanders Duhy, and also enjoy corresponding with Priscilla Tufts Bartle ’59. My husband and I are now retired and do volunteer work. We travel frequently and also see our children and grandchildren as often as possible. Watercolor painting is a challenging and rewarding hobby.” Nancy Carrell Sanborn and her husband, Jim, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in January 2011. They have 3 children, all of whom live within 10 minutes to 2 hours away, and 5 grandchildren. Nancy and Jim enjoy traveling together and Nancy volunteers for many organizations. She is a member of the church choir and she writes, “I loved being a member of the choir at CJC under the direction of Miss Margaret Cawley ’41 and haven’t sung since 1958 until last year.” In March 2010 Catee Gold Hubbard had 2 heart valves repaired and then in May had a pacemaker put in. She is doing fine and says she is learning to live life at a slower pace, with more time reading and less spent on housework and gardening. Catee writes, “Alumni Weekend was rainy this year, though they had a very successful luncheon for Becky Irving ’42 with about 50 med techs in attendance.” Sandy McBeth has a change of email address after 23 years with Maxfield Real Estate. She says you can keep in touch with her at sanmcbeth@gmail.com. Mimi Stewart Baird writes, “I have recently re-connected with Judy Curtis Zscheile, my roommate in Colby dorm. I also see Mitzi Graves Marsh from time to time. Tish Higginson Biggar ’59 is a childhood friend and we get together every other month. Woodstock is still my home where Hurricane Irene made a visit, a horrifying event for us and the entire state of VT. My son, Jake, and my daughter, Meg, continue to raise my grandchildren in the best way possible. I am very proud of their parenting skills.” During the fall of 1960 (her 3rd year at CJC), Nancy Wiesner Conkling dated hometown boy John Conkling, who attended the New Hampton School. They married in December of that year. After living in NY while John got his master’s, they moved back to New Hampton and haven’t left since. Nancy writes, “We have 3 sons, all born at New London hospital. Now we have 3 great granddaughters-in-law, and 7 grandchildren, including a new 6 month old. Our years are spent between our farm, our cottage at Squam Lake, and a tiny Sanibel Island cottage that we rent when we are not there. Life has been good.” Martha Reed Jennings has lived in beautiful Beaufort, SC, for over 6 years. She writes, “The past couple of years have presented us with 4 sweet baby granddaughters. Only fault is that they live in CA and MI.” Stephanie Smith Cross lost her beloved husband, Tony, in October, 2009, and says they are all adjusting slowly. She writes, “Colleen and Jennifer are here at Lake Bonaparte and Chris retired from the NY State Police and moved to AL. He is enjoying no snow. Love to all and would love to hear from anyone. It has been a long time since that phone call to Saudi Arabia in April ’57.” As for me, Cindy Grindrod van der Wyk, I continue with my very busy life. I still work full time in the flag business. I have a 7-minute video that was produced for the LA Olympics 25th anniversary in 2009—check it out on Youtube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=-oiizOgejics. I am an active Chamber of Commerce member, taking a course in rapid sales development, and after all these years of being a successful sales person, I am still learning new ways of selling, especially during this rough economy. I recently attended a Ravens/Seahawks game in Seattle with my significant other, and take many trips with him. His family was coming out to stay for the Christmas holidays in my 2-bedroom condo. His 92-year-old mom, sister, nephew and another couple were all flying in from Maryland. (I must be nuts.) We have been seeing each other for going on 4 years, so who says long distance relationships don’t last? So, life seems to be beginning again for me. My only health issue is 2 total knee replacements. Have a wonderful 2012 and keep the news coming!

1959

Jane Bruns Lenher
10438 East Watford Way
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248
(480) 883-1096
asburvane@aol.com

Marsha Halpin Johnson
PO Box 265
Elkins, NH 03233
(603) 626-4506
marnam@tds.net

Ann Darracq Graham and her husband were planning a long RV trip...
across the country to visit relatives and friends in NY, MA and NC. Linda Perlmutter Goldman and Barry are retired in St. Augustine, FL. They have 3 children and 2 grandsons. Kim Gordon Snyder and Leonard live in Rancho Santa Fe, CA, in a house they built in 2000 on property she grew up on. Their 2 daughters live within 4 miles and each have 2 children. She and Leonard enjoy gardening, reading and travelling to Lake Chautauqua, NY, for 9 weeks every summer. Kim extends an invitation for those who are in the San Diego area to contact her at kgsnyder@gmail.com. Di Taylor Bushfield and Frank winter in Ormond Beach, FL, and invite us to contact them if in the vicinity. Di saw Gretchen Polk Caines ’60 over the summer. Carole Hamell Wenthen reports from Fayetteville, NY, where she volunteers as a docent at the Matilda Joslyn Gage House, that she and Fred will spend Jan. in SC and are planning a cruise for their 50th wedding anniversary in June. They have 5 grandchildren. Bruce and I (Marsha Halpin Johnson) still live in New London and celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in June by chartering a windjammer out of Rockland, ME, for a 4-day cruise through the ME islands. In Oct. we enjoyed a 2-week trip to Turkey with Overseas Adventure Travel. We came home and left a week later for a road trip to our son and family in NM. We have 2 granddaughters in college, one at UVM. Try to plan ahead for our 55th—it is right around the corner! They have 5 grandchildren. Bruce and I (Marsha Halpin Johnson) still live in New London and celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in June by chartering a windjammer out of Rockland, ME, for a 4-day cruise through the ME islands. In Oct. we enjoyed a 2-week trip to Turkey with Overseas Adventure Travel. We came home and left a week later for a road trip to our son and family in NM. We have 2 granddaughters in college, one at UVM. Try to plan ahead for our 55th—it is right around the corner!

Bruce and I still live in New London and celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in June.

Marsha Halpin Johnson ’59

They have 5 grandchildren. Bruce and I (Marsha Halpin Johnson) still live in New London and celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in June by chartering a windjammer out of Rockland, ME, for a 4-day cruise through the ME islands. In Oct. we enjoyed a 2-week trip to Turkey with Overseas Adventure Travel. We came home and left a week later for a road trip to our son and family in NM. We have 5 grandchildren. 

1960

Patricia Canby Colhoun
1122 Burnettown Place
The Villages, FL 32162
352-751-1040 or cell: 352-391-2760
pccolhoun@gmail.com

Diana Davis Kingman moved to Easton, MD, after her years in the Philadelphia suburbs. She’s healthy and is getting lots of exercise thanks to the fitness center, where she’s taking yoga. Di is still painting in her studio over their garage. She and her husband have a son who is a photojournalist and who lives with his wife and 2 sons in Tiburon, CA. Di’s daughter married a Brit and they just moved from Cambridge, UK, to a tiny village in the middle of France. They have 5 children who go to the Waldorf School in an old chateau. Di and her husband spend their summers in Islesboro, ME, and she sees Linda Read Stewart, who comes from Scotland to Hope, ME, to visit her 2 married children. Di also keeps in touch with her roommate, Linda Blodgett Osborne. Marcia Goodale Macdonald and Jerry took 11 members of their family to Disney World for 5 days and then went to their condo in Sanibel to recover. Life in Saratoga
Springs is busy, with “mature adult” classes, lots of charity events and theatre. Marcia and Jerry saw Sally Kimball Campbell and Tom and Gretchen Polk Caines and Bill while on the Cape this past summer. Ann Hoar Floyd wrote of the loss of her roommate, Marcia Greene Hawthorne, to Lupus. Haydi Caldwell Sowerine was Ann’s other roommate. Ann lives happily with her husband, Torn, on Martha’s Vineyard. She invites us all to come rent a cottage through the company that she has run for more than 20 years. Sally Kimball Campbell wrote of the visit with the MacDonalds and Caines and said that many laughs were shared by the 3 couples. Fredrica “Ricky” Furlong Mack lost her husband of almost 50 years to acute myeloid leukemia. They have 3 children and 6 grandchildren. Ricky’s home is in Englewood, FL, and her family has spent their summers in the Thousand Islands, Canadian side, for many years. Our condolences, Ricky. Charlotte Heyl McLaughlin has lived in Princeton for years. She attends Princeton lectures weekly, is a member of the Garden Club and tutors at the Rescue Mission. In late Apr. she’ll be going to Amelia Island with her roommate, Julie Dornemann Steck, for a “girls’ getaway,” and would love to see anyone from CJC in the area. Sharley Janes Bryce and her husband moved to Portland, OR, in 1971, and are active and well. They also have a house on a golf course in Tucson, AZ, where they spend most of the winter. They’ve had a family vacation home in Black Butte Ranch, OR, for 32 years. One daughter lives in San Francisco and their other daughter and her husband and 2 children, 12 and 10, live in Seattle. Debbie Stevenson McGuidwin and her husband, John, live in a 55+ community in Gainesville, GA. John loves to swim and serves on the education committee. Debbie belongs to the Brenau U. Learning & Leisure Institute, where she takes classes, swims and hikes. This past Sept. they hiked in the Tyrolian Alps for a week and next Sept. they will go to the Isle of Wight. Debbie has 4 children from her 1st marriage and 12 grandchildren. They have families in NY, NC and MO. They spend their winters in their townhome in Halifax Plantation, Ormond Beach, FL, where they have whale watched for 4 years. They’re hoping to sell this home in the golf community. Grace “Sally” Gearhart Sharp has lived for nearly 50 years in London, England. She lost her husband in 1998. They have 2 married sons and 3 grandchildren.

Sally is taking life drawing classes, yoga and Pilates. Ellie Tomlinson lives in Marblehead, MA, right on the ocean. She lost her life partner, Gordon, in 1999. He was a fantastic skier who had a house in N. Conway. Ellie skis less but plays squash, kayaks, bikes and gardens, and is an artist as well. She has 4 cats to keep her company. Following CJC, Ellie went to Colby College and earned her BA, and taught at the Tower School in Marblehead until retiring in 2004. Debbie wonders if we know the whereabouts of Margot Bowden ’61? Andrea Woronka Enos retired after 38 years in education. She divides her time between Cape Cod and Boca Raton. Her 2 daughters are attorneys and they have a 3-year-old grandson. Andrea and her husband travel often and pass through towns that were home to card players from the Shepard butt. She wonders where the following might be: Marianne from Greenwich, Donna from Hartford, Trish from Shaker Heights, Wig from Westerly, Judy from Assonet, Sue from Sodus, Page from Larchmont, Harriet from New Jersey and Mimi from Kansas. I, Patty Canby Colhoun, live in The Villages, FL, where I play golf, work in my gardens, hook rugs, serve as a Village homeowners rep and help coordinate an AED project. Charlie Brown, my black lab, is a Reading Education Assistance Dog, and we work with school children with reading problems. We had 2 2nd graders last year and hope to have 2 more this winter. We also will be working with hospice through a Banfield grant. I spent my summer back in the Boothbay, ME, area where I again worked as a volunteer at the Y front desk, hooked rugs and played mahjong. This past year saw 2 trips to Philadelphia for family funerals, and a trip to Paris. I took a cruise with my sister, sailing from Barcelona to the western Italian coast on a huge ship. I went back to Paris for Christmas and hope to go again in late Apr. My daughter, Annie, lives there. My son, CB, came for his birthday in Feb.

**Susan Olney Datthyn**

56 Pressey Court
New London, NH 03257
(603) 526-2283
susanolneydatthyn@hotmail.com

Eleven states were represented from our class as we celebrated our 50th Reunion. A big thank you goes out to the Reunion committee members: Susan Heath Bint, Barbara Steinemann Crosby, Prue Jensen Heard, Jacquelyn Taft Lowe and Anne

1961
Mansell Moodey, as well as the Alumni Office for their planning and help with this event. I had to bow out as a committee member due to my husband’s illness. A warm thank you to the class for the “thinking of you” card and the lovely messages on it. A special thank you to Prue Heard and Martha Clark for the Reunion news. Besides the committee, members of our class attending Reunion were: Pamela Stanley Bright, Susan Kershaw Brostoff, Martha Clark, Joan Bryan Davis, Susan Lawsing Dow, Sandy Trimble Enck, Mary-Anna Fox, Ann Austin Freeman, Nancy Hemmings Fuchs, Meredith Clekien Gardner, Sandra Migliaccio Gasbarro, Barbara Green Gramenos, Sally Morris Hayen, Jane Mullen Hildreth, Katherine Hill Howard, Joan Appleton Jevne, Susan Colcock Mitchel, Carolyn Stanton Peirce, Pamela Butler Schweider, Sandra Fantona Williams, Sally Reynolds Carlin and Maritza Barnett Johnson. The Fri. evening boat trip on Lake Sunapee was a fun time for all. The Sat. picnic was held in part of Ware Campus Center. The cocktail party that evening at President Tom and Susan Galligan’s home was a great success. After the party, our class photo was taken in Colgate Hall.

From there it was alumni awards, followed by dinner and dancing in Ware Campus Center. Sun. was more of a somber day with a service of remembrance followed by the planting of 29 bulbs—one for each departed member of our class. There was a farewell brunch at the Lake Sunapee Country Club.

1962

Gail Graham Lee
3980 Lakemont Drive
Bonita Springs, FL 34134
(239) 947-3285
gailcracker@comcast.net

Hope you will put Oct. 12-14, 2012, on your calendars, which is when we’ll celebrate our 50th Reunion in New London at the College on the Hill. As those dates fall on Columbus Day weekend, which is when the foliage is at peak color, I strongly recommend that you book your accommodations early. I’m sure if you contact the Alumni Office they can make suggestions of what is nearby.

Wynne Jesser McGrew and her husband, Tom, have lived in Cincinnati for 42 years while he was working for Proctor and Gamble, and now during their retirement years. Their daughter, Lynne, and her husband and 8-year-old son live in Chicago and are true Cubs fans. Their son, Mark, and his wife and sons, 7 and 9, live near them. Wynne has spent the last 20 years as a travel consultant with an agency in Cincinnati, so she and her husband have been able to travel extensively. Last Jan. they went on a trip to Antarctica and are anxious to do more exploring. Sherry Smith Hayes and her husband, Steve, spend their winters in Vero Beach, FL, and the remainder of the year in Dayton, OH. They both enjoy golf, and Sherry just finished as president of the Women’s Golf Association at their club. Her other interests include playing bridge, enjoying time with family and friends, and belonging to an investment club, garden club and book club. Her daughter Leslie and her husband live in Fairfield, CT, with 2 children—Sidney, who is almost 13, and Sean, who turned 10 in Jan. Her daughter Melissa lives in the Dayton area. Steve has a married son living in Houston, TX, with 2 children—Sidney, who is almost 13, and Sean, who turned 10 in Jan. Her daughter Melissa lives in the Dayton area. Steve has a married son living in Houston, TX, with 2 little girls. Sherry has had 2 hip replacements and feels wonderful. Merle Rockwell-Modell remarried 12 years ago and between her husband and her, they have 5 grown children and 7 grandchildren. Her youngest son, who is 40, was married in early Nov. in FL. She and her husband love living on the Wye River on MD’s eastern shore. They are both professional mediators and professional development coaches and have combined these 2 specialties into a conflict coaching practice. They also did a lot of international travel in 2011, including Ireland, England, Italy, Brazil and Spain, and were to travel to Israel at the end of Nov. Merle recently attended a Colby alumni gathering in Annapolis. Alice Beebe Davies is enjoying retirement and her 8 grandchildren—4 boys and 4 girls ranging in age from 3 to 14. Jan Goodwin Rupert currently lives in Mahtomedi, MN, which is on White Bear Lake. She has been retired since 2003 and is an athlete and a grandmother of 4 who loves to ski, bike, hike, play golf and play tennis. Her health is good but she is dealing with 4 autoimmune diseases. It is a 2nd marriage for both her and her husband. She has lost contact with her 3 roommates who were Lynne Waivering Shotwell, Margot “Mitzie” Fraker Wynkoop and Vicki Clarke Linville, and would love to make contact with them. Barbara Greenspan Jacobson has been living in Menlo Park, CA, since 1969. She and her husband are happily retired after working many years, he as a management consultant and she managing a scholarship fund sponsored by the University Club of Palo Alto. They have 2 children.
I’ve continued my watercolor painting classes and working for Habitat.

Gail Graham Lee ’62

and 1 grandson. Their daughter, Karen, is married to an architect. Karen has her MBA in marketing but has MS so can only work part time. Her son, Ross, and his best friend are television and film producers in Los Angeles. Barbara has visited Colby-Sawyer many times as her sister has a home on Little Lake Sunapee, her father was a Trustee, and she serves on the President’s Alumni Advisory Council. Sally Mollenberg Lawlor visited Mexico with Carol Early Adams—the 5th time they’ve been there. They’re also going on a Rhine River cruise next June. Sally is retired and just got back from UT where she visited her son and his wife and her grandkids—Teegan, who is 4, and Alee, who is 8. She has another granddaughter in the Boston area who is 15 months old. Carol, Sally and Judy Smith McCracken all went to Sunday River in ME over Columbus Day. The 3 of them visit Judy Park Kukk in Naples, FL, every year in May where they also visit with Judith Bodwell Mulholland. Susan Shonnard Brenner’s husband, Albert, was about to have his left knee replaced, having had his right knee done about 8 years ago. She is still doing extra work in films and on TV; she was in “Bridesmaids” this year and on an eBay commercial. Other than that, they enjoy friends and do things at the Academy where Albert is on the Foreign Film Committee. Jill Schofeld Wainwright is still enjoying retirement both in FL and on Cape Cod. She tries to play golf, albeit not too well, and volunteers at the local museum and cultural center taking school kids on tours and ushering at plays. Jill took her granddaughter, Hannah, who is 14, to China last fall for 10 days. She was in the 8th grade and had been studying Chinese since 5th grade as part of her program. Hannah is continuing her study of Chinese in high school. As for yours truly, Dick and I had an uneventful year spending mid-Oct. to mid-May in FL and the remainder of the year on Cape Cod. In both places we play a lot of golf and bridge, spend time entertaining and being entertained, and I’ve continued my watercolor painting classes and working for Habitat. This fall we took an interesting trip through northern VA and into PA to see the battlefields of the Civil War. Wynne Jesser McGrew, Mitzie Fraker Wynkoop and I are the beginning of a committee to help organize our 50th Reunion. If anyone would care to give us a hand and some time, we would love to have you join us. Remember the dates—October 12, 13 and 14, 2012.

1963

Donna Dederick Ward 4550 Queen Elizabeth Way Naples, FL 34119 (800) 935-2440 hungrytrout@comcast.net

I (Donna Dederick Ward) have been battling breast cancer with chemotherapy all summer and radiation until January. My husband, Cliff, and the rest of my family have been supportive. It was tough running my business with all that going on. My B&B Inn, Meadowood Farm, had a fairly slow season, made worse by all the media attention to VT’s hurricane crisis. The Farm is located on the southern side of a mountain in VT; all the water from the storm whizzed right by us and went down to the valley. I was not able to attend my prep school’s reunion as it fell on graduation weekend of Bennington College, just a few miles from the Farm, and we were full with parents and family. I hope to be able to attend the 50th reunion of our class in 2013! In Oct. Lacey Smallwood Bangs and her sister, Pam Smallwood Herring ’73 MT, attended a luncheon for Professor Becky Irving ’42 that took place at Colby-Sawyer during Alumni Fall Festival. She writes, “It was a terrific tribute to a wonderful teacher, who is still incredibly current and vigorous—we should all age so well.” Lacey was looking forward to visiting her daughter and family in France for Christmas. Sandy Newbert Fitts is another survivor of breast cancer; it’s been 8 years since. She reports that Mimi Zimmerman Hoff is also a survivor. Sandy and husband, Jeff, are selling their beautiful condo on Lake Winnipesaukee in Wolfeboro, NH, and moving down the street to a house. They often drive back and forth from there to Sarasota, FL. Susan Lum-Creitz says things at her home in Cambridge, NY, are okay. Sharon Stokes Pietz and Pete
(married 49 years) had a wonderful Thanksgiving in NH with their 3 kids, spouses, and their 8 grandkids. Sharon keeps in touch with Colby roomie, Carole Underwood Bruere, who lives in Albuquerque, NM, and at her 50th high school reunion in Oct. saw Judy Boujicanian Oljey. They hadn’t seen each other in over 30 years! Pam Richardson Booma had no news from Lebanon, NH, but sent positive thoughts about my cancer struggle. She’s had many friends fight the same battle, and is happy to report that their treatment was successful in every case. Judy (Ann) Bowerman Condon and Joanie Gibney Whittaker and Chris recently moved to Simsbury, CT, to be close to her daughter, Sue Whittaker DiFatta ’97, and her family. Between Sue and son, Rob, they have 5 granddaughters and 1 new grandson. Sharon “Shari” MacKnight ’64 MT is planning to attend the Class of ’62 50th reunion in 2012 and hopes to attend our reunion in 2013. She’s had multiple sessions with breast cancer treatment since 1996. Thankfully, she’s now doing fine. Virginia “Jill” Osterland Prescott sends greetings from Zionsville, PA! She said that on October 29 the early 10” snow caught the trees full of leaves which came tumbling down all over the place, blocking roads and causing power outages. At least nothing fell on Jill’s house. Otherwise Jill and husband, Ed, are doing well. She spends time at the gym, works at her local church food bank, keeps books for the church cemetery and hospitality committee, and volunteers for the AARP state tax aide program. Jill and Ed visit their children and grandchildren in AZ and CA. Marna Nielsen Blanchette spent several lovely days with Jean Macaulay Anderson last Oct. This past spring Lee Montgomery took the #1 trip on her bucket list: a safari in the Okavango Delta in Botswana. She saw lots of game and birds while camping in gorgeous spots in the game parks! Next on the list for the fall: a hike on the Inca Trail into Machu Picchu. Lee has also been training her young Cocker Spaniel, Lydia, for competition; they have done 4 events and brought home 8 ribbons! Lee spends time at her place in the Green Mountains of VT, with daughters and grandchildren visiting often, and was looking forward to another good winter of skiing. She loves living in her tiny place near Harvard Square and walking along the beautiful Charles River every day. Martha Herndon Williamson noted that 2011 was the year that our classmates celebrated 50th high school reunions. Since she attended 2 high schools, she went to 2 reunions—in Philadelphia, PA, and Bethesda, MD. This past spring Martha had surgery and remodeled her FL room in time to recuperate there. She regrets not having met any Colby alums last year but hopes to do so in 2012. Cheryl Cemberling Kozloff and husband, Chick, are now spending summers in Portland, OR, with daughter Kacy and her family. Patricia “Monie” Cunningham Sullivan gets together every year with Sue Vaill Bosworth, Gretchen Burrough Morse, Cindy Nelson Pitcher, and Nanci Cate Steen. In 2011 they gathered at Sugarbush in VT, which was beautiful. The big news is that Gretchen retired after 20 years as head of the United Way in VT. The group helped her celebrate by visiting the Ben & Jerry’s factory and eating way too much ice cream!

I’ve just published my 4th biography.

Ann Blackman ’66

husband just renovated an early 19th C. home in MA, which will appear in her 20th book early next year called Back Home - Simply Country. She enjoys writing the “simply country” book series, which includes the filming of country decorated homes and writing about ideas, antiques and creative country collectors. You can find them at www.marshhomesteadantiques.com. She continues to spend time in St. Maarten and when in the States enjoy her 5 children and 5 grandchildren. Joanie Gibney Whittaker and Chris recently moved to Simsbury, CT, to be close to her daughter, Sue Whittaker DiFatta ’97, and her family. Between Sue and son, Rob, they have 5 granddaughters and 1 new grandson. Sharon “Shari” MacKnight ’64 MT is planning to attend the Class of ’62 50th reunion in 2012 and hopes to attend our reunion in 2013. She’s had multiple sessions with breast cancer treatment since 1996. Thankfully, she’s now doing fine. Virginia “Jill” Osterland Prescott sends greetings from Zionsville, PA! She said that on October 29 the early 10” snow caught the trees full of leaves which came tumbling down all over the place, blocking roads and causing power outages. At least nothing fell on Jill’s house. Otherwise Jill and husband, Ed, are doing well. She spends time at the gym, works at her local church food bank, keeps books for the church cemetery and hospitality committee, and volunteers for the AARP state tax aide program. Jill and Ed visit their children and grandchildren in AZ and CA. Marna Nielsen Blanchette spent several lovely days with Jean Macaulay Anderson last Oct. This past spring Lee Montgomery took the #1 trip on her bucket list: a safari in the Okavango Delta in Botswana. She saw lots of game and birds while camping in gorgeous spots in the game parks! Next on the list for the fall: a hike on the Inca Trail into Machu Picchu. Lee has also been training her young Cocker Spaniel, Lydia, for competition; they have done 4 events and brought home 8 ribbons! Lee spends time at her place in the Green Mountains of VT, with daughters and grandchildren visiting often, and was looking forward to another good winter of skiing. She loves living in her tiny place near Harvard Square and walking along the beautiful Charles River every day. Martha Herndon Williamson noted that 2011 was the year that our classmates celebrated 50th high school reunions. Since she attended 2 high schools, she went to 2 reunions—in Philadelphia, PA, and Bethesda, MD. This past spring Martha had surgery and remodeled her FL room in time to recuperate there. She regrets not having met any Colby alums last year but hopes to do so in 2012. Cheryl Cemberling Kozloff and husband, Chick, are now spending summers in Portland, OR, with daughter Kacy and her family. Patricia “Monie” Cunningham Sullivan gets together every year with Sue Vaill Bosworth, Gretchen Burrough Morse, Cindy Nelson Pitcher, and Nanci Cate Steen. In 2011 they gathered at Sugarbush in VT, which was beautiful. The big news is that Gretchen retired after 20 years as head of the United Way in VT. The group helped her celebrate by visiting the Ben & Jerry’s factory and eating way too much ice cream!

I’ve just published my 4th biography.

Ann Blackman ’66

husband just renovated an early 19th C. home in MA, which will appear in her 20th book early next year called Back Home - Simply Country. She enjoys writing the “simply country” book series, which includes the filming of country decorated homes and writing about ideas, antiques and creative country collectors. You can find them at www.marshhomesteadantiques.com. She continues to spend time in St. Maarten and when in the States enjoy her 5 children and 5 grandchildren. Joanie Gibney Whittaker and Chris recently moved to Simsbury, CT, to be close to her daughter, Sue Whittaker DiFatta ’97, and her family. Between Sue and son, Rob, they have 5 granddaughters and 1 new grandson. Sharon “Shari” MacKnight ’64 MT is planning to attend the Class of ’62 50th reunion in 2012 and hopes to attend our reunion in 2013. She’s had multiple sessions with breast cancer treatment since 1996. Thankfully, she’s now doing fine. Virginia “Jill” Osterland Prescott sends greetings from Zionsville, PA! She said that on October 29 the early 10” snow caught the trees full of leaves which came tumbling down all over the place, blocking roads and causing power outages. At least nothing fell on Jill’s house. Otherwise Jill and husband, Ed, are doing well. She spends time at the gym, works at her local church food bank, keeps books for the church cemetery and hospitality committee, and volunteers for the AARP state tax aide program. Jill and Ed visit their children and grandchildren in AZ and CA. Marna Nielsen Blanchette spent several lovely days with Jean Macaulay Anderson last Oct. This past spring Lee Montgomery took the #1 trip on her bucket list: a safari in the Okavango Delta in Botswana. She saw lots of game and birds while camping in gorgeous spots in the game parks! Next on the list for the fall: a hike on the Inca Trail into Machu Picchu. Lee has also been training her young Cocker Spaniel, Lydia, for competition; they have done 4 events and brought home 8 ribbons! Lee spends time at her place in the Green Mountains of VT, with daughters and grandchildren visiting often, and was looking forward to another good winter of skiing. She loves living in her tiny place near Harvard Square and walking along the beautiful Charles River every day. Martha Herndon Williamson noted that 2011 was the year that our classmates celebrated 50th high school reunions. Since she attended 2 high schools, she went to 2 reunions—in Philadelphia, PA, and Bethesda, MD. This past spring Martha had surgery and remodeled her FL room in time to recuperate there. She regrets not having met any Colby alums last year but hopes to do so in 2012. Cheryl Cemberling Kozloff and husband, Chick, are now spending summers in Portland, OR, with daughter Kacy and her family. Patricia “Monie” Cunningham Sullivan gets together every year with Sue Vaill Bosworth, Gretchen Burrough Morse, Cindy Nelson Pitcher, and Nanci Cate Steen. In 2011 they gathered at Sugarbush in VT, which was beautiful. The big news is that Gretchen retired after 20 years as head of the United Way in VT. The group helped her celebrate by visiting the Ben & Jerry’s factory and eating way too much ice cream!

1964

Class Correspondent Needed

Please send your news to the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving 541 Main Street New London, NH 03257 alumni@colby-sawyer.edu

Editor’s Note: Special thanks to Lee Norris Gray, who served as the Class of ’64 correspondent from 2005 to 2011.

Katherine “Cappi” Harris Post writes, “My husband, Jerry, and I have spent most of our life in
Barrington, IL, a suburb of Chicago. We have 4 children: Katie (Winnetka, IL), Michael (Edina, MN), Mark (Chicago) and Kelley (Barrington), and 9 grandchildren. After retirement, we built a home on Kiawah Island, SC, and spend time both there and in Barrington. I look forward every year to reading the alumni notes.”

1965

Chris Murray McKee
518 Burpee Hill Road
New London, NH 03257
(603) 763-2761
ctmckee@tds.net

Hello from Lebanon, NH! I’m still working fulltime in the neonatology section at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. I split my workday between being program coordinator for the neonatology fellowship and supporting the attendings in the intensive care nursery. We have several Colby-Sawyer nursing students rotating through the nursery on a regular basis. Retirement is not on my list of things to do right now. On my days off, master gardening, volunteering at my church and keeping an eye on 2 active dogs take up most of my time. Linda Brooks Hiross writes, “Am still living in VA. Have been working for the board of our homeowner’s association for the past 7 years. Since my mother died in 2006, I have been reinventing my life, playing grandma to 3 grandsons, ages 7, 3 and 1. Several years ago I embarked on a family genealogy project, and it has blossomed into a full-time volunteer occupation doing research for the Stetson Kindred of America in Norwell, MA, tracking down descendants; we update our files and provide vital record sources for prospective members. When not glued to my computer, I read, cook, travel and take Swimnastics in the summer.” Debbie Pellington O’Hara in NC has a new granddaughter in Dallas, TX. Debbie broke her shoulder and had to have an implant, so she’s retired from teaching preschool after 25 years. She enjoys filling her days with the gym, shopping, having lunch with friends, tutoring elementary kids and volunteering at church. Ann Blackman writes, “Just published my 4th biography, Off to Save the World: How Julia Taft Made a Difference (ME Authors Publishing).

My other books include biographies of former Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright; Robert P. Hanssen, the FBI agent who spied for the Russians; and Rose O’Neale Greenhow, who spied for the South during the Civil War.” After many years on the East Coast, a little over a year ago Nancy Hayes retired to the Portland, OR, area where her son, Steve, his wife, Kim and her 2-year-old grandson, Benjamin live. Nancy and her best friend from CT drove out there together, taking almost 2 weeks along a rendition of the Oregon Trail. Nancy has been volunteering at a Visitor Center of the Chamber of Commerce. Sue Chapman Melanson wrote that she just had lunch with Susie Bradt Selden in Kennebunkport, ME. They found each other on Facebook. Kay McDowell Nicklas writes, “I just returned home from 3 weeks in Craftsbury Common, VT with my daughter, son-in-law and NEW baby girl. Iris Adeline is our 5th grandchild and Melissa’s 1st child. Our oldest son has 2 boys and our other son has a girl and boy,” Sally Shaw Veitch still lives in Colorado Springs and also spends time in Edwards, CO, and Rangeley, ME. Sally has 2 grown sons; one lives with his wife and 2 boys in Eagle, CO, and the other with his wife and 2 children, a girl and a boy, in Yarmouth, ME. She’s an active board member of the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo in Colorado Springs and the Vail Health Services Board in Vail, CO. Sally is also pleased to add that she’s just joined the Board of Trustees of Colby-Sawyer and has been inducted into the Colby-Sawyer Legend Society.

Joyce Chapman Cerny remarried last Apr., and is still living in Newburyport, MA. Together she and her husband have 8 children and 11 grandchildren. Joyce retired in June after working fulltime in Boston for many years.

1966

Susan Weeks
3 Winona Circle
Lebanon, NH 03766
(603) 448-6962
susan.e.weeks@hitchcock.org

Hello from Lebanon, NH! I’m still working fulltime in the neonatology section at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. I split my workday between being program coordinator for the neonatology fellowship and supporting the attendings in the intensive care nursery. We have several Colby-Sawyer nursing students rotating through the nursery on a regular basis. Retirement is not on my list of things to do right now. On my days off, master gardening, volunteering at my church and keeping an eye on 2 active dogs take up most of my time. Linda Brooks Hiross writes, “Am still living in VA. Have been working for the board of our homeowner’s association for the past 7 years. Since my mother died in 2006, I have been reinventing my life, playing grandma to 3 grandsons, ages 7, 3 and 1. Several years ago I embarked on a family genealogy project, and it has blossomed into a full-time volunteer occupation doing research for the Stetson Kindred of America in Norwell, MA, tracking down descendants; we update our files and provide vital record sources for prospective members. When not glued to my computer, I read, cook, travel and take Swimnastics in the summer.” Debbie Pellington O’Hara in NC has a new granddaughter in Dallas, TX. Debbie broke her shoulder and had to have an implant, so she’s retired from teaching preschool after 25 years. She enjoys filling her days with the gym, shopping, having lunch with friends, tutoring elementary kids and volunteering at church. Ann Blackman writes, “Just published my 4th biography, Off to Save the World: How Julia Taft Made a Difference (ME Authors Publishing).

My other books include biographies of former Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright; Robert P. Hanssen, the FBI agent who spied for the Russians; and Rose O’Neale Greenhow, who spied for the South during the Civil War.” After many years on the East Coast, a little over a year ago Nancy Hayes retired to the Portland, OR, area where her son, Steve, his wife, Kim and her 2-year-old grandson, Benjamin live. Nancy and her best friend from CT drove out there together, taking almost 2 weeks along a rendition of the Oregon Trail. Nancy has been volunteering at a Visitor Center of the Chamber of Commerce. Sue Chapman Melanson wrote that she just had lunch with Susie Bradt Selden in Kennebunkport, ME. They found each other on Facebook. Kay McDowell Nicklas writes, “I just returned home from 3 weeks in Craftsbury Common, VT with my daughter, son-in-law and NEW baby girl. Iris Adeline is our 5th grandchild and Melissa’s 1st child. Our oldest son has 2 boys and our other son has a girl and boy,” Sally Shaw Veitch still lives in Colorado Springs and also spends time in Edwards, CO, and Rangeley, ME. Sally has 2 grown sons; one lives with his wife and 2 boys in Eagle, CO, and the other with his wife and 2 children, a girl and a boy, in Yarmouth, ME. She’s an active board member of the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo in Colorado Springs and the Vail Health Services Board in Vail, CO. Sally is also pleased to add that she’s just joined the Board of Trustees of Colby-Sawyer and has been inducted into the Colby-Sawyer Legend Society.

Joyce Chapman Cerny remarried last Apr., and is still living in Newburyport, MA. Together she and her husband have 8 children and 11 grandchildren. Joyce retired in June after working fulltime in Boston for many years.

1967

Sis Hagen Kinney
104 Downing Drive
Summerville, SC 29485
(843) 871-2122
kinivan06@gmail.com

Ellen Warren Gerard and her husband, Ron, spend 6 months on Damariscotta Lake in ME, and 6 months in FL. This arrangement is the best of both worlds because their 2 daughters, Trissi and Janet, live in Sarasota, FL, and their 2 sons, Garrett and Grant, live in New England. They have 6 grandchildren—3 boys and 3 girls. Ellen and Ron are enjoying retirement and are passionate about both cooking and art. For the past 10 years
The tennis career of Joan Campbell Eliot ‘67 began at age seven, when she started playing on her grandmother’s court. Some five decades later, in 2011, she notched her career highlight, when she captained a tennis team that went all the way to the USTA National Championship.

“I was never a prodigy,” laughs Eliot, “I was just kind of a plugger and passionate about the game.” Playing high school tennis at the George School in Pennsylvania and college tennis at Colby-Sawyer and then Boston University, Eliot humbly says her career record has been decidedly mixed. She began coaching tennis after moving to Irvine, Calif., with her husband while he was stationed there during the Vietnam War. “Moving to Southern California automatically elevates your tennis,” she says. “Everyone plays. For the first time in my life I was able to play year-round.”

Eliot moved back east in 1975 to teach physical education at Woodland Country Day School and played Philadelphia Cup Tennis for Wilmington Country Club. In 1980 she became the athletic director and tennis and field hockey coach at the Foxcroft School in Middleburg, Va. Since 1983, she has been playing USTA League tennis as part of the Middleburg Tennis Club.

The USTA—the acronym for the United States Tennis Association—is the nation’s largest recreational tennis league. In tournament play, teams first compete in their local league over a number of months. The winning teams in each league then move on to the tournament proper, competing first at the districts, or state level, then onto sectionals, and finally onto nationals. “The teams I have been on had never gone beyond the district tournament,” Eliot says. Until 2011, that is.

Eliot’s 4.0 team, which she has captained for five years, was undefeated at the local level in the Shenandoah League. The Middleburg team encountered stiff competition at the districts and tied with Virginia Beach for first place. With both teams dead even in matches and sets won, the tie-breaker came down to the wire. Virginia Beach had lost 97 games, Middleburg 94. Eliot’s team moved onto sectionals by a whisker.

“When we made it through the districts, that’s when the miracle started,” says Eliot. At the sectional level, competing against other mid-Atlantic teams, her team went undefeated. Then it was off to Indian Wells, Calif., to play for a national championship.

Eliot didn’t realize the magnitude of what her team was accomplishing until she arrived at Indian Wells. Surveying the 36 stadium courts, as many as those at the site of the U.S. Open in Flushing Meadows, she warned her teammates, “This is serious!” They lost their first match but won their next three to make it through the first round. In the semifinals, they beat a team from Tulsa, Okla., and, perhaps fittingly, played a team representing New England in the final.

“I did not put myself in that match,” says Eliot, knowing her team had 11 players to draw on. “I was a wreck, trying to figure out the right combinations to put against these teams.” In over 100-degree heat, Eliot watched as her Middleburg team took on Beverly, Mass. At day’s end, by a score of 2-1, Middleburg had triumphed. They were the 4.0 Senior Women’s National Champions.

At their victory party, the local media fawned and, in their town of about 600 people, the Middleburg team members were treated as sport celebrities. As to whether the team can repeat their miracle year in 2012, Eliot notes that USTA rules allow only three members of a team to play together the following year. She has a plan for that, though. “We can play together at the 4.5 level,” she says gleefully. “We’re going back to Indian Wells!”

— Mike Gregory
they’ve been involved in a camp for victims of 9/11 at Camp Kieve. Ellen has remained involved with The Miss ME Pageant and has served as judges’ hostess for the past several years. She loves catching up with her Colby roomie, Jannie Sawyer Campanale. I had a short communiqué from Marina Gopadze, with whom I have a “Buchanan, VA, connection.” Marina invited me to come to Buchanan anytime to “see a place that still has your footprint on her roads!” How sweet! She thanked me for my “faithful reporting” and ended with “God’s sweet and lovely blessing” on me!

Prudence Hostetter reported from FL that her son is in 9th grade at the Dreyfoos School of Arts. She’s volunteering through her church and has several trips planned with them for 2012 to Cuba and Honduras. She’s also planning a trip to Australia with her aunt sometime in 2012. Beth Holloran Bourguignon is still working at the Needham Children’s Center as a director and is fortunate to be working with 3 CSC alumni: Susanne Day Teachout ’01, Emma Wigton Pasquale ’09 and Carolyn Day ’09. Beth and her husband, Ty, are enjoying a little more free time with reduced work schedules, and their 2 dogs, Golden Retriever Max and Goldendoodle Minnie, keep them busy. Their summers are still spent in ME on Long Island in Casco Bay, and she enjoys skiing every winter at Attitash in NH. Her children are well; daughter Amy and her husband, Mike, live in Woburn, MA, and son Greg is in Brighton, MA. They are all employed and spend their leisure time as avid Boston sports fans. Ellen McDaniel Wilsey ’67 MT has been living in Albuquerque, NM, for the past 14 years, 13 of them working in one of DOE’s National Laboratories as a financial analyst. She had a very fulfilling “short-term career” at the lab, but retired in Dec. 2011. Ellen looks forward to pursuing her hobbies, which include golfing, hiking, skiing and dancing. She was planning to travel to Chile in the spring of 2012. Anne Baynes Hall is in good health. She still lives in Bow, NH, but is excited for a move to New London! Her new home will have everything she needs on one floor and will have room for guests! Anne will be within walking distance of the college and church. Anne writes, “Been very busy on the Bishop Search Committee, as clerk, in addition to being a regular member. My sister, Janet Baynes Benzie ’71, arrived a week before Thanksgiving and helped me with getting the Bow house in order to put on the market next year. Much of what is in storage in the basement is hers. Still volunteer for my church and CSC. Anyone traveling through New London from late spring on is welcome to visit.” As for me, Sis Hagen Kinney, I’m torn between working until I actually can retire at “full retirement” for Social Security, or just going ahead and making this my last year. Hubby Bobby and I golf and hike. We spend as much time as we can at our family’s small home in the western NC mountains in a large development known as Linville Land Harbor. I sprained my ankle at the end of July while hiking, and as of this writing, it is still not 100%. My husband’s father passed away a few days before Christmas 2010. We became the owners of a rescue Golden Retriever in Nov. of 2010 and, sad to say, she had to be put down this past Oct. because of cancer and tumors. Other than that, our children and we are well.

1968

Class Correspondent Needed
Please send your news to the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving
541 Main Street
New London, NH 03257
alumni@colby-sawyer.edu

Jean “Gusty” Lange writes, “I have a 16-year-old daughter who is a junior in high school and a son, 21, who is spending his fall semester in India, and who will graduate from Wheaton College (MA) in June. I’m in my 27th year teaching at Pratt Institute, and husband Steve is a writer. I am in touch with Cornelia de Schepper and Whitney Mckendree Moore.”
1969

Debi Adams Johnston
3727 Moorland Drive
Charlotte, NC 28226-1120
(704) 542-6244
navypub@aol.com

Pam Hersey ’69 MT still lives on Peaks Island, off the coast of ME. She spent all her summers there growing up and her 92-year-old father is still in the family cottage. She’s been there year-round for the past 23 years and with the same man! Pam is currently working on the novel More Company Men: Global Dawn (working title), which continues her Takedown trilogy. She had so many readers complain that they didn’t want the trilogy to end that she turned it into a series! Pam stays in touch with Marion “Molly” Cate ’69 MT, Pam Herd Mackellar, Pam Prescott King, Louise Cutting Dorian, Barbara Crockett Collins and Randi Van Dusen Thekan. Pam does some disability consulting when she’s not writing. Elizabeth Mulligan Jaques now has a granddaughter, Victoria Lopez, to add to her 2 grandsons. She’s enjoying retirement and went on a 2-week tour of many of the Western National Parks with her 2 sisters in Sept. She and Larry are going on a 3-week trip to AK in Aug, to celebrate their 25th. Victoria Leidner lives in Wynnewood, PA, and works in the development department at the Philadelphia Orchestra. She also has a small calligraphy business on the side, writing wedding invitations and envelopes. All is well with her and her gray Maine Coon cat. Terri Reynolds McKeon’s husband of 38 years, Jack, has retired from ConAgra and now consults. Terri continues volunteering for Assistance League of Minneapolis/St. Paul. Last year she was president and this year she’s chairing 2 committees: Food For Kids and the Technology committee. Terry and Jack have done a fair amount of traveling and spend much of the summer at their cabin in northern MN. Their son Steve received his Ph.D. in Finance from Purdue in Aug. and is now a professor at the U. of OR. He has 2 little girls, ages 5 and 8. Son Mike is consulting for small businesses in Minneapolis and son Dan is doing something similar in Seattle. Ruth Rhodes Nahm is still in NJ but has recently purchased a home on the Gulf in FL. Their oldest daughter, Kristin, and her husband, Doug, continue to enjoy Seattle. They are planning to sell all they have in the spring of 2014 and bicycle around the world for 2 years. Kristin works for a logistics company and Doug writes strategy guides for video games. Ruth’s youngest daughter, Erica, and her husband, Dominick, have made them grandparents! Erica works for Memorial Sloan Kettering in Manhattan and Dom works for Price Waterhouse Coopers in Long Island. Their middle daughter, Lindsay, is a principal of an elementary school in Morris Plains. Eric continues to enjoy real estate and Ruth still enjoys being an activity coordinator in the CCRC. Eight years ago, Judi Tisdall Ostberg moved to a smaller house (still in Summit) and updated it. Rick is still working. Their 3 children are grown and happy: Whitney, in Boston, is married with a girl almost 5 and a boy almost 2. Dana, also in Boston, is an adolescent nurse at Children’s Hospital. Peter, an analyst with a firm in NYC, is married with a 1-year-old daughter. Judi and Rick’s health is still great: lots of walking, gardening, tennis and beginnings of golf. Gretchen Smith Robinson and husband Bob are now living part time in both Iowa City and Eastham, MA, on Cape Cod. Bob stepped down after 21 years as Chief of Psychiatry at U. of IA in July. They plan to live full time on the Cape by 2015.
Gretchen has just published her senior downsizing guide *Decisive Moves* online (www.decisivemoves.com). Son Christopher and his wife, Neha, are both physicians in Boston. Their first child was born just before Christmas 2010. Son Jonathan lives in Houston, where he finished his Ph.D. at Rice U. He has recently started his own business brokering oil products. Gretchen keeps in touch with Sue Stone Coffman and Jane Catir Knapp, and she sees Patsy Peterson Kortegast when Patsy comes down from ME. Diane Wright Smith and her husband both still work in Ft. Myers, FL. They went up to New England this summer for their nephew’s wedding, then stopped back in CT to see friends. They were in Las Vegas in Oct. to watch their grandson, Grayson, turn 2. Roberta Maxfield traveled to Arequipa and Canyon Country in May with her daughter, Josie, who lives in Lima and teaches at a private boys’ school. In Sept., her son, Jamie, and his wife, Amanda, had their first baby. Connor was born on Sept. 21 and Roberta and Jim went to NH in Oct. to meet him. Roberta is still a portfolio manager for the largest association management firm in Sarasota. She’s taking yoga, biking and kayaking, and recently completed her 1st 5K in many years.

As for me, Debi Adams Johnston, our oldest son, Ian, is stationed back in Naples, Italy, after back-to-back deployments kept him away from his family for 2 years. Garth is still on loan to the Canadian Navy putting their submarine force together. Daughter Emily just collaborated with Coach, designing a bag that launched in London in Nov. Her fashion blog, www.fashionfoiegras.com, continues to grow at an almost alarming rate. Youngest son, Alec, just left the Navy and has started his own enterprise in Beverly Hills, CA, SeventhWing Luxury Auto Brokerage.

**1970**

Gail Remick Hoage
64 Valley Road
New Durham, NH 03855
(603) 859-3241
gail@michaelsschool.com

I can always tell when winter approaches as Deb Marcoux Deaceticus is sharing Facebook pictures kayaking in FL! Had a fabulous summer reunion in Aug. in the Hamptons at Susan Pomerantz’ abode! Me—kayaking! A little help from my buddies Val Turtle and Beth Constantinedes Meurlin worked magic. Also in the Hamptons were pals Deb Marcoux Deaceticus and Lynn Winchester. Keppie Miller Sullivan, now living in CA, was in New England at the Dartmouth Reunion. Need some news from Sarah Haskell about her amazing South Africa journey! You can e-mail me or reach me via Facebook. Don’t miss the Colby-Sawyer page—sign up for updates as they have their regular college site and their alumni page, and it helps us stay in touch. Go to facebook.com/colbysawyer.alumni.

**1971**

Bonnie Pratt Filiault
650 Old Stage Road
Centerville, MA 02632-1804
bfiliault@kinlingrover.com

Anne Alger Hayward enjoys hanging out with Bonnie Pratt Filiault on Cape Cod now that they are both empty nesters. Bonnie’s children Jen and Brett have graduated from college (UVM and St. Michael’s), are living in Watertown outside of Boston and have wonderful jobs. Her daughter Katie is a freshman at Boston College. Bonnie also is in touch with Annie Pouch, who has moved permanently to Brewster on the Cape. Connie Brown writes, “I live in Durham, in a 19th century schoolhouse converted for us to live in by my husband, Duncan Milne, a residential architect. I’m a map-maker: I make painted wall maps on canvas for private clients, corporations and organizations; my company name is Redstone Studios LLC. My 3 grown children—Greg, Andrew, and Liza—live, respectively, in the Silicon Valley, Washington, DC, and Boston. Greg and his wife have a 2-year-old daughter, Hazel.” Jennie Kroll Hollister met up with Sue Rich Daylor for lunch and got caught...
up on 40 years of news. Joan Whitney is living in Harleysville, PA. Both her children were married in 2009 and daughter Hilary gave Joan her 1st grandchild, Avary Rose Moeller, last Aug. Nancy Bokron Lavigne says it's been an interesting year for her real estate business, but she's blessed to live in an area where there are fewer short sales and foreclosures. This past Aug. she and her husband, Jeff, took a cruise to Italy. They hit a few more ports and then visited Croatia, then on to Venice. Nancy had dinner with Allison Faccone of CSC’s Advancement Office and said it was fun to hear all the news from her. Nancy has stayed in touch with Sally Leyland Barlow and knows that this past year has been busy for her with weddings and moving. Mary Lou Sibley Wolfe lived in Best dormitory and now lives in Sammamish, WA. “I am married as of 18 years to Cory D. Wolfe, who works for Boeing,” she reports. “We have one son, Alex Sibley Wolfe, who is an honors student and an avid, year-round soccer player. I am retired from teaching high school English—my traditional career—and Operating Engineers Local 302, my nontraditional career. We have one cat, Bella. We have a guest room with bath so if any old classmates come, give me a call.” Nancy Blake Baldwin is living on Hilton Head in SC and has a company with her husband: a software service for aviation safety management. They have 3 sons and one daughter between the 2 of them, all in the NY/CT area—2 married, one engaged, one single. Four grandkids, ages 1 year to 18 years. Ellie Goodwin Cochran started the year adjusting to the loss of her mother and celebrating her daughter’s 10th year at the Elliot Hospital. “Our daughter has developmental disabilities, so making it to 10 years was a real milestone,” Ellie says. “She was moved over the summer to the Elliot’s new facility, Rivers Edge, and enjoys delivering the orders to the nurses’ stations and baking the cookies.” Ellie’s son, Andrew, became engaged to his high school sweetheart and left his position at ESPN to join the Major League Baseball Network in the spring. His fiancée, Kristen, works at Aetna in Hartford. Dave has retired and is enjoying puttering, time at the lake and helping transport Sarah. Ellie still enjoys her work at the Foundation and has a sabbatical coming up this summer. In her spare time, she’s serving on the NH Institute of Art board of trustees and the NH Bar Foundation board and enjoying as much time at Lake Winnipesaukee as she can. She reconnected with Kim Crowell Arndt last summer and keeps in touch with Karen Siney Fredericks. Karen’s daughter is a wedding photographer in CO. Jean Bannister was surprised with a trip to Greece in celebration of her 60th birthday by her daughter Jillian and sister Gail 2 hours before the flight left Logan for Athens!

Let me remind us all that our 40th Reunion will be held the weekend of Oct. 12-14, 2012, at Colby-Sawyer.

Linda Kelly Graves ’72

Hough-Harden ’73, who was Nancy and Patty’s next door neighbor in Burpee. They all got together in Greenwich and Darien, CT. Patty and Nancy were hoping to plan a trip to Hilton Head in the spring and talking Jo Hill Munyon into joining them. Speaking of mini reunions, Nancy Bianchi Miller and Debbie Ross Chambliss and I “reunioned” at the end of Sept. at my parent’s house on Lake Winnipesaukee and then the next weekend at the wedding of Nancy’s middle son, Andrew, in Washington, DC. We look forward to doing it all again in May at the wedding of Nancy’s oldest son, Jamie, in Quebec City. Sherrill Howard and her partner, Janet, still live in Columbus, OH. Sherrill does a lot of volunteer work and shuttles back and forth to their property in the NH White Mts. Sherrill is now step-grandmother to 2 wonderful children. Susie Rouillard writes from Glen Falls, NY, that she’s been in banking and a licensed insurance agent for 30 years. The agency
she worked with specialized in ski area insurance and she traveled around the country checking the trails for safety. In 2002, Susie and her fiancé, John Gallup, bought a 70-acre horse farm in Ft. Edward, NY, where they now board 32 horses. They have all types of horses there, but Susie's own are Morgans, and they breed and raise them there. They enjoy riding, driving, dressage and jumping their horses. Next year, Susie is retiring from the banking/insurance field and will be spending her days enjoying her life on the horse farm. Susie is anxious to hear from her roommate, Maggie Hoban. Tobi Olson Nason bought a game and puzzle store in 2007, called Overboard, in Manzanita, CA, where she's been living for several years. Tobi continues to work part time as a counselor and does mediations (custody, domestic relations) for the County courts. People can also read her monthly article “Word and Wisdom,” based on her counseling perspective, in HIPFiSH. I was in touch with Lucy Main Tweet in Sept., trying to catch up with her and her life since retiring from Talbots. Lucy and her husband, John, still live in Hingham, MA, but have plans to move to FL in a few years. Lucy continues her work with her “Knitologie” projects and books/website. She

A Dance of Cultures
Rebecca Rice ’73

For more than 20 years, acclaimed choreographer Rebecca Rice ’73 has been the artistic director of her Boston dance company. Recently, she had the opportunity to export her talents, when the U.S. State Department invited her to Kazakhstan to serve as a cultural envoy.

Rice has been dancing her whole life, raised in a household in which both her mother and grandmother had dance studios. She came to Colby-Sawyer keen to pursue both the arts and academics. While here, she found herself as inspired by painting as by dance. She fondly recalls both Joel Conrad, her dance teacher, and Bill Holst, her art instructor, as having a tremendous impact on her creative development.

Upon graduation she continued her studies at the University of Utah before beginning to produce professional work in Pittsburgh, Penn., as co-founder of the Dance Alloy company. In 1991, after relocating to Boston, she founded her company, Rebecca Rice Dance, and is acclaimed for an approach to choreography that combines modernism with traditional ballet.

In the fall of 2011, as part of a State Department initiative to promote diplomacy through creative means, Rice journeyed to Kazakhstan, a former Soviet bloc country. There she created an original piece of choreography for the modern ballet troupe, Samruk Dance Company, as well as conducted master classes. Collaborating with dancers who spoke no English, Rice worked through an interpreter, which she describes as a fascinating process. “The dancers I worked with were incredibly passionate, alive, deep and rich as people,” she says, “even though, at first, they had a hard time expressing emotion with their faces. They were tight because of the Soviet years of not having their own voice and being controlled.”

Rice was particularly happy that of 11 dancers she worked with, six were men. “It’s hard to find really good male dancers,” she explains, “as they are usually tied up with major companies. To have six men with you all the time is like a dream!”

In December, Rice discussed her experience at a lecture at Boston’s Museum of Fine Arts. She plans to return to Kazakhstan in April to hold further choreography workshops, and then hopes to do the same thing in Russia. The experience, she says, opened her eyes. “Before I went, I thought, gee, they won’t be able to dance over there, they won’t have the same training. It turned out they had incredible training; the influence of Russia and Paris has infiltrated. I am a stickler for strong technical training, but I am a modern dancer at heart. These dancers typified the work that I do in the States.”

— Mike Gregory
was about to participate in an art exhibit near home for local artists. Her Knitologie work was being featured along with an array of needlepoint, which she has done since our days at Colby. Lydia Biddle Thomas, along with Nancy Schaffer von Stackelberg and Cindy Warren Kelley, traveled to San Francisco this past May for a rendezvous with Kate Dixon-Rose. Kate and her husband, Barry, showed the girls the town. Lydia spent time biking around the Finger Lakes in NY in July and in southern Spain in Sept. She also was able to spend time in Jamestown, RI, a favorite family haven. After her years at Colby, Rosemary Landino Hofmiller worked as a bacteriologist for a water company in CT until she married in 1980. She and her husband moved to AZ, where their 1st daughter was born. After 3 1/2 years of 118-degree heat, the family returned to Guildford, CT, where their 2nd daughter was born. Rosemary has a grandson, Luke, who was 8 months old at this writing. Rosemary was in touch with Anne Bell for many years, then lost touch with her. She recently learned that Anne passed away in 2005 in WI. Let me remind us all that our 40th Reunion will be held the weekend of Oct. 12-14, 2012, at Colby-Sawyer. Reunion is another time to celebrate where we have been and the fine people we have become, thanks in part to the education and the friendships formed during our time at Colby-Sawyer. Come and celebrate!

1973

Nancy Messing
908 Ponce de Leon Drive
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316
(954) 779-7449
nmessing@aol.com

The daughter of Sue Bedford Sleight and husband David was married in Aug. Their son has moved to a residential home in Andover and attends a day program in Peabody. Sue has been teaching 1st grade in North Andover for 13 years, where they also live. Anne Lederhos and husband Dave have been hosting an exchange student from Germany. Their daughter Amy graduated from high school and is a freshman at Hofstra. Their daughter Alyssa, a freshman in high school, recently starred as Helena in “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” at The Riverbend near where they live in Amherst, NH. Anne is an art teacher at the elementary school and is a very talented illustrator as well. Mary Cunniff Lambert lives in Chicago and is very involved in the tabletop industry, as she owns her own business. Sally McCreery Chisholm lives by the water in Hull, MA. Sally started a successful consulting/sales business in healthcare practice management software a while back. But fishing, sailing, rowing and sailboat racing are far more interesting, as are painting, gardening and just being outdoors! Christine Gram Croarkin is living in Suisse Romande, the French-speaking part of Switzerland, for the next few years. They are enjoying the beautiful scenery, culture and hiking, folk festivals, history and art. This was their 14th move! Their daughter recently graduated from MICA and was an intern concept artist at an animation studio. Their son works at an ad agency in Manhattan. Cathy Moore Pomeroy and husband Ted moved after being in their house for 24 years. Daughter Molly recently graduated from Cornell in the hotel school, and is working in DC for a real estate investment trust company. Her twin, Matt, graduated from the U. of OR, and will be earning his doctorate in Physical Therapy. Their older son, Sam, is studying media. Ted is semi-retired. Cathy still teaches reading to students in grades 6-12 who have significant mental illnesses. They are hoping to teach abroad next year; if anyone has suggestions, she would love to hear from them. As for me, Nancy Messing, our daughter, Caroline, is now a sophomore at Penn.
in the College of Arts and Sciences. She is majoring in Politics, Philosophy and Economics. We love visiting Philadelphia. Our son, Peter, is a freshman in high school, and in his 7th year of fencing; we will start to travel out of state for meets. My husband now teaches other surgeons how to use the state of the art Da Vinci Robot for gynecologic cancer surgery. He has recently rowed in The Head Of The Charles, The Head Of The Hooch and other regattas, and ran a 5K with Caroline over Thanksgiving. His other new interest is climbing Fourteeners, and this year he has climbed 3.

1974

Sue Brown Warner
48 Spring Street, unit 7
Greenwich, CT 06830-6129
(203) 629-1454
Susan.Warner@terex.com

Lisa Burke Hennessy recently had dinner with her cousin Stephanie Burke Hendrickson ’78 when she was visiting NYC. Stephanie lives in NC. Lisa has 13-year-old twin boys. Her husband works in NYC for the commercial real estate firm Cassidy Turley. She still has a decorating business in Bedford, NY, and is currently working on a renovation project in Harwich Port, MA, on Cape Cod. Lisa would love to hear from any of her Colby buddies, such as Maureen Shea, Jane Carter Heck, Kathi Roberts McMullen or Pam Rutkus Vernon. Ellen Attridge Dickhaut was in New London recently visiting her mother. Ellen retired in Sept. after almost 34 years of working as an attorney at the Industrial Commission of OH. She’s now able to spend more time with her high school junior, who is very active in water polo and swimming. Her oldest son attends the U. of Cincinnati. She’s hopeful that in retirement, she and her husband can spend more quality time together and with their family. Sally Williams Cook’s latest book, Yankee Miracles, with NY Yankee batboy Ray Negron, will be published in the fall of 2012 by WW Norton. Her son, Alex, graduated from Tufts in 2011 and is living in NY. He’s a member of the theater troupe “The Bats,” part of the Flea Theater. Sally’s daughter, Liz, a former Equinox trainer, is now a personal trainer in NY with her own private clients. Husband Bob is a land-use lawyer in NY. He continues to paint water-colors and is currently concentrating on portraits. Sue Tubbs Blakeslee wrote to comment on the recent Alumni Magazine cover story about our fellow Shepard dorm-mate Ann Woodd-Cahusac Neary. Sue and her BFF and former Colby roommate Marilyn “Mel” Heald McAllister are still close and talk to each other every week. Marcia Pearce Chaffee has been busy traveling throughout the US as a United States Figure Skating judge. Her travels have taken her to Salt Lake, Philadelphia and more recently Fort Collins. She and her husband took a trip to Amsterdam and Brussels this past May.

1975

Jill McLaughlin Godfrey
19500 Framingham Drive
Gaithersburg, MD 20879
(301) 926-7164
jillgodfrey25@gmail.com

Caryl Ellen Diengott
34 Hattie Lane
Billerica, MA 01821
(978) 436-9998
cdiengott@comcast.net

Editor’s Note: Welcome and a special thank you to Jill McLaughlin Godfrey and Caryl Ellen Diengott, who have agreed to serve as Class of ’75 correspondents.

How sorry I am to tell you that Laurie Ferguson passed away last year after a long battle with breast cancer. We saw her in March 2010 when she was in remission, upbeat, positive and grateful for the life she had lived. She leaves 2 sons, Cannon and Bucky. Laurie was the executive director of NH Made, a company that specializes in marketing products and services by local NH people. She loved her boys, her fiancé, her home and her chosen state of NH, and she loved us and her days at Colby-Sawyer. You might remember that Laurie was awarded the Colby-Sawyer Award at our graduation. She lived
just a few miles from the college, raising her family there. Caryl Ellen Diengott and I will try to fill Laurie’s place in taking over as class correspondents. Paulette Guay Stelmach has been in Glastonbury, CT, since 1987 with her husband, Stan. She’s an account manager with Dako Cancer Diagnostics. Their son, Thomas, graduated from Tulane U., and daughter, Suzanne, from Salve Regina. Paulette has been in touch with both Chris LoBello and Charlotte Lipton Kelman.

Heidi Scheller started her own insurance company in 2004: www.trilogyinsurancegroup.com. Caryl Ellen Diengott has kept in touch with Donna June, Carolyn Charleston, SC, and sometimes Portland, ME. Next stop: Marsh’s new home in OH! After 20 years as a trustee and 8 as chairman of the board of Colby-Sawyer, Anne Winton Black has retired. “I can say without reservation that the service to our college was the finest and most joyful volunteer experience I have ever had,” she writes. She and her husband, Rick, have settled in an antique home (1772) in Canton, CT, are spoiling their 1st grandchild and are celebrating their 36th wedding anniversary. We thank you, Anne, for everything you have accomplished at Colby-Sawyer for our benefit and the benefit of the future students.

for Reunion—prize for the furthest voyage goes to Lynn Esler Vail from Laguna Beach, whose son is a sophomore at CSC! We reveled together with Lynn—Katherine Burke, Nancy Barnes Berkeley, Barb Carroll, Carol DiGennaro Meyer, Janet Spurr and Lizzie Clowney Byrnes ’77.” After 30 years in financial services, in 2007 Mary Davenport Phelan retired from Bank of America. In Feb. 2008, her church administrator suddenly resigned and the position that Mary had actually written the job description for some 10 years before was open. “I knew I could bring something more to the job while giving back to a community of people who were so important to me during my life,” she writes. Mary’s daughters are grown and independent. Her older daughter works for Justin Winery in Paso Robles, CA, and her younger daughter is supporting herself through grad school in Augusta, GA. Mary’s husband still works at Bank of America and her parents are well and healthy. Melinda Miller Sexton’s oldest son Scott’s son, Landon Scott Sexton, was born on Sept. 2, 2011. Sharon Croft Risley lives in Fairfield, CT, and manages a women’s boutique named CAPRI. Her daughter Peyton works at Wake Forest U. and is getting married in June; her son Barrett was married in Oct. and lives in NYC with his wife, Lauren, whom he met at Elon U. Sharon’s daughter Taylor graduated from Elon U. in May and is pursuing a master’s degree in School Counseling, and her son Sam is a sophomore at High Point U. in High Point, NC. Sharon was reunited last fall with Anne Nicholson Naughton at Wake Forest U.

I knew I could bring something more to the job while giving back to a community...

Mary Davenport Phelan ’76

1977

Wendi Braun
5 Carnegie Place
Lexington, MA 02420
(781) 863-1502
Wendi_Braun@msn.com

Leslie Powers recently returned from Iraq after a year at COB Speicher as an army trauma flight nurse. She is now in the ER at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and says it’s great to be back. Ellen Dutra Houghton writes that she has been happily married for 22 years and is blessed to have 5

1976

Janet Spurr
52 Rowland Street,
Apartment 1
Marblehead, MA 01945
(781) 639-1008
spurr1@msn.com

Nancy Barnes Berkeley
writes, “A few brave souls from ’76 gathered to a community of people...
step-grandchildren. Her daughter, Lauren, is a senior in college; her niece, Kelly Dutra ‘08, is a nurse at DHMC; and her mother has moved “right down the road, and we enjoy having her closer.” Last year Ellen reconnected with her roommate Marjie McFaddin Scavone ’76 and hopes to visit her in the spring. Ellen has always stayed in touch with June Bascom, whose friendship she treasures, and would love to hear from Kathy Brown Teece. Ellen continues to keep her hands in the art world and has managed to stay close with her fellow BFA graduates from UNH. Keith Pearcy writes, “This fall has been more interesting than usual here in Frederick, MD. High points have been dinner at Bryan Voltaggio’s chef’s table, runway seats at DC fashion week at the request of my daughter, the fashion major, and a big 60th birthday party with family and friends. My wife, Andrea, and I live in the historic district, and I have a remodeling company in VA that services the Washington, DC, market.” Julie Zischkau has lived in FL for 18 years and for the past 3 has worked as an administrative assistant in the Russian Studies Center of Stetson U. She has 2 children in college (1 graduating this year), 2 children in high school (1 graduating this year, too) and 1 in 5th grade. She would love to hear from Deborah Byington ’76 and hopes to visit New London someday soon. Sue Graham Winslow is a writer for The Equine Journal, The Equine Chronicle and Massachusetts Horse magazines, and a therapeutic horseback riding instructor at T.H.E. FARM in Tewksbury, MA. She writes, “My husband, Scott, and I have a small farm in Boxford, MA. Our kids, Lexie, Sam and Keelie are either in college or recently graduated. I was in New London last summer and it was very nostalgic to stop at Peter Christian’s Tavern for lunch and take a tour of the CSC campus. It looks beautiful with so many additions and improvements. I would like to send best wishes to all our classmates, especially the wonderful women of Cutting House.” News from my end is that I started a new job at Fresenius Medical Care in April as a leadership consultant in their Center for Leadership and Professional Development. I’m having a blast traveling around the country, coaching, training and consulting with nurse managers, business leaders and medical directors. Fabulous company and my work is appreciated. My daughter is graduating from high school and off to an unknown college in the fall. Keep in touch everyone and all the best!”

1978

Jody Hambley Cooper 89 Main Street, Unit 3 Post Office Box 1943 New London, NH 03257 (603) 526-4517 jcooper323@aol.com

Greetings from New London! We had a freak snowstorm on October 29th, which made for some interesting trick-or-treating, and then again a month later, both storms dumping about a foot of snow. Then we had mild weather in Nov. and early Dec., leaving no hint of the snow we got! All this after dealing with the devastation of Hurricane Irene. The Upper Valley and southwestern portions of NH really got slammed. Lots of damage and power outages—some lasting well over a week! As for class news, I received only 3 responses to my e-mail. I hope to have more to work with for the next issue, so please keep in touch and e-mail your news! Victoria Gallucci is in good health in Bloomfield, NJ, with her dachshund, Pennylane, and is currently working as a doula and voiceover talent. Her family includes her wonderful boyfriend Ralph (MIT ’83) and his 4 children. Kay Kendrick Reynolds had a blast this past Oct. attending Reunion during Alumni Fall Festival with 5 others from Abby. She is very busy with her optical shop, The Eyeglass Outlet, located in Lebanon, NH, as well as the aftermath of tropical storm Irene. Kay belongs to the NCCT (North Country Community Theater) group who unfortunately lost all of their costumes, props and records dating back 40 years to the flooding. They were putting on a Dec. benefit performance at the Lebanon Opera House to help raise money for all the items needing to be replaced. You will have to tell us all how it went in the next column! Rebecca Reeves is in her 20th year at Johnson & Johnson and living in Stockton, NJ. She keeps in touch with Linda Tanoian Doherty. She often thinks back on the great days at CSC and all the fun in Austin dorm, Mountain Day and skiing!

1979

Debra Bray Mitchell 17 Rope Ferry Road Hanover, NH 03755 (603) 643-7138 dbraymitch@gmail.com

Karen Huntley Freemen sent pictures of her recent visits back to CSC this fall to cheer on her niece, current student Stephanie Huntley, and the women’s soccer team. Stephanie was named All Conference Defensive player. Karen also attended the Reunion weekend.
Karen Huntley Freeman ’79 and her niece, Stephanie Huntley, who is a current member of the Colby-Sawyer women’s soccer team.

with several “Abbey-ites” and had a blast! Karen’s daughter, Sarah, is a senior at UConn planning on completing her master’s of education next year while her son, Jacob, is a sophomore at Colgate. I have a request of all you reading this article: Before June 30, 2012, I want each of you to try your hardest to get 5 of your friends, family members or neighbors to make a donation to the CSC Fund in any amount. The dollar number is not as important as the number of donors. If we can increase the number of donations there is a huge financial reward. Please help our great college achieve this goal!

1980

Lee Hartwell Jackson
Cypress Creek Estates
6180 9th Avenue Circle NE
Bradenton, FL 34202-0561
Lifegrd121@aol.com

Stahley Herndon Szebenyi
turned 50 in Nov. 2010 and congratulates all of us for reaching that milestone! She had her day amidst packing for a big move from her 20 years in Albany, NY, to very rural Marshfield, WI. She expects to return to the northeast someday, but for now she is a mid-westerner. Stahley says her kids are adjusting nicely—Emma is now in 1st grade and Juan Pablo is in preschool.

She would love to hear from you on Facebook. Please fill me in on your news as we head into the next 50 years of our life!

1981

Pamela Aigeltinger Lyons
436 Round Hill Road
Saint Davids, PA 19087
(610) 989-0551
pamalyons@verizon.net

Susan Herrick-Huntington writes, “I have a new job working at Regional Medical Center in Rutland, VT, as a data specialist in the Process Improvement Department. We have 2 grandchildren: Flynn Hogan, 2, and Teague Hogan, who will be 1 in May. My husband, Ernie, is retired but working on completing renovations on our home and his woodworking workshop. We plan to start a business in a couple of years.”

1982

Melissa Buckley Sammarco
Viale Alessandro
Magno, 446
00124 Rome
Italy
011-39-06-509-8273
mbsammarco@virgilio.it

1983

Gail Smart Scibelli
#1 The Bridge
Port Washington, NY 11050
gscibell@organic.com
1984
Lisa Reon Barnes
11 Allen Place
Sudbury, MA 01776
(978) 443-6816
lisarbarnes@hotmail.com

1985
Class Correspondent Needed
Please send your news to the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving
541 Main Street
New London, NH 03257
alumni@colby-sawyer.edu

Editor’s Note: Special thanks to Carla Byers, who served as Class of ’85 correspondent from 2005 to 2011.

1986
Class Correspondent Needed
Please send your news to the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving
541 Main Street
New London, NH 03257
alumni@colby-sawyer.edu

Diane Hammett Kingsley is moving to Rye, NY, from Lake Forest, IL. She’s an equestrian rider and substitute teacher.

1987
Susan Brown Danaher
51 Stepstone Hill Road
Guilford, CT 06437
(203) 453-9544
dscjdanaher@comcast.net

1988
Letticia Kelly Brown-Gambino
768 Main Street
Plymouth, CT 06782
letticiabrowngammbino@yahoo.com

1989
Carrie Cherubino McGraw
311 Mountain Cloud Circle
Highlands Ranch, CO 80126-2208
(720) 344-2612
mcgraw.carolyn@gmail.com

Sharon Garita Glenn and John celebrated their 20th anniversary last March. John was a juvenile diabetic and in the last 2 years has received a kidney and pancreas transplant. He lost his kidney in Dec, and now is waiting to receive another kidney and a liver. Their oldest son is attending Methodist U. in Fayetteville, NC, and they've traveled several times to see him. Their 2nd son is a senior in high school and is starting to look at colleges. Sharon’s daughter is a junior in high school and is very involved in activities. Her youngest son is a freshman in high school. Sharon is now working as a resort manager with Hilton Grand Vacations. She manages a small timeshare resort in Stuart, FL. Sharon lives in Jensen Beach, FL, and through Facebook has reconnected with old friends from Colby-Sawyer.

1990
Janette Robinson Harrington
13 Sherwood Road
Hingham, MA 02043
(781) 749-2571
Harrington21@verizon.net

Nancy Ellen Moniz Kenyon's oldest daughter was married in June, another daughter recently declared her major as Criminal Justice, and yet another left in Nov. for a mission trip to Uganda. Meanwhile, their youngest daughter is 6 and full of fun! Her boys are all doing well and are very involved in both the Grange and Boy Scouts. Nancy and her husband continue to run their education business full-time, which has grown tremendously over the last year. Nancy recently completed training as a crisis worker and will be staffing a domestic violence hotline. Most important to them, however, is that they are still home-schooling their 5 youngest children, who range from 1st grade to a senior in high school. Over the summer, their “senior-to-be” attended a program at George Mason U. for advanced students.

1991
Gretchen Garceau-Kragh
315 Adams Street
San Antonio, TX 78210
(210) 226-7079
shoeless94@hotmail.com

They made a family trip out of it by dropping their daughter in VA, then traveling the country for 2 weeks. On this trip they were able to visit Nancy’s brother, who had recently had a very successful heart transplant. So, life is full, and they feel truly blessed. For Alison Lambert Vernon, life in the arts continues to challenge and dazzle her. She has launched a new business partnership: Paw Prints with a Purpose. It blends the craft of ceramics with the fine art of painting to create a host of special pet-related keepsakes. A portion of each sale goes to a pet-related cause. The first beneficiary was the Upper Valley Humane Society in Enfield, NH. Find out more at www.pawprintswithapurpose.com. Janice Johnson Madden is teaching 1/2 day Kindergarten at Mars Hill Christian Academy. The preschool she had been teaching at decided to expand the program and asked Janice to head it up. It's been a huge challenge, but she is finally getting into a groove and enjoying it immensely.
Kimberly “Schroeder” Steward writes, “I had a great time at our Reunion this past Oct. Blair Orloff, Erin Kelley Ernst, Liz Klenk, Kimberly Reis, Carla Gordon Russell, Rachel Urban Tassone, Erika Schilling, Greta Sandborn Shepard and I rented 2 cabins in Elkins and enjoyed catching up with each other. Otherwise, I’m still living in Jackson, NH, and just finished my 1st year at a new job with White Mtn. Oil & Propane. I left the Appalachian Mountain Club after 21 years to see what else was out there, but didn’t get too far away. I also continue to perform wedding ceremonies as a Justice of the Peace around northern NH. This year looks like I’ll finish up with more than 70 ceremonies for the year.”

Marc Wysocki ’94 and Tammy Hoyt Wysocki are still living at Berkshire School in Western MA. Marc is the head athletic trainer and the assistant athletic director. Tammy just became the director of the childcare center on campus. Their son, Keenan, 7, loves to play hockey. Marc recently got together with Jay Geiger ’94 in Albany.

1992

Beth Bryant Camp
48 Rowell Hill Road
PO Box 671
New London, NH 03257

My husband, Jamie, and I celebrated our 15th wedding anniversary in September.

Kim Thompson MacLauchlan ’92

(603) 526-3723
ecamp@colby-sawyer.edu

Jennifer Barrett Sawyer
57 Field Road
Marston Mills, MA 02648
(508) 428-9766
jjmasawyer@comcast.net

Amy Koskey Kurja writes, “We had our annual CSC get-together at my house in Wenham, MA. It ended up being 12 kids and 14 adults flopped around my house and in tents. Those in attendance were Robyn True, Alycia Calavito Parkes, Janel McDonald Lawton, Jenn Barrett Sawyer and Alexis Trowbridge Scavetta ’95.” Christiane “Kettie” deRoos lives in a townhouse in south Denver, CO. She’s working as a paraprofessional in a local school district and is working toward her state teaching license for K-12 General Special Education with a Bilingual endorsement. She also works in a health food store part time. Ketty picked up the bagpipes almost 15 years ago! Kelly Lynch Collins still lives in CA and works for Travelocity as an email marketing manager in the San Francisco office. She is still heavily involved with the BMW Car Club and puts on their track driving events. She bought a motorcycle a year ago. Kelly was planning to be back East to spend Christmas with her family and then was off on a ski trip to UT in Feb. Chrissy Lyons recently became Christine Lyons Agosto! Chrissy married her longtime boyfriend, Jesse Agosto, who works as a medical biller. They were married in Oct. in a small ceremony with family. Chrissy’s son, Franko, is 17 and a junior at Everett High School. Franko gave Chrissy away at her recent wedding. Chrissy is in her 19th year of teaching for the Everett Public Schools; she’s a mentor teacher and teaches 3rd grade at the Webster School. She also teaches art, music and multiple intelligence professional development courses to her colleagues in Everett. Chrissy was a guest lecturer and may become an adjunct professor at Salem State College. I had the chance to catch up with Kim Cutter Jakola and Kathy Francoeur for dinner at the Bedford Village Inn. Kim’s son, Peter, is a freshman at Providence College in Providence, RI. Her 2nd son, Tanner, is a sophomore at Leominster High School in Leominster, MA. Kathy lives in Nashua and works for a printing company in Manchester, NH. Amy Parker Farrell splits her time between Savannah, GA, and Diamond Cove Island in ME. She plans to relocate fulltime to her Diamond Cove residence, where she runs a small real estate business. Kim Thompson MacLauchlan writes, “My husband, Jamie, and I celebrated our 15th wedding anniversary in Sept. We have 4 great kids who are 11 ½ to 7 years old—and before you ask, no twins. We moved back to Billerica, MA, almost 6 years ago. I am able to be home for the children and run a Mary Kay business from home during the day, and I work part time nights and weekends in retail to help make ends meet. I’m...
also the PTO President at the elementary school 3 of my children attend.” As for me, Beth Bryant Camp, I continue my work in the Development Office at Colby-Sawyer, where I have the opportunity to share the exciting growth and future plans of the college with so many wonderful and generous donors, friends and alumni. My husband, Nate Camp ’98, and I keep busy with family, friends and our endless amount of kids’ activities. (Ellie is in 3rd grade and Caroline is in 2nd). 2012 will mark our 20th Reunion. I hope everyone will come back to campus Oct. 12-14 to participate in the Fall Festival, reconnect with friends and alumni. My important milestone! My son, Matthew Reed, ‘98, is on the charger’s board at CSC for the past few years with Larry Elliott, and is still teaching in Bradford, NH. She recently met with Jen D’Orazio Hollingsworth and often has dinner with Robin Stuart. David Morin continues to work for himself as a graphic designer. “rgb247 (www.rgb247.com) has grown dramatically in my 2nd year and I’m loving the freedom and creativity that self-employment brings,” he writes. His wife, Sara Hodgkins Morin ’95, continues her job as marketing studio manager at the Hopkins Center at Dartmouth College. Their son Jack, age 9, is enjoying 3rd grade and has started taking flute lessons. Dave has also taken up the ukulele and plays with a ukulele club in Hanover, NH, a couple of times a month, as well as with a group of local friends/musicians. Dave has also added volunteering for a nonprofit equine relief organization, as well as an equine rescue!” Also working with animals is Laura McGuinn McCarthy ’93, who frequently travels to a Bison Farm in ME to assist. Beth Sargent Fenton has been serving on the Charger’s board at CSC for the past few years with Larry Elliott, and is still teaching in Bradford, NH. She recently reported that for me, Matthew Reed, my wife, Corey, and I made it back out to Chicago, where we saw a fantastic WWII Soviet poster exhibition at the Art Institute. I overcame my fear of heights by stepping out onto the Sears Tower glass ledge, 1,353 feet in the air, and took in a great show at Second City.

1993

Dawn Hinckley
986 Briarcliff Drive
Santa Maria, CA 93455
e-mail: prettygy-rl911s@gmail.com

Todd Miller reported that he has taken on a new position as manager of information technology for Boston Duck Tours. He resides in Jamaica Plain, MA.

1994

Class Correspondent Needed
In the meanwhile, please send your news to:

Jay Geiger ’94 and Marc Wysocki ’94 at the University of Albany.

Matthew Reed
28 Bow Street
Danvers, MA 01923
(978) 777-1424
e-mail: mreed2314@yahoo.com

Editor’s Note: Special thanks to Matthew Reed, who served as the Class of ’94 correspondent starting in 2008. He would like to retire; please contact the Alumni Office if you would like to volunteer.

Andrea Hammond Burke and her husband, Jeremy, celebrated 13 years of marriage in Aug. They also decided to homeschool their 4 kids. Andrea continues to work as a speech and language pathologist for Early Intervention. She’s also back working with horses. “I am in my 3rd year as a leader for Hoofbeatz 4-H Horse Club of Strafford County, NH,” she writes. “I have also added volunteering for a nonprofit equine relief organization, as well as busy with her regular job as a behaviorist and is getting more and more referrals for consultations from the Department of Developmental Services. She and her family made it down to the 911 Memorial. Hockey season is well underway at the Maturo household and Holly was planning to head to Marlborough, MA, for a weekend tournament the last weekend in Jan. As for me, Matthew Reed, my wife, Corey, and I made it back out to Chicago, where we saw a fantastic WWII Soviet poster exhibition at the Art Institute. I overcame my fear of heights by stepping out onto the Sears Tower glass ledge, 1,353 feet in the air, and took in a great show at Second City.

1995

Caroline Miriam Herz
20 East 35th Street, Apt. 7H
New York, NY 10021
(212) 688-6998
e-mail: cherz@ur.com

I’ve continued to supplement my busy accounting lifestyle with comedy: I’ll be performing at Gotham in Jan., and hopefully more times going forward, so please find me on Facebook or hit me back on my e-mail if you have any desire to come see me perform! Jeanne Corcoran Wiggin still resides in
West Hartford, CT, with her husband, Matt, son Gavin, 7, and daughter Kelsey, 4. She’s enjoying being a stay-at-home mom. Over the summer Jeanne enjoyed a mini-reunion with Stephanie Smith Hanna and Susan Olsen Schumacher and their families on Cape Cod.

Heather Quigley-Tremblay is living in St Albans, VT, with her husband, Jack Tremblay ‘94, and their 4 children: Jacob is 8, Teddy is 5, Ellie is 2 and Emma is 3 months. Heather enjoys homeschooling the boys and also finds time to work part time at a local community care home as an RN overview nurse. Jack is the art director at a design and marketing company in Burlington. Our resident jet setter, Jill Rivers, has moved on from Athens, Greece, to a new full-time position in Singapore! Jill teaches grade 2 at the Canadian International School of Singapore. She was in Cambodia volunteering at orphanages and building houses in Oct. and planned to go to Thailand for Christmas and Bali for Chinese New Year. She’s documenting her life adventures on her blog: itsallgreektojill.blogspot.com. Brenda Sherwood Barth is enjoying life in Concord, NH, where she lives with her husband, Rob, and 2 children, Grayson and Jack. “We had a great summer vacation in Albuquerque, NM,” she writes. “Shawn Coe, Rob, and I are planning to run in our 1st 1/2 marathon in Hyannis, MA, in Feb.” Allison Latham Hosgood and Derek Hosgood moved from Aurora, CO, to Round Rock, TX, last summer, where Allison is now the people support lead for the South Region of Chipotle. She celebrated 11 years with Chipotle this spring and was granted a 2-month sabbatical. So Allison, Derek, Hope, 10, and Page, 7, spent the summer together in their new home. They also spent 2 weeks in CO, and Allison and Derek spent a week in Cabo San Lucas before returning to work. Last year, Derek started his 14th year of teaching elementary physical education in Austin, TX. After school district budget cuts he was laid off, but has capitalized on the opportunity and had much-needed shoulder surgery in Oct. He’s healing very nicely and hopes to be playing baseball again in the spring! Chris “Koz” Kozlowski ’95 hosted a cigar dinner at his restaurant, Orchard Street Chop Shop, and was joined by special guest Carlito Fuente from Fuente Cigars.

Jill Rivers ’95 recently moved to Singapore.

1996

Diane Marsden Morley
12 Albert Road
Peabody, MA 01960
(781) 929-5708
itty17@aol.com

Stefanie Lord Baumblatt
430 Society Street
Alpharetta, GA 30022
(404) 472-7198
stef.baumblatt@gmail.com

I, Diane Marsden Morley, enjoyed another family trip to Disney World this past June. We decided to drive down with our camper, which was an adventure with a 2-year-old and 5-year-old. Stefanie Lord Baumblatt is still enjoying her busy life with her family in GA. Amy Cheney Spirito is still living in Weymouth, MA. She’s enjoying her daughter Lilly, who turns 2 in Apr. She caught up with Amanda Wood Lopardo and Missie Yachimski ’97 recently and says, “Everyone is doing great and hasn’t changed a bit.” Chris Boire welcomed our new Flat Iron Catering Company on the NH seacoast, which was chosen as an exclusive caterer for Kate Parker Weddings. Chris Andriski had his wedding at the Top of the Chop this summer and I just hooked up with Kevin McGovern a few weeks ago.”
a son, born June 23, 2010, and his daughter will turn 4 in Jan. Tiffany Taylor Merrill is still living in Augusta, ME, with her husband, Chris, and 2 daughters, Brooklynn, 8, and Kristin, 6. She’s no longer a stay-at-home mom. She writes, “I work part time as a primary ed tech, which allows me the flexibility to work with kids and still be able to volunteer in my own girls’ classrooms.” Tiffany is also busy with her girls’ sports and activities and with their newest member of the family, a puppy named Ginger.

**1997**

Amy-Jo Sichler Baringer
13 Margaret Drive
Wilton, NY 12831

Regan Loati Baringer
22622 Quiet Lane
Leonardtown, MD 20650
(301) 997-0781
rrbaringer@md.metrocast.net

**1998**

Jamie Gilbert
10-2 Countryside Lane
Middletown, CT 06457
(860) 305-4641
sportsmassage01@hotmail.com

Chris Quint
130 Granite St
Biddeford, ME 04005
christopher.quint@gmail.com

Lisa Lachesky got engaged to Scott Leblanc this fall. She’s still flying over the friendly skies with Delta and is based out of Boston. She also works part time doing cardiac rehab. Ann Preston Roselle writes, “I graduated from the U. of VA in 2006 with my master’s in nursing, and spent 5 years at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore working as a nurse practitioner with the Department of Cardiac Surgery. During my time in Baltimore I met my husband, Keith, and we now have a 3-year-old son, Liam, and 19-month-old twins, Eli and Noah. We just relocated to the New Haven, CT, area as I took a position with the Department of Cardiac Surgery at Yale-New Haven Hospital. Kelly Dudek Trella went on business trips to the East Coast and took their son on his 2nd trip to Disney and his 1st trip to TN, where they visited with Sarah Lidstone. In Aug., Kelly’s role at work was expanded and she now manages both marketing and communications for their claims organization at The Hartford. I, Jamie Gilbert Kelly ’98, Russell Kelly, Shane Hoover ’99 and Sarah Hoover.

**1999**

Kelley Healey Blake
3 Judson Road
Weymouth, MA 02188
(781) 331-1367
khealey88@yahoo.com

Suzanne Blake Gerety
4 Captain’s Way
Exeter, NH 03833
(603) 772-2546
suziek212@yahoo.com

Erin Ward Maciorowski got a new job as a Title I coordinator with the Keansburg School District and is an intervention teacher in grades K-8 in LAL and math. She’s mostly working with the Kindergarten right now and loves it. Her daughter, Gabriella, turned 1 in Dec. and her son, Ryan, turned 3 in July. Greg Hooven and his family moved to a new house in Merrimack, NH. Greg’s son will be 5 in Mar. and his daughter turned 3 in Feb. Greg is now the director of operations at the marketing agency MarketReach, where he’s been working for the past 5 years. He writes, “A few years ago I hired Sam Moore ’09 as one of our graphic designers. He has since been promoted to the manager of our graphic design team.” Angela Cloutier Walsh is still working at Nashua High School South as an art teacher, teaching primarily AP art history and digital photography. She’s in her 6th year of teaching.
and loves it. Angela has 2 daughters: Aiden, 6, and Sheridan, 18 months. She and her husband, Kevin, have been spending most of their time restoring their 1901 house in Nashua. Angela occasionally sees Colleen McInnis Roaf ’00 and Andrea Goupil Stone, since they also live in Nashua. Jessica Lamoureux Montgomery is juggling being a mother of 2 girls, Morgan, 3 1/2, and Amber, 18 months, a wife, and a full-time nurse. She recently started roller derby. Holly Brooks Robinson is still living in Boulder, CO. She had a baby girl, Leah, on Mar. 30, 2011, and is a stay-at-home mom. She keeps in touch with Mimi Daly Scalleat and sees Abby Sehnert often. Dave Bourassa still lives in the mountains of CO and skis a lot. He’s engaged and enjoys working in higher education. Lahn Penna got married on Oct. 2, 2010, and spent 10 days in Bora Bora for his honeymoon. He and his wife, Shelley, now live in the North End of Boston. Kara Crane Fonseca had a baby boy, Marcus, in Nov. 2010. She took the rest of the school year off last year and headed back to work in Sept. Heather writes, “One of the best parts about being on maternity leave last year was getting to share it with Heather Gardiner Shupenko, Sara Burman Wantman ’00 and Katie Reagan Mooney, who all had babies last year too. My husband and I also bought our 1st home in Framingham, so we have been busy painting, remodeling and doing tons of work outside.” Hilary Sherman Hawkins is a full-time student at George Washington U. working on her MBA in health care administration. Hopefully by the time you read this, her husband will be home from yet another deployment, this time in Afghanistan. Her son, Chris, got married in Feb. 2011 to Jamie, and they bought a house in UT. Treavor got married to Angela, who brought a son, Edison, into their growing family. Canyon, her other grandson, turned 2 in Jan. Skyler is now 16 and is a sophomore at Brewster Academy. Zylis is 10 and started playing football this year. As for me, Suzanne Blake Gerety, I celebrated my 10th wedding anniversary this past summer with my husband, Ed, and my 2 kids, Ryan, 7, and Shannon, 5, on a trip to Chatham on Cape Cod. We spent some free time this summer boat- ing in Newburyport, MA, and in the Portsmouth, NH, area. I continue to write a monthly business advice column for Dance Teacher Magazine and enjoy consulting with dance studio owners on how to start, run and grow their business.

2000

Jennifer Prudden Montgomery
147 Grove Street
Melrose, MA 02176
(978) 852-2601
jprudden@yahoo.com
I, Jen Prudden Montgomery, am still teaching 3rd grade in Andover, MA, and living with my husband, Brian, and our 3-year-old chocolate lab, Hinckley, in Melrose, MA. This past July I attended the wedding of Jessica Dannecker Gullo and her husband, Fred Gullo, in Portsmouth, NH, at Wentworth By the Sea with Zanna Campbell Blaney and her husband, Nic, Katie Sykes Follis and Matt Follis '99, Kate Lovell, and Jenn Caron Small '01 and her husband, Mark. Katie and Matt are enjoying their new little bundle of joy, Carter, who was born 2 days before Zanna welcomed their 2nd son, Merrick. Katie and Matt’s 4-year-old, Caroline, loves having a new little brother. Katie is still working for Merial, an animal health company, and living in Ballston Lake, NY. Kate Lovell lives in Norwood, MA, and works for her family’s hockey business, Lovell Hockey Schools, in Dedham and Hingham, MA, as a sports coordinator. She also manages the family’s pro shop at the Boch Ice Rink in Dedham. Kate is still acting: She got a one liner in the movie “Crooked Arrows,” which comes out in Apr. She’s also working on the side with Hammer and Saw Productions with Mike Mooney ’02, Thom Neff ’01, Ben Watts ’03 and Will Peters ’06. She enjoys writing short comedic stories about her life on Facebook on her page called Change Scene. Speaking of acting, in case you didn’t know our classmate Nate Corddry is currently starring on NBC’s “Harry’s Law” alongside Kathy Bates and we are proud of him! Susan Sylvester writes, “In Nov. 2010, Elizabeth Olney completed our family. We have our roller skates on and are loving life as a family of 4! George continues to work for Enterprise Rent-A-Car, and I continue to work per diem as a nurse at Elliot Hospital.” Tara Strand Baluni is still teaching 1st grade and working towards her Ed.D. at UMASS Amherst. She passed her comprehensive exam last winter and is working on her research proposal. She was a bridesmaid in Michelle Miller Birckhead ’01’s wedding on Oct. 8, 2011. She enjoyed dancing the night away with Carla Tornifoglio Breen and Becky Banas. Rebecca Parsons Bottino writes, “Last Sept. I completed my family of 4 with the birth of my daughter Lilliana Marie Bottino. She joins her sister Lauren, 6. I am still teaching 7th grade science in Bristol.” Melissa Ashley Labrie’s proud Navy family recently moved from Naval Station Mayport, FL, to San Diego. She continues to enjoy being a stay-at-home mom with her 2-year-old daughter. Jamie Skillern Hebert is still living in Alma, AR, with her 6-year-old daughter, Sophie. Jamie started 2 businesses this year and she is now working as a freelance writer for 2 companies. She’s also hoping to do more with her art/photography business in the next year. Please keep Sheridan Johnston in your thoughts and prayers, as she’s been in and out of the hospital for the past few years battling an illness. She is one tough and brave woman. As for me, Tara Campanella, my husband is out for his 2nd deployment this year. He missed the 2nd Christmas in a row, which is tough for our girls. We are proud of the great missions he has been part of on the USS Carl Vinson and are excited for him to return to CA soon. After he gets back next summer we will move to Key West, FL.

2001

Kristy Meisner Ouellette
45 Whippoornwill Road
Litchfield, ME 04350
(207) 576-0181
Kristy.ouellette@maine.edu

I’m sorry that I wasn’t able to make it to our 10th Reunion this fall; from the photos and stories on Facebook, it seems that you all had a great time. I did have some time this summer to see Missy Brown Kane when I was visiting Jen Pesare in RI. Both Jen and Missy are still teaching. Jen also made the trip up to ME for my baby shower. Erik Rocheford loves life as a new dad with his wife Katie Lynch Rocheford ’02 and daughter, Quinn. He
writes, “We had a great time at our 10th Reunion, renting a house with Rob and Marisa Tescione Fagan, Sharon and Brian Ennis, Woody Smith and Jennifer Savio Smith and Mike Spinney ’00 and Kristin Giannino Spinney.” Brian Ennis and his wife, Sharon, had a baby girl, Leah Marie, on Aug. 6, 2011.

Sara Hammond writes, “I started a new job as staff attorney at the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center in Amesbury, MA. The JGCC is a nonprofit dedicated to helping victims of domestic violence.” Scott Lavigne is still working for Fidelity Investments and celebrated his 10th anniversary with the firm. He recently completed his 5th marathon, where he ran into Jennie Cocchiaro Labranche at the start.

Kim Morrison Miller writes, “Peyton, 5, is in Kindergarten and Paisley is 15 months. Peyton is still into ice hockey, while Paisley is into coloring. I started working 4 hours a week in the kids club at our gym. It’s my 1st job in 6 years. I’ll save the full-time work for when the kids are much older.” Danica Letarte Medeiros started a new position this summer at MA Life Sciences Center in Waltham, MA. She also started an organic and sustainable apparel line called Farmers are Cool, celebrating farmers through clothing, where each month, 10% of their sales go back to a different farming/agricultural nonprofit. Her daughter, Natalie, is in preschool.

Grace Gravelle moved to Boston in June and spent the summer reconnecting with family and friends. She’s still teaching and sharing yoga bliss, and also enjoying part-time hours at Crate and Barrel.

The happy couple lives in Cambridge, MA, where Matt is a clinical coordinator at North Suffolk Mental Health. Karen Kotopoulis Koutsavlis married Larry Koutsavlis on Aug. 27 at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Manchester, NH. Karen writes, “One month after the wedding, Larry and I completed the VT 50 Mountain Bike Race, which

and myself, Nikki Fowler Martin. Randi and her husband, Tim, welcomed their daughter, Maya Ashlee, on Feb. 16, 2011. Erin and her husband, Jon, welcomed their son, James Jonathan, on July 7. Living close by the Carneys and Tates are Katie Lynch Rocheford and Erik Rocheford ’01, who welcomed their daughter, Quinn Cogan, on July 21. As for me, Nikki, my husband, Ben, and I welcomed our son, Samuel Douglas, on Mar. 31, 2011. We also received an unexpected opportunity to move back to NH. We couldn’t say no to being home and closer to family, though we really enjoyed our time living in Albany, NY. Ben is now working for an engineering firm in Keene and I’m a stay-at-home mom.

Neill Ewing-Wegmann writes, “My solo showing at Art House Picture Frame Gallery got a great review in the paper by a top art critic. My daughter, Penelope, just turned 2. I've got paintings hanging at a gallery in NJ and a co-showing this winter in Portland with fellow CSC alum Eric Peterson ’00.”

Katie Reeder Ronzano married Vincent Ronzano on Sept. 24 with many Colby-Sawyer alums in attendance. Matt Sweeney married Aly Theeman on June 26 at Point Lookout Resort in North Point, ME, accompanied by Derek Flock, Pat Kelly, Jacob Jarvela and best man Rob Buckley. The happy couple lives in Cambridge, MA, where Matt is a clinical coordinator at North Suffolk Mental Health. Karen Kotopoulis Koutsavlis married Larry Koutsavlis on Aug. 27 at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Manchester, NH. Karen writes, “One month after the wedding, Larry and I completed the VT 50 Mountain Bike Race, which

Kim Morrison Miller ’01 and her family on vacation in Kauai.

Cheryl Lecesse
48 Lowell Street
Wilmington, MA 01887
cheryllecesse@gmail.com

Brendan Carney and Jennifer Buck Carney are having a great time with their new son, Baxter Timothy, who was born on June 2, 2011. Jenny writes, “Of the 5 bridesmaids in our wedding, 4 were pregnant and had babies within 5 months of each other.” Those 4 bridesmaids were Randi Everett Korona, Erin Slavin Tate, Katie Lynch Rocheford, and myself, Nikki Fowler Martin. Randi and her husband, Tim, welcomed their daughter, Maya Ashlee, on Feb. 16, 2011. Erin and her husband, Jon, welcomed their son, James Jonathan, on July 7. Living close by the Carneys and Tates are Katie Lynch Rocheford and Erik Rocheford ’01, who welcomed their daughter, Quinn Cogan, on July 21. As for me, Nikki, my husband, Ben, and I welcomed

Neill Ewing-Wegmann ’02 with his daughter Penelope on her 2nd birthday.

2002

Nikki Fowler Martin
PO Box 885
Stoddard, NH 03464
(603) 446-7383
Nicole.martin3@gmail.com

Erik Rocheford ’01 and Katie Lynch Rocheford ’02 enjoying some quality time with their daughter Quinn.
we had been training for all summer.” Heather Billings and Derek Flock are enjoying living in RI. Even with the move, Heather is still working in Boston for an early intervention program and commutes by train. Stephanie Vickers Heddon’s daughter, Emily, is now 3 and her son, Connor, just turned 1. Stephanie writes, “I am still working full time from home for Unum Insurance. Jack and I just celebrated our 4th wedding anniversary with a trip to Lake Placid, NY. Over the summer we went to CT to celebrate the marriage of Mechilia “Chile” Eng Salazar ’00 and Danny Salazar, and also got to visit with Heidi Allen Goodrich ’01 and Sarah Price Tschorn. I am also happy to have Nikki Fowler Martin living closer to home (Walpole, NH) again and have seen her, Ben and Sam a few times.” Michael Mooney writes, “I started working with John Pelech and his recycling company Poly Recovery in Portsmouth, NH. My company with Will Peters ’04, Hammer & Saw Films, has nearly finished our 2nd film, “Exit 7A,” and should be releasing the film in early 2012. We will be working with Media Studies/Communication Professor Donna Berghorn and senior Joe Delaney to produce 2 more short films. The project will be set for production in Feb./Mar. and we’ll be presenting the films in Apr. at CSC in honor of Professor Don Coonley. We’ll be calling this festival ‘Windcrossing: A Festival of Sight and Sound.’ Signe Linville ’06 and I have been doing a lot of trail running and we both participated in the Eastman Triathlon. We’ll be doing it again next year.” Vicki Burgess Fahey’s son Hunter started Kindergarten in the fall. She adds, “I’m still working at CRREL Child Development Center in Hanover, NH, and living in Groton, VT, with my husband, Brian, Hunter and our 2 dogs, Zoe and Buford.” Andrew Wolfgram is living in Barrington Hills, IL, where he and his wife, Liz, are wrapping up the 2nd season of their landscaping business, Avant-Gardenscapes LLC. (avant-gardenscapes.com). They enjoyed a visit from John Byrd Norris Dunn ’00 and are looking forward to a road trip back East with their Golden Retriever, Hunny-Bear. Kevin Maccioli and Kelly Raiano Maccioli ’03 welcomed their 1st child, Daniel Robert, on June 23, 2011. Kevin, Kelly and Daniel are in the process of moving back to MA from Nashua, NH. Christine Symmes Lucius is still working at Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital Network in Haverhill, MA, and as the athletic trainer for Timberlane Regional High School in NH. In June she completed a 150-mile bicycle ride for MS. Cheryl Lecesse is now living in Beverly, MA, and still working for GateHouse Media New England in Concord, MA, as a managing editor. She writes “I’m also an assistant instructor at the Body Mind Systems Martial Arts Training Susanna Jesser McGown ’02 and her son Brewster McGown, Alicen Jesser Wilson ’99 and her son Rye, and Leisa Jesser Tripp ’01 and her son Miles. Stephanie Vickers Heddon ’02 with her husband Jack, their son Connor and daughter Emily. Karen Kotopoulis Koutsavlis ’02 married Larry Koutsavlis August 27, 2011. The volleyball girls were on hand to celebrate with their friend/teammate, Karen. Pictured are Amy Soubosky ’04, Kristin Anderson ’00, Karen Kotopoulis Koutsavlis ’02, Mary Ann Prescott-Myers ’04 and Heather McMahon ’02.
Center in Stoneham, MA, and help out with the Human Harmonies program, which focuses on the medicinal and healing aspects of martial arts—especially tai chi and qigong, in Swampscott, MA. Over the summer, Scott and I spent 2 weeks driving cross-country—we saw Niagara Falls, Chicago, Mount Rushmore, Yellowstone and the Grand Teton, and San Francisco. I also recently spent time with Chris Roofe '01, who has 2 young boys and is a middle school teacher in MA.” Erin Hardy Yelle’s husband, Jeff, is in his 3rd year of dental school in VA, so they’re ready to settle somewhere for good, most likely in New England. Drew Drummond and Amy Potter Drummond ’00 gave their daughter, Addison, a baby brother, William Andrew, on Nov. 19. Kerri Tuttle Boardman and her husband, Jeff, welcomed their 1st child, Joel David, on Oct. 15. Ashley Bramwell Arruda and her husband, Joe, had a baby, Caroline Grace, on Aug. 2, 2010. Ashley is still teaching kindergarten in Scituate, MA. Cassie Doran Koslosky is coming into her 12th year of working at the same hospital. Her daughter, Lily, started 2nd grade, while her son, Sam, is in Kindergarten. Cassie just went to the annual Emergency Nurses Association conference in Tampa. Jen Foss shares that life is happy and healthy for her and Jess Kelleher Foss ’03. Kate Johnson writes, “I finished my MBA in 2009. I started a new job in Oct. working in Westborough, MA, for Eco Color as a product manager. Also, I finished my 1st half marathon in Oct., and am looking forward to my 2nd one next year!” Courtney Francisco spent the summer in Chicago working on getting her infant and toddler Montessori teacher certification. She now works in the infant room at the Traverse Children’s House in Traverse City. Her son Parker is 4 ½, and David just turned 2. They are both at the Montessori school. Courtney is trying to work out a visit with Maeghan Finnigan Webster next fall for Reunion weekend.

Matt Clemente writes, “I was up at CSC in early Oct. for the fall alumni weekend. Stayed with Drew Drummond and Amy Potter Drummond for the weekend. I saw the Rochefords, the Perkins, Brian Ennis and his wife, Taber Lightfoot ’01, Marc Ezekiel, and Conor and Kate Anderson. I’m living and working in Greenwich, CT, hanging out with Ethan Nosel ’04 and having fun doing the single thing.” Douglas Scott has a 3-year-old daughter, Annalise, and is the proud stepfather of Bella, who just turned 9. He and his wife, Bridgett, are very involved with their children’s school, The Walden School. Douglas is completing his 3rd year as president of the Board of Trustees and helping with their marketing efforts, and Bridgett is working in the Advancement Department. During the day, Douglas is the marketing manager for Scott Honda & Scott Select, his family’s dealerships in West Chester, PA. He’s been honored to do some social media work with alumni Mike Mooney ’02, William Peters ’06, Thom Neff ’01 and Ben Watts ’00 with their film production company Hammer and Saw Films. He also assisted Mooney and Matt Sweeney ’02 and his new bride, Alyson Theeman Sweeney, are joined by (l to r) Pat Kelly ’02, Rob Buckley ’02, Derek Flock ’02 and Jacob Jarvela ’02 on their wedding day.
John Pelech with his new sustainable recycling company Poly Recovery. Hilary Cogen Ryan was promoted to associate director of admissions at Colby-Sawyer in Sept. and became the visit and event coordinator for the office. She loves planning the events we all attended like Fall Open House and Discovery Days. Her son, Liam, also started his journey at Colby-Sawyer this fall when he entered the toddler room at the Windy Hill lab school. Kelly Wigmore Mastroianni is happily married and living in Norfolk, MA. She works as an ER nurse in Boston and has a 3½-year-old son, Dominic. Katrina Caswell Riley married Rob Riley on Aug. 14 at the Tewksbury Country Club. “We flew to Saint Lucia for 11 days and spent time on the beach, hiking, zip lining and snorkeling,” she writes. “We are settling into our busy lives with Rob’s daughter, Catie, and son, Sean, as well as renovating our newly purchased house in Wilmington, MA.” Ramsey Hoehn was married to Elizabeth “Nifer” Knight in May. They’re currently living in Burlington, VT. Lisa Farina was surprised when her long-time boyfriend, Steve Post, proposed on Apr. Fools’ Day 2011 in the backyard of their home in Hickory Hills, IL. Beth Burnham ’03 graduated from Cambridge College with a MEd, specializing in mild to moderate disabilities, in June 2011. She writes, “My boyfriend and I bought a house in Walpole, NH, and I am working as a K-8 special education teacher in Westmoreland, NH.” Jen Fox is living close to where she grew up, and is working full time at a direct mail company in town and having lots of fun with her 2 Black Lab puppies. Someone who would like to remain anonymous, but is obviously very proud and supportive of Marc Ezekiel, had this to say: “Marc has been working in business since he graduated in 2002. He has grown into a managing partner at Boston Consulting, Inc., with a focus on accounting and finance. Marc probably would not tell you about his success in business. I just wanted to let you how well he is doing since graduating. He is such a hard worker and his work deserves to be recognized.” Marc did share that Michael “Reggie” Derr will be front and center at his wedding. Kirsty McCue Ridings writes, “We’re still living in Wolfeboro, NH. I started my 5th year at Brewster Academy as the head athletic trainer.” Matt Hagerty ’02 and Hillary Cross Hagerty are still living in Newbury, loving life with their children, Finn and Tess, and having a ball with all of the CSC locals with kids. Katie Moyeran Burke and her family are finishing their 4th year in the Berkshires where her husband, Chris, is the director of YMCA Camp Becket. Katie is home with their 3 children, Colin, Grace, 3, and Ella, 1. Susanna Jesser McGown and her husband, Greg, welcomed their son, Brewster, to their family in Feb. Debbie Panza Brenner spent the summer at the beach, reading The Hunger Games series and visiting friends. Celebrating the marriage of Matt Sweeney to Aly Theeman in June 2011 was the highlight of her summer and gave a few CSC alums a chance to catch up. “We all went bowling after the reception,” she says. “Picture this, Derek Flock and Rob Buckley in bowling shoes and tuxedos! Speaking of CSC, Katie Reeder tied the knot and in dance club fashion we rocked it on My solo showing at Art House Picture Frame Gallery got a great review in the paper by a top art critic.

Neill Ewing-Wegmann ’02
The Roaming Life
Josh Fonner ’03

When Josh Fonner ’03 first arrived at Colby-Sawyer, he brought with him only as many possessions as he could fit into his car. Now, more than a decade later, this self-styled adventurer still practices a “light living” ethos, preferring to travel the world rather than focus on material possessions. That ethos led him to start Roam Life (roamlife.com), a website he describes as “part adventure chronicle, part social network, and part travel resource.”

Fonner, an avid mountain biker, has long had a desire to travel more. It was a trip to South Africa in the summer of 2010 to see the soccer World Cup that transformed Roam Life from an idea to an actual website. “I stayed with the friend of a friend of a friend,” he recalls, “and now I have a network in South Africa. Then I thought, could I do the same thing and use social networking to fuel a bicycle trip around the world?”

That around-the-world-bicycle trip, planned for 2015, is a long-term goal of Roam Life. Fonner explains that the website is still very much in process. “It’s been a chronicle of travel that I’ve done and that I’ll be doing,” he explains. “The eventual goal is to be an inspirational website, to encourage people to travel and get out.”

Fonner’s job as a sales manager for Giant Bicycles affords him the flexibility to travel, including to New Zealand and Europe to compete in mountain bike races. His next trip will be a return to South Africa in March 2012, this time not as a spectator but as a participant. He’ll be competing in the Cape Epic, a mountain bike race in which riders traverse 800 km over eight days. Fonner describes it as “the Tour de France for mountain bikes,” and he has a coach, a racing partner, and a four-month training schedule to get him ready.

People frequently tell Fonner that he’s very lucky to be able to travel as much as he does. “I don’t like to hear that,” he says, “because it’s a choice. You make a choice to spend money on things—do I buy a new TV or fly to Europe? The goal of Roam Life is to say: You don’t have to be a millionaire to travel the world and have a rich life experience. Here are some ideas about how I’ve done it. Here’s how you can do it, too.”

— Mike Gregory
serving as bridesmaids. Jazarae is living in Miami and working at the U. of Miami in disability services, as well as working on her PhD. Keri McGee Donovan and her husband welcomed their 1st child, Maeve Catherine Donovan, on June 7, 2011. Big brother Brody adores his little sister. Garrett Chambers, his wife and their daughter Alison welcomed Abby Kay Chambers to the family on Oct. 9, 2011.

The family relocated from Nashua, NH, to a new home in Metrowest MA. Annalee Jean Martin was born on Sept. 26, 2011, to Sara Simoneau Martin and her husband, Thomas. Annalee is joined by big sister Lily. Meghan Oriel Wallas and her husband, John Paul, announce the birth of Macey Eleanor on Oct. 4, 2011. Big brother Brody adores his little sister. Garrett Chambers, his wife and their daughter Alison welcomed Abby Kay Chambers to the family on Oct. 9, 2011.

Mary Lougee Lambert '04 (2nd from left) celebrates with her husband, Nate (left), and their pals Amy and Jeff Woodward at the finish line of the Rugged Maniac in September.

2004

Eric Emery
2 College Hill
Hanover, NH 03755
(303) 936-6409
e_rock04@hotmail.com

Mary Lougee Lambert
65 Church Street
Newport, NH 03773
Mary.F.Lambert@gmail.com

Beth McElwee Bristol and her husband welcomed their 2nd daughter, Taylor Piper, last July. Big sister Hailey Isabel is 2½. Beth still has her horses and rides as much as possible. In Oct., the horses came to the barn that she and her husband recently finished building. Beth keeps in close contact with Anna Sommer-Cutts, as their daughters go to nursery school together. Beth and Anna had their 2nd daughters on the same day! Nina Lavigne Shedd and her husband had their 2nd son, Matthew, on June 30. She’s still working at Homeland Security and living in VT. Jason Feitelberg married his long-time girlfriend Jenna on Sept. 17. Tim Morin, Kacy Bean Viles, Brian Dries, Matthew Solazzo, Shawn Crowley, John Marsh and Lisa Maggio were all in attendance. Jason is now working at Sterling Resources LTD as a life insurance advisor and he continues to volunteer at Crossroads for Kids, where he was elected vice chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Kate Rocheford Ferguson and her husband, Matt Ferguson '03, bought their 1st home this past summer in Hollis, NH. They had a housewarming, Labor Day BBQ with Amy Potter Drummond '00, Drew Drummond '02, Katie Lynch Rocheford, Erik Rocheford '01, Andrea Chula Emery '02 and Eric Emery. Lacey Bohonnon
married her fiancé, Kyle, in Oct. in Windham, NH. In attendance were fellow CSC alumni Caitlin Wood ’05, Jen Dube Fisher ’05, Chip Fisher ’05, Joanne Daigle Kawecki, Douglas Cote ’06 and Elizabeth Park Cote ’03. Stacey Fraser-deHaan writes, “I’m keeping busy with my positions at 3 different history museums. I manage 2 historic houses in Portsmouth and do educational programming at a museum in Haverhill and one in Ipswich. My husband, Justin, returned from his year-long military deployment in Aug. and we spend much of our time working on our 1934 Cape house in Lexington, MA. I attended 2 CSC weddings this summer: Natalie Fox and Micah Gehrig’s and Becca Groene’s. Both were great nights spent with CSC alums like Erin Sawler Massa, Lisa Maggio, Shawn Crowley, Melissa Leitch, Jeremiah Chila, Graham White ’02 and Micah Mitchell ’05.” As for me, Mary Lougee Lambert, this summer, my husband Nate and I completed the Rugged Maniac obstacle 5K with friends of ours in Southwick, MA. It has inspired me to sign up for the Tough Mudder in VT this coming May as well as Reach the Beach in Sept. We also adopted our 1st family dog, Titan.

Jonathan Emmons and Julie Smith Emmons ’06 were married on Feb. 26th, 2011. They live in Londonderry, NH, where Julie is a nanny and Jon is a program coordinator for Easter Seals. Michael Lamb was married last June. He was graduating from the Lowell Police Academy in Nov. and plans to become a police officer in his hometown of Needham, MA. Beth Holdsworth Lazzara was married on Oct. 1 in Concord, NH, and currently resides with her husband in Wells, ME.

2005

Monica Michaud
5 Hall Street
Lewiston, ME 04240
(207) 577-7372
michaud_monica@hotmail.com

Cody O’Leary
198 King Street,
Apartment 3A
Burlington, VT 05401
(802) 274-1241
codyoleary@gmail.com
She started a new job in the spring as a pediatric physical and occupational therapist assistant at Mainely Kidz Therapies. Kristin Green is still in NC and started her MBA last year. Vanessa Mitchell lives in Blackburg, VA. She recently graduated from vet school and is practicing in Roanoke, VA. Jen Haagensen is in her 3rd year of medical school at Geisinger Medical Center in PA and expects to graduate in June 2013. Allison Kelly still works in Boston at the Children’s Hospital ICU. Chris Beaudet and Gwen O’Neil Beaudet are still in TN, working in the medical field. Their son, Camden, is now 18 months old and getting into everything. Meghan Gately Giroux and Tony Giroux, who married in Aug. 2010, will be spending their 7th winter in Vail, CO. Tony works for the Vail Rec Dept. as a park superintendent, while Meghan works at the Steadman Clinic. They enjoy spending time with Euginia Manseau and Matt Athorn, who both live in CO as well. Karyn Hoepp Jennings and Joseph Jennings were married on June 18, 2011, at the Mount Washington Hotel in Bretton Woods, NH. They had a perfect day, surrounded by their family and friends, and Colby-Sawyer was well represented. Marissa Zinsser Hayes and her husband started their own gluten-free dessert company, Dream Desserts. Chris Pugliese was inducted into CSC’s Athletic Hall of Fame in Oct. and honored to celebrate with Lisa Cole, Jon Emmons, his family and a lot of his former teammates. As for us, Monica Michaud purchased a camp in July and really enjoyed living there this summer. She plans on living there April-Oct. and building an addition next summer. Cody
O’Leary had a wonderful fall. In Sept. she got to visit with Aaron Brooks ’07, Colin Malone ’07, Dana Bickford, Stephanie Gehlbach, Mike Croatti, and a ton of other CSCers at the beautiful wedding of Tara Pannell and Brian Haddad ’07. She had a great time at the CSC Athletic Hall of Fame induction in Oct., and in Nov. celebrated Chris Burke’s birthday along with KJ Krasco, Andrew St. Clair ’06, Amy Beaton ’07 and Mike Cioffi.

2006

Douglas B. Cote
11190 Lady Jane loop #302
Manassas, VA 20109
(703) 647-9784
napoleon1030@aol.com

2007

Ashley Rodkey
56 Meetinghouse Road
Pelham, MA 01002
(413) 253-7867
rodkeyah@yahoo.com

Melissa Ferrigno
42 Wolf Road Unit 1112
Lebanon, NH 03766
Ferrigo15@hotmail.com

Stephanie Guzzo
46860 Hilton Drive,
Apartment 1424
Lexington Park, MD 20653
(603) 465-9580
stephanie.guzzo@gmail.com

Jess Randall and Jen Plouffe Randall married on October 8 on Lake Champlain in VT. Kristine Prioli got engaged to Jamie Southwood of Pocasset, MA, in May 2011 in Napa, CA. He’s a 1998 alum of Saint Anselm College. Steph Adams Goggin had a baby boy, Tristan Eli, on Mar. 2, 2011. She also graduated from grad school this year with a, MS in environmental science from Antioch U. Mary Eid Seekford got married on July 14, 2011, in Huntington, VT. She and her husband, David, have been together for 4 years, and are living happily in Chandler, AZ, with their new puppy Nero. Meg Martin Comeau got married in June, and is currently residing in San Diego, CA, due to her husband’s career as a CH-53 pilot in the Marine Corps. He’s due to deploy to Afghanistan. Meg is also looking forward to starting her new job at the VA San Diego as an RN on the Telemetry, Oncology and Med-Surg floor. Nicole Kenney graduated in May from the Duke U. accelerated BSN program, and passed the NCLEX in June to earn her RN license. She’s still living in Durham, NC, and this fall began a job at Duke U. Hospital in the radiology department. On Aug. 13, Laurie Shaughnessy
married her best friend, Kyle Busby. She also just started a new job as marketing coordinator at Crabtree & Evelyn in Woodstock, CT. Stephanie Guzzo is still living in southern MD and working at St. Mary’s College of Maryland. She teaches an upper-level class and is the advisor for the Student Athletic Advisory Committee, along with serving on a variety of other committees on campus. She’s planning to earn her Ph.D. This past spring she went to Barcelona with the St. Mary’s Women’s Soccer team. Geoff Pushee ’08 and Laurel “Loey” Kenna Pushee moved into their new home in Goffstown in Mar. 2011 and were married Aug. 27, 2011. He’s enjoying his job as a conservation officer with the NH Fish and Game Department, and Loey still works for the DOT as an environmentalist.

Sarah Heaney Pelletier and Adrian Pelletier ’07 were married on Sept. 9 at Castle in the Clouds. Sarah changed careers last spring and is now working as an optometrist assistant and optician, and Adrian is continuing as a successful self-employed web designer. Kyle Koch Taylor now works at a boarding school near Santa Barbara, CA, where she teaches an outdoor-oriented freshman seminar course, as well as being the library technician and strength and conditioning coach there. Tristin MacKay Henson was married on Oct. 1 and is juggling building a house with her husband, Justin, while obtaining her master’s degree in nursing administration and management through Norwich U. and working at DHMC. Malcolm Smith is still working as the director of community relations and administrative assistant for the Elmira Jackals and has been enjoying traveling in his spare time. In Feb., Ashlee Willis will graduate with her doctorate in physical therapy. John O’Neil is coaching NCAA Division I baseball at the U. of Maryland Eastern Shore, as well as teaching a few classes in the Health and Exercise Department and being an academic advisor for student-athletes. Meg Pilling received a master’s degree in clinical psychology from St. Michael’s College in Aug. 2010, and is now working towards her doctorate in clinical psychology at Antioch U. Meg is also working as a clinician and research assistant at Antioch. Molly Dunholter is a manager at

Mary Eid Seekford ’07 married her husband David on July 14, 2011, in Huntington, VT.

Stephanie Guzzo ’07 enjoyed a trip to Barcelona last spring with the St. Mary’s College of Maryland’s women’s soccer team.

Adrian Pelletier ’07 and Sarah Heaney Pelletier ’08 share a kiss on their September 9 wedding day.

Alumni friends joining the happy couple (center) for the celebration were Chad Nussinow ’06, Christina Reed (non-CSC grad), Sam Moore ’09, Kristin Belanger (non-CSC grad), Travis Soule ’06, Angela Eastman ’08, Patrick Sylvia ’08, Charlie Belvin ’08, Ashley Goulter ’08 and Chris Houston-Ponchak ’06.
Stephanie Kimball '08, Phoebe Wolcott-MacCausland '08 and Mallary Blair '08 stopped to spell out “CSC” while touring Europe with friends via the Euro Rail in March.

The Cape Cod Lavender Farm provided a gorgeous setting for the June 25 wedding of Kris Ramsay '08 and Anna Clark Ramsay '07.

Colby-Sawyer was well represented at the Ramsay wedding celebration. Pictured are (front row, l to r) Kris Ramsay '08, Jon Nicholas '07, Anna Clark Ramsay '07, Kevan Donovan '07, Ryan St. Lawrence '07, (second row, l to r) Kimberly Walleston '09, Kelly MacDonald (non-CSC), Tara Stewart '08, Michelle Cugini '09, Maddie Dalgliesh '08, (third row, l to r) DJ Woodman '08, Nate Munzing (non-CSC), Abby Way '09, Loey Kenna Pushee '07, Amy Richards '07, Mike Burdin (non-CSC), Lauren D’Allessandro '10, Dan O’Brien ’08, Jason Howse, Erin Stepno Duncklee ’07, Nate Duncklee ’07, (back row, l to r) Steve Hansen ’07, Justin Sakowitz ’08, Ryan Connolly ’08, Andrew Wadleigh ’08, Chris Gaeta ’09, Geoff Pushee ’08, Shannon Lange Silva ’07, Stephanie Canty ’07, Matthew LaRivee (non-CSC) and Chris Hartery ’10.

a small local shoe store in Keene, NH, and is also taking a few classes at Keene State College and training for the Tough Mudder this spring. Kris Ramsay and Anna Clark Ramsay '07 were married on June 25 at Cape Cod Lavender Farm, where Anna grew up. Kris and Anna spent a week in St. Thomas for their honeymoon. Kris is starting his 3rd year as the administrator of the Orleans Conservation Trust and Anna is finishing her master’s degree in elementary education at Lesley U. and working at the Dennis-Yarmouth Elementary School.

Christelle Kamaliza '08 married Guillaume Mubiligi on July 16 in Kigali, Rwanda; they're currently living and working in China. Maddie Lenox is pursuing an M.Ed. in early childhood education and creative arts in learning at Lesley U.

Amanda Wasel started a new job as a teacher at Next Generation’s Children’s Center in Marlborough, MA. In her
free time she volunteers at a local animal shelter. Kathryn Mirick is the director of The Kensington School in Williamsburg, VA, which serves children ages 6 weeks to 4 years old. She’s also working towards her master’s degree in special education at Old Dominion U. Elizabeth Cressman is still working as a preschool teacher during the day while continuing her journey towards becoming a speech pathologist at night. She’s enrolled in her final 2 prerequisite classes and has applied to Worcester State U. She also plans to relocate closer to the Worcester area this summer. Nicole Poelaert is enjoying life in her new house in Pembroke, MA, and is happily engaged to Rob Costanzo. She also has a menagerie of animals that keep her busy when she’s not working as assistant director of Pilgrim Child Care and Preschool.

2010

Neil May
1 Valley Street
Derry, NH 03038
(603) 425-6727
e-mail: neilmay10@gmail.com

Sara Zirkilton is living in NYC and working as a paralegal at the Law Offices of Kraus, Diamond, & Fee. Margaret McCarthy Lundberg and Jesse Lundberg ’08 were married in Weston, VT, on July 23, 2010. The Lundbergs now live in Rutland, VT, where Jesse works for a local newspaper designing advertisements and layouts. Margaret works for Windsor County Youth Services as a residential care provider and teen advocate for girls. Jon Madge was an extra in the movie “J. Edgar.”

2011

Class Correspondent Needed
Please send your news to the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving
541 Main Street
New London, NH 03257
alumni@colby-sawyer.edu
In Memoriam

Julie Vogt died peacefully on Dec. 4, 2011, held by her husband and surrounded by her family at home in Grantham, N.H. Vogt, who joined the college in August 2010 as assistant professor of Fine and Performing Arts, succumbed at age 38 after a months-long struggle with cancer.

Professor Vogt taught courses in acting, theater appreciation, and directing and stage management, as well as served as theatre director of the college’s productions. She was a creative, inspiring, loving and courageous person who cared deeply about her work with students, say her faculty colleagues and close friends, and she was intensely committed to the college’s efforts to increase diversity and provide a welcoming, inclusive campus.

For her debut as theatre director, Professor Vogt assembled a cast of students and community actors for the American premiere of James Shirley’s 1635 play, “The Lady of Pleasure,” for the fall production in November 2010. She adapted this Jacobean era play to the mod era of 1960s England, renaming it “The Real Housewives of London.” By placing the play in a modern context, Professor Vogt knew the cast would create characters whose lives of excess and promiscuity were familiar and accessible to the audience.

For her second production, in February 2011, Professor Vogt directed Charles Ludlam’s 1979 play, “The Enchanted Pig,” a comic fairy tale about a king, his three daughters and the pig that one daughter is fated to marry. The play featured a cast of students and community members, with dances by exuberant Windy Hill School students costumed as little princesses and pigs. “If it were up to me, all the plays would be comedies, because I love them so much,” Professor Vogt said.

Professor Vogt’s vision for “The Enchanted Pig” was inspired by her training at the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s highly esteemed graduate program in theatre for young audiences and applied drama in the classroom. “The Windy Hill collaboration was initiated because I love creating theatre for and with young audiences,” she said, “and the show was an opportunity for the college’s Child Development majors who participate in the productions to combine their academic interests.”

The sense of loss is profound for the Fine and Performing Art Department and students in Professor Vogt’s classes and productions. Vogt’s great passion and creativity, her intelligence and sense of humor, touched everyone she worked with.

“She was an amazing colleague and teacher who made a big impression on so many people in her short time with us,” says Jon Keenan, chair and professor of Fine and Performing Arts. “We will always remember her big smile and laugh, her generosity of spirit, and the joy she found in teaching and in directing students in theatre productions.”

Julie Vogt’s exuberant and generous spirit touched many members of the college community.
In Memoriam

Fall/Winter 2011, 2012

1933
Barbara Thorley Pillion — July 09, 2011
Helen Parker DeBruyn — October 16, 2011

1935
Elisabett Bardsley Andrews — June 18, 2011
Barbara Crampton Jones — April 27, 2011

1936
Evelyn Schwanda Dal Pian — September 05, 2008
Jean Utzinger Pomeroy — May 12, 2003
Eleanor Nadler Duffy — October 17, 2011
Gertrude Myers Sunderland — November 02, 2011

1937
Marjorie Thomas Reynolds — March 18, 2010
Barbara Harvey Beach — January 20, 2010
Elizabeth Watson Russell — January 04, 2009
Genevieve Stone MacDonald — April 06, 2007

1938
Marie Perry Washburn — August 01, 2011
Barbara Knowles Merrill — November 15, 2011
Janet Stanyon Casey — November 19, 2011
Ruth Currier Gates — December 01, 2011

1939
Frances Holbrook Armstrong — June 07, 2011
Marguerite Hale Dulac — June 01, 2011
Mary Russell Little — July 18, 2011
Joan Helms Orr — July 24, 2011
Miriam Cluff Worthley — July 05, 2010

1940
Phyllis Worthen Kent — August 14, 2010
Elizabeth Thomas Densmore — June 01, 2011
Rosemary Gamwell McCrudden — July 11, 2011
Eunice Lamarsh Ayers — June 16, 2003
Emily Messer Bruso — November 01, 2011
Nancy Amend Snyder — August 26, 2011

1941
Athal Ayers Cheyne — December 31, 2010

1942
Elizabeth Short Cissel — September 27, 2011
Carolyn Wander Royer — March 25, 2011
Mary Jack Johnsen — October 06, 2011
Barbara Jackson Keilholtz — March 20, 2003
Caroline Boller McKee — November 13, 2011
Jean Craig Brooks — November 12, 2011

1943
Margaret Christensen Reilly — July 08, 2011
Patricia Stickel Crandall — October 13, 2011
Priscilla Sands Jevne — November 16, 2011

1944
Barbara Tolley Martz — April 01, 2011
Mary Cushman North — July 18, 2011

1945
Esther Pierce Brown — February 13, 2008

1946
Helen Greenman — April 21, 2009
Jane Mann Woodbury — May 04, 2011
Dorothy Rice Brown — October 1, 2011
Lucille Fuller Bradford — January 28, 2010
Priscilla Meehan Lowery — April 18, 2011
Dorothy Lougee Alderson — April 28, 2010
Julianne Curtis — November 28, 2008

1947
Elizabeth Mitchell Bush — September 24, 2011
Georgia Freeman Southern — December 31, 2010

1948
Rachel Cole Phinney — May 27, 2011
Betsey Cook Willis — September 16, 2011
Nancy Miller Archer — October 03, 2011
Barbara Hoyt Baker — November 29, 2011
1949
Constance Dow Madison — December 21, 2010
Elizabeth Morehouse Brewer — December 25, 1999
Beverly Goerisch Mohan — November 23, 2006

1950
Nancy Palmer Reid — May 25, 2011
Ruth Tompkins Butler — August 27, 2011

1951
Mary Vuono Castros — July 23, 2011
Ann Phillips Swartz — September 17, 2011
Jill Bowyer Hoban — October 10, 2006
Betsy Morrill Allerton — November 30, 1999

1952
Marilyn Chase — June 04, 2011
June Parker Smith — January 17, 2011

1954
Linda Ware Bragg — May 19, 2011
Margaret Lewis Moreland — October 16, 2011
Helen McWalter Finan — October 19, 2011
Lorna Belville Avery — October 26, 2011

1956
Susan Carrier Treiss — August 02, 2011
Alice Higgins Tompkins — June 30, 2010
Polly Simpson Curran — May 25, 2009
Joan Conner Swallow — November 13, 2011
Mary Donaldson Gorsline — December 06, 2010

1957
Gail Gardner Bingham — August 07, 2011

1958
Carol Salvatore — September 01, 2010
Anne Fox — December 11, 2010
Susan Macfarlane Lanham — September 16, 2011

1960
Marcia Greene Hawthorne — July 25, 2011

1961
Gail Demarest Wilday — November 21, 2011
Elizabeth Strople Lucas — August 24, 2011

1962
Linda Nielson Keating — June 16, 2011
Susan Perry — June 16, 2011

1963
Marlene Handley Rodenbaugh — July 04, 2011

1965
Conyers Stewart — August 03, 2010
Carol Ingraham Arsenault — August 12, 2011
Virginia Kelly Blacker — December 28, 2009
Polly Bennett Carbonari — May 26, 2000

1967
Sally Washburn Worthen — July 29, 2011

1968
Kelly McWilliams Dvareckas — August 17, 2011

1970
Gail Boerstler Howatt — January 06, 2011
Patricia Holmes Clark — January 25, 2011

1971
Lynn Wells — August 10, 2011

1972
Robin Gross — May 10, 2011

1974
Audrey Weathers Wallace — December 14, 2010
Lisa Garn DeMaria — September 25, 2011

1976
Jennie Norten — August 20, 2011
Nancy Roedel BoJack — April 21, 2011

1977
Silka Bebosa — June 04, 2011

1978
Kristine Simpson — May 26, 2011

1987
Janet Vossberg Walden — August 26, 2011

1998
Andrew Barbaro — December 17, 2009

Faculty
Donald E. Coonley — June 08, 2011

Danforth was a member of the Colby-Sawyer College Board of Trustees from 1983 until 1992, and again from 1999 to 2006. He served as chairman from 1987 to 1992, providing extraordinary leadership during a pivotal period in college history in which Colby-Sawyer returned to its coeducational roots, built the Dan and Kathleen Hogan Sports Center, and launched its first comprehensive capital campaign. In May 1999, Danforth returned to the board, serving as co-chair of the college's second major capital campaign.

In addition to his leadership and service, Danforth and his family were generous to the college through their philanthropy. In 2003, he and his wife Sheridan were inducted into the Legend’s Society, whose membership includes those who donate $1 million or more during their lifetimes to Colby-Sawyer. Danforth’s belief in the college is perhaps most evident in the decisions of his two daughters, Laura Danforth ’83 and Kimberly Danforth ’84, and their granddaughter, Kristin L. Danforth ’02, to attend Colby-Sawyer College.

At the 1992 Commencement Ceremony, Colby-Sawyer presented Danforth with the Susan Colgate Cleveland Medal for Distinguished Service, the college's highest award. Nearly a decade later, Danforth Hall was named in his honor and dedicated on Oct. 23, 2001.

“It’s impossible to overestimate the impact Peter Danforth has had on the life of this college, both as a trustee who provided exceptional leadership and support during critical times in Colby-Sawyer’s history, and as a vocal and effective advocate for the college during its two major capital campaigns,” said President Tom Galligan. “Peter believed, and convinced many others, that Colby-Sawyer College was a worthy investment and a place where they would be able to witness the transformative power of their own philanthropy.”
Colby-Sawyer College has always had a connection to politics. It began with Governor Anthony Colby, one of the founders of the New London Academy (later Colby Academy) and has continued to present day with the invitation of presidential candidates to campus. This fall, the students in Professor Randy Hanson’s History, Society, and Culture 100 class worked with College Archivist Kelli Bogan to put together an exhibit on the evolution of politics at Colby-Sawyer. This exhibit will be available through Haystack, the college’s digital archives, at http://haystack.colby-sawyer.edu/exhibits/show/road-to-washington.

As New London Academy was a private, secondary education institution, most of its students were not of legal voting age and therefore could not vote in political elections. Yet they participated in other ways by attending rallies, reporting on political issues, and forming clubs to follow their favorite political candidates.

During the Great Depression and World War II the country was rife with political activism. A high point for the school, which by then had evolved into a junior college for women, came when Eleanor Roosevelt visited campus in October 1941. Mrs. Roosevelt shares her experience at the college in her diary, stating, “We reached New London at 5:15 and I spoke at Colby Junior College for Girls in the evening. My audience in the lovely old church was a very responsive and delightful group. We spent the night with Dr. and Mrs. H. Leslie Sawyer, who were very kind hosts.”

The 1960s were a turbulent time nationally and on the Colby Junior College campus. The new president, Everett Woodman, was a world traveler and wanted the college to develop a more international focus. Candidates received at the college during President Woodman’s tenure included Dick Gregory, Nelson Rockefeller, William Evans Jr. and George H. W. Bush Sr. made a campaign stop at Colby-Sawyer in 1980 in his bid for the U.S. presidency.

First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt poses with Colby Junior College students (from left) Margaret Clayberger, Barbara Hughes and Ann Parker on Oct. 19, 1941, during her college visit.
George Romney. Dick Gregory, in particular, sparked a great deal of derision on campus from current students, parents, alumni and the town of New London.

Since the mid-1970s, Colby-Sawyer College has seen an influx of candidates and political figures. Ronald Reagan paid a visit during his presidential campaign in 1976 and was followed by George H.W. Bush in 1980, in pursuit of his own presidential bid. In 1999, John McCain visited the college at the high point of his popularity during his bid for the 2000 Republican nomination, in a huge event for our small campus.

As another presidential election looms, the college has once again opened its doors to politicians and their campaigns. Last fall, in advance of New Hampshire’s first-in-the nation primary, Republican presidential candidates Buddy Roemer and John Huntsman provided lively addresses at the college, with the latter packing the Hicks Alumni Lounge. In 2012, the candidates who do survive the New Hampshire Primary are likely to return to the state before the November election, and the Colby-Sawyer College community will extend its traditional warm welcome to those who wish to bring their campaigns to our windy hill.

Buddy Roemer, a former U.S. Congressman and governor of Louisiana, visited Colby-Sawyer on Sept. 9, 2011, as part of his campaign for the U.S. presidency. He spoke fervently about his desire to end corruption in Washington, D.C., and Wall Street, to balance the budget and create jobs for millions of Americans.
Epilogue

I now find myself where I began, here at Colby-Sawyer College. After graduating from Colby-Sawyer with a B.A. in English, I went on to graduate studies at Middlebury College in Vermont. Once there, I had the opportunity to study at Oxford, and I returned to that beautiful English university three times to complete coursework for my M.A. in English Literature. While my studies and career path have taken me far from the Windy Hill—crisscrossing New England and across the Atlantic, back again for a publishing gig in Manhattan, and all manner of places in between—I’ve always felt connected to my undergraduate institution.

I’ve retained innumerable friendships with those I met here who, years later, I still count among my closest friends. Work I had done as an undergraduate resurfaced in my graduate studies at Middlebury to the point that I continued to pursue ideas there that I first floated in my Capstone project. So when the possibility arose of returning to Colby-Sawyer to teach, I couldn’t have felt more certain about my decision. The “other side” of the desk is a whole different animal, I’ve found, with its own opportunities and challenges. The greatest reward, though, is in returning to the texts I love each semester. I’m fortunate to love what I teach and the art of teaching itself, and I am immensely grateful to Colby-Sawyer, the gateway to all these discoveries.

In my Global Novel course, I teach the *bildungsroman* as a subgenre of Victorian literature. The form comes from the German tradition, pioneered by authors such as Goethe, and literally translates as “education or formation novel.” Students read Charles Dickens’s *Great Expectations* and learn how the novel adheres to the *bildungsroman* format.

*Great Expectations* maps the journey of young Pip as he wends his way through the world with some hope of success. Life has other plans for Pip, however, and in keeping with the *bildungsroman* tradition, he moves through stages of separation, social obstacles, and disillusionment until he finds himself where he began in his hometown of Kent, with newfound perspective and self-knowledge. Like Pip’s adventure, coming back to Colby-Sawyer to teach is my *bildungsroman*, and I’m writing new chapters in a book I thought I had already finished.

And so I’ve returned to the place where it all began, where I first learned of the *bildungsroman* genre in my first-year Pathway course devoted to the coming-of-age novel. I’ve gone beyond studying the story and even beyond teaching it. Now I am living it. ♦
Join us in the Colby-Sawyer Fund 4K Challenge

A race to 4,000 donors and a $200,000 prize

As alumni who have made their careers at Colby-Sawyer College, Peg and Beth understand the importance and impact of the Colby-Sawyer Fund. That’s why they’re taking part in the 4K Challenge. Their participation brings us closer to our goal of 4,000 donors by June 30, 2012.

Now it’s your turn. Make your gift and join Peg, Beth and the many other alumni, parents and friends who have already entered the race. If we reach our goal of 4,000 donors, Colby-Sawyer will receive an additional $200,000.

We can’t win this race without you!

Help Us Meet the Challenge at www.colby-sawyer.edu/giving/challenge