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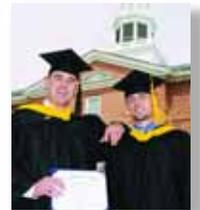
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A Message from the President

Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends:

One of the most wonderful things about being president of Colby-Sawyer College is the opportunity to learn so much so fast about the college and its distinguished history and beloved traditions. Twenty-two years ago as a brand new faculty member I learned a lot about another great institution. But mostly, I learned about the institution's academic programs, its students, its faculty and its opportunities. That is, as a brand new faculty member, I saw the world at my institution mostly through my own eyes focused on the present.

As the president of Colby-Sawyer College, every day I meet and converse with many key college constituencies: students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents, friends and community members. Through these relationships, I gain a vision of the college through their eyes and the chance to appreciate their unique and important perspectives.

One of our learning objectives at Colby-Sawyer College is for our students to be able to understand and employ multiple perspectives. As their president, I not only have opportunities to understand multiple views of the college, I also learn first-hand about their evolution and powerful impact on our most important constituents. Thus someone in my position truly gains a longitudinal view of the institution. And, let me tell you all, the view from here is fantastic!

As I read this impressive edition of the *Colby-Sawyer Alumni Magazine*, I am proud of how well it presents so many diverse perspectives, views and experiences of our distinctive college community. All of us at Colby-Sawyer are extremely proud of the quality of the magazine from issue to issue. I am particularly proud because it is truly addressed to our multiple constituencies and tells the story of a great institution today and over time.

In this issue, you will find stories about current students and faculty and our academic, student development and athletic programs. You will find a marvelous photo essay of Commencement 2008, and read stories about recent graduates and accomplished alumni. And many of you will find opportunities to reconnect to your classmates' lives through the Class Notes section. The magazine ties our present to our remarkable past and strengthens the foundation upon which we build for a bright future.

I very much hope you will enjoy this well-written, beautifully photographed, informative and inspirational edition of the *Colby-Sawyer Alumni Magazine* and that it continues to broaden your perspective of and deepen your engagement with the college.

Yours truly,



Thomas C. Galligan Jr.
President and Professor of Humanities



COLBY-SAWYER MATTERS

by Kate Dunlop Seamans and Kimberly Swick Slover

Progressive Scholars Program Brings Opportunity, Diversity

This fall 20 students from two Boston-area schools—Cambridge Rindge & Latin School and Malden High School—joined the Colby-Sawyer College community as first-year students. These cohorts of closely knit students are part of the new Progressive Scholars Program, which seeks to provide educational opportunities for mainly first-generation college students while bringing more geographic, racial and ethnic diversity to the college.

“We liked the idea of bringing cohorts of students who will provide wonderful support for each other on campus,” said Vice President for Enrollment Greg Matthews. “We’re very interested in creating greater diversity at Colby-Sawyer, and when we looked at our diversity on campus today, we saw that we mainly attract rural and suburban students. That led us to think that we could form partnerships to achieve our goals with some urban high schools with which we already have established connections.”

Jen Jacques, senior associate director of Admissions and director of International and Diversity Recruitment, led the effort to build on existing relationships with both high schools. She met with their guidance counselors and students and invited the students to campus for day and overnight visits last fall and spring. While she expected interest, she and Matthews were surprised and pleased by the “raging



Progressive Scholars from Cambridge-Rindge & Latin School and Malden High School joined President Tom Galligan at a college reception in Cambridge, Mass., in March.

torrent” of enthusiasm from students at both schools.

“Some of these students are first-generation Americans from Haiti, Brazil, Ethiopia and Bangladesh, and many are bi- or trilingual,” she said. “Many will be first-generation college students. They have amazing stories and strong personalities; they’re warm and vibrant in every sense.”

“I Want Them to Be Proud”

First-year student Sandino Volmar came to the United States from Haiti less than a year ago to attend Malden High School and go on to college. A voracious learner who often rises before dawn to study, Volmar has taught himself English from reading the dictionary and dozens of library books each month.

He also loves math, which his father began teaching him at age one, and he hopes to study business and accounting in college.

“For me, fun is learning something new. My dad is a wise man, and I want to be a wise man, too,” he said with a smile. “I want to do my best for all these people who are 100 percent behind me—my dad, my mother, all my teachers and mentors at (Malden High), and the people at Colby-Sawyer. Everyone who trusts me and believes in me, I want them to be proud of me.”

Lauren Katz, another senior from Malden High School, said she and her friends who have come to Colby-Sawyer represent “urban life” and have a greater chance “to make a difference” with a

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The Real Deal: SAWC Chooses Student Logo

It was late on a Tuesday afternoon as Adjunct Professor Debbie Campbell's 12 students filed in for her Visual Identity and Systems Design (ART 422) class. As a reminder of what this group of seniors had been learning all semester, and what many of them would be doing soon as working professionals, Professor Campbell announced the top three logo designs created for their community partner, the Sunapee Area Watershed Coalition (SAWC).

The SAWC had lacked a logo that represented its mission of raising community awareness of issues concerning the Lake Sunapee watershed and surrounding areas. SAWC's director, June Fichter, approached Colby-Sawyer with the idea of having students create a logo, and Professor Campbell immediately knew it would be a perfect project. SAWC members viewed the students' work and voted for their top choices.

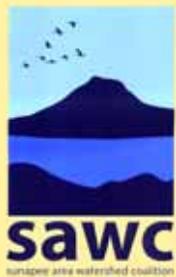
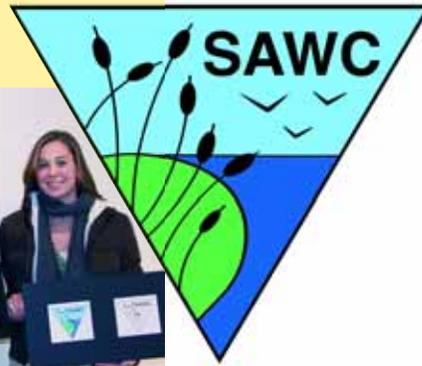
"This was their number one choice...number two, number three," Professor Campbell said briskly, holding up boards that displayed both color and black and white versions of the logos created by the Graphic Design majors.

Jessica Hentz's inverted equilateral triangle was the top choice, followed by Courtney Bodine's and Justin Jaskiewicz's creations. "They're all pretty similar—they liked different shapes, but they liked the illustration element of each one," Professor Campbell tells the class. "We can clearly see they liked the contained shape with some kind of visual that represents the earth and water."



PHOTO: K. SEAMANS

Courtney Bodine, Justin Jaskiewicz and Jessica Hentz show off their logo designs.



Expectations Exceeded

Rattling off the size and color requirements of the files Hentz will need to deliver to SAWC, Professor Campbell emphasized that this is a real-world project—the logo will appear on the group's newsletter, Web site, brochure, even in advertisements in local media. Analyzing Hentz's logo, Professor Campbell noted that the font can be modified as SAWC sees fit, and she pointed out that the control of a designer over her creation is limited.

Executive Director of SAWC Fichter recognized each student's creativity and effort by awarding gift cards. "The experience of working with the students was great," said Fichter. "They did an outstanding job and exceeded our expectations."

SAWC's request for a friendly, clean logo drove first-place winner Hentz, from North Haven, Conn., to the internet for inspiration. "I checked out what similar organizations had come up with," she said. "Lots of organizations like logos that contain everything in a shape, and a triangle is slightly different—I like the equality of the three sides."

Though Bodine and Jackiewicz had designed logos for clients before, this was Hentz's first professional job.

Professor Campbell called Hentz a talented Graphic Design major, and said, "Her ability to listen to what the client was saying helped her develop a logo that met their needs. Her interpretation of a watershed, and her ability to illustrate one in a simple way, made her logo representative and unique."

Professor Campbell likes her classes to work on projects for different organizations, and in recent years they have designed a logo for the chamber of commerce, for a shop-local program, and for the 40th anniversary of the Library Arts Center in Newport, N.H.



Progressive Scholars Program (continued)

college education. Katz hopes to study English and become a teacher, as well as pursue her interests in psychology and art. Colby-Sawyer is smaller than her high school, and she believes she'll get the individual attention and mentoring that she'd like at college.

"I loved walking around the Colby-Sawyer campus and going to classes. You don't have to take a shuttle; you can walk everywhere you need to go," she said of her first visit. "Everyone was so funny and friendly and nice."

Learning to Care about Each Other

The Progressive Scholars can expect a good deal of support at Colby-Sawyer and the "ear of the administration," according to Greg Matthews in Admissions. "An important part of learning in a residential campus comes from living with people, learning to care about each other and understanding others' perspectives," said Matthews. "But when you have students of very similar backgrounds, you don't have to stretch yourself and broaden your perspectives as much. That's why it's so important to diversify and internationalize the campus with students from all backgrounds and broad perspectives."

Jacques believes Colby-Sawyer students would like to see greater diversity, and that they will respond positively to the new group of students. "There's been a lot of initial curiosity, and that may signal that the need for diversity is a consistent theme on campus. I think students are aware that it's overdue."

Charles "Chuck" J. Lawson

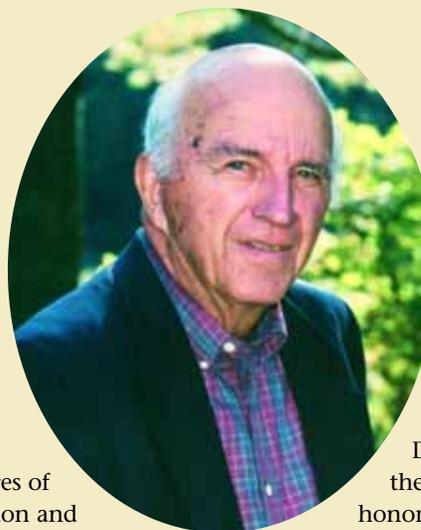
by David R. Morcom

Charles "Chuck" J. Lawson, former chairman of the Colby-Sawyer College Board of Trustees, passed away unexpectedly on June 8, 2008. Chuck was a member of the Board of Trustees from 1988 to 1998, serving as its chairman from 1992 until 1998. From 1998 until his passing, he served as an honorary life trustee. During his time on the board, Chuck was instrumental in conceiving the ideas and implementing the decisions which changed Colby-Sawyer from a college in financial and enrollment crisis to one of the strongest and most respected colleges in its peer group.

Chuck was a leader who was unafraid to take bold steps when they were complemented by careful stewardship. He was directly involved in the college's goal-topping, first-ever comprehensive capital campaign, the continued improvement of its academic programs, its consistent growth in both endowment and enrollment, and numerous physical plant improvements.

He also participated in the college's successful reaccreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. During his tenure as chair, Lawson Hall was conceived and constructed, and 116 acres of land for new recreation and athletic fields were purchased.

Both Chuck and his wife, Joan, who predeceased him in 2005, were passionate supporters of education, and their generosity touched many facets of the Colby-Sawyer community. They often said, "We like knowing that at Colby-Sawyer we can really make a difference." Chuck and Joan were members of the Legends Society, a group whose membership includes those who donate \$1 million or more to the college during



their lifetimes.

As a way of acknowledging all of Chuck's extraordinary contributions to Colby-Sawyer, in 1998 he was awarded the Susan Colgate Cleveland Medal for Distinguished Service, the college's highest honor. President Tom

Galligan said of Mr. Lawson, "Chuck's commitment, intelligence, hard work and dedication to our college were instrumental in significantly reinforcing the foundation upon which the strength of Colby-Sawyer is built today. He was a wonderful leader, a true gentleman, and a great friend of the college who could always be counted on to offer his time, financial support and guidance as it was needed. We will all miss him very much."

College Offers New Academic Programs

For this academic school year, students can choose from several new academic programs, including majors in art history, creative writing, and environmental sciences, and minors in education and chemistry, as well as a coaching certificate program. The new programs were approved in May by the Board of Trustees, and they bring the college's total of academic offerings to 16 majors and 17 minors.

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

The new programs emerged as a key part of a larger re-engineering process that began shortly after President Tom Galligan's arrival. The president's interest in updating the college's Strategic Plan and the advent of a smaller than anticipated first-year class in 2006–2007 brought the college community together to explore "what each of us could do to support and retain student enrollment," according to Vice President Taylor.

For faculty, the creation of new academic offerings began with brainstorming sessions that resulted in suggestions for more than 30 potential programs. The new program proposals evolved with "blinding speed in academic planning terms" because the required faculty expertise and resources were already in place, Taylor said. Additional new majors and minors will arise in coming years, but these larger initiatives will require more planning and new faculty.

The last new major, Community and Environmental Studies, was established a decade ago. This major has now been renamed Environmental Studies as part of a new Environmental Science Department, led by Chair Leon-C. Malan. Malan, who served as chair of the Business Administration Department in 2007–2008, has recently completed a second doctoral degree, this one in Environmental Studies, at Antioch New England Graduate School.

"The changes, those now in place and those still to come, are exciting for faculty and allow them to plan and dream," Taylor said. "There's a lot of energy behind the new programs, and yet we're taking a reasoned and deliberate approach to find an intersection between what's attractive for prospective students and the interests and expertise of our faculty."

Investing in Our Community's Future: Creating a Legacy

As a student at Colby Junior College, Dorothy "Dorrie" Ernst Bean '51 could not have imagined that one day a grandson would graduate from her college. Nor could she imagine that to celebrate his achievements and close ties to her alma mater, she and her husband would create a charitable gift annuity in his honor. Their grandson, Christopher M. McClellan, a Community and Environmental Studies major, graduated in May with the Class of 2008.

Consistent supporters of the Annual Fund, Dorrie and Cliff Bean wanted to do more to reflect their commitment to Colby-Sawyer, in particular, and higher



PHOTO: PEG ANDREWS '85

Proud grandparents Clifford and Dorothy "Dorrie" Bean '51 enjoyed the accomplishments of their grandson, Chris McClellan, at his May 2008 Colby-Sawyer Commencement.

education in general. A scholarship recipient as an undergraduate, Dorrie has long appreciated the value and importance of making an education accessible to young people, and she was grateful for the special awards that made a difference to her grandson at Colby-Sawyer. While both Dorrie and

Cliff are involved in their community, Dorrie's tireless efforts as a leading force on the scholarship committee for her local public high school, long after her daughters have graduated, also motivated this special gift and demonstrates her unwavering dedication to young people in helping to make their higher education possible. Colby-Sawyer is proud to benefit from the Beans' generosity, and deeply appreciative of the spirit in which their gift was made.

A charitable gift annuity is a simple contract between a donor and Colby-Sawyer College. In exchange for an irrevocable gift of cash, securities or other assets, Colby-Sawyer agrees to pay one or two annuitants a fixed sum each year for life. Payments are guaranteed by the resources of the college. The older designated annuitants are at the time of

Deans in Jeans is N.H. Program of the Year

Deans in Jeans (DIJ), a program started nearly four years ago by Deborah Taylor, academic vice president and dean of faculty, and David Sauerwein, vice president for Student Development and dean of students, was recognized in November by Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education (NASPA) as the Region 1 Program of the Year for the State of New Hampshire. Sharon Williamson, NASPA state director and director of campus activities at Colby-Sawyer, accepted the award on behalf of the college at the annual conference held this year in Burlington, Vermont.

NASPA boasts more than 11,000 members at 1,400 campuses in 29 countries and is the largest professional association for student affairs administrators, faculty and graduate students. Its Region 1 comprises the six New England states as well as the United Kingdom, Ireland, Italy, Spain, Switzerland and the Canadian provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick,

Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

"In my view, the award is rewarding as an acknowledgment of one of the many ways in which we engage our students in a personalized educational environment and involve them in both understanding why the college does the things it does and seeking their advice about how we could do better," says Dean Taylor.

Once every semester, Dean Sauerwein and Dean Taylor are joined by President Galligan in visiting each residence hall to meet informally with students. They really do wear jeans, and they really do

listen to what students are concerned or passionate about.

"Recognition of the program is certainly nice," says Dean Sauerwein, "but the real reward of Deans in Jeans clearly comes from the students. They come to the meetings with ideas, questions, rumors, theories and suggestions. It's interesting to see where the conversation will take us, and the format is open enough to allow students to take the lead in the conversation."

What Dean Taylor and Dean Sauerwein both appreciate in meeting with students in the DIJ format is seeing how connected they are to their college,



Dean of Students Dave Sauerwein, President Tom Galligan and Dean of Faculty Deb Taylor (seated at right on couch) meet with students in Lawson Hall at a Deans in Jeans event.

PHOTO: KIMBERLY SWICK SLOVER

the gift, the greater the fixed income Colby-Sawyer can agree to pay. Rates are governed by the America Council on Gift Annuities. In most cases, part of each payment is tax-free, increasing each payment's after-tax value. If the donor is the annuitant, the capital gains will be spread out over many years as opposed to being due in the year of the gift. Several friends of the college have invested in our community with charitable gift annuities, and we invite you to join them.

The Beans' charitable gift annuity provides them with lifetime income that will ultimately provide scholarship support. This generous gift has also earned the Beans the privilege of membership in the Heritage Society.

To learn more about charitable gift annuities and other planned gifts, please contact Peg Andrews '85 at 1 (800) 266-8253 (toll-free) or (603) 526-3726 or e-mail pandrews@colby-sawyer.edu

and how thoughtful they are about their experience. No issue is too large or too small to bring up: individual problems like a computer downloading slowly have been solved, while other conversations have brought sweeping policy change in areas such as parking, smoking, quiet hours and meal plans.

The issues and concerns of today aren't the only thing on students' minds, according to Dean Taylor. They want to know more about the college's plans for the future, and they often express an appreciation for Colby-Sawyer's philosophies.

"One of the highlights for me from these conversations," says Dean Taylor, "was a student who said, 'When I first came here and discovered I had to take courses in all kinds of disciplines, I didn't understand why I needed to do that. Now I have begun to see how all the courses and disciplines fit together.' To me, that was such a clear statement from the student of the value she experienced from a liberal education, and I heard it in Deans in Jeans. It doesn't get better than that."

IN MEMORIAM

Elinore H. Cochran, Friend of the College

Elinore H. Cochran, age 90, died peacefully at her home in New London on Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008. A service to celebrate her life of grace, humor and generosity of spirit was held in May in New London.

Elinore's ties to the college extended back more than 50 years to when her late husband, Carl Cochran, joined the English Department at Colby Junior College. She was a long-term member of the board for the Friends of the Colby-Sawyer Library, where she served as board chair from 1980 to 1982 and as secretary from 1985 until 2007.

Over the years the Friends of the Library raised more than \$100,000, mainly to purchase books for the college. Elinore initiated the Friends' Books Sandwiched In series, which for the last two decades has brought speakers to campus to discuss current topics of interest. For these and



other contributions, Elinore and Carl received the Colby-Sawyer College Town-Gown Award for Valued Service in 1978 and again in 1997.

President Tom Galligan remembers Elinore and her involvement with Colby-Sawyer fondly. "She was a fantastic member of the college family, a dear friend and wonderful neighbor," he said. "We will all miss her and are grateful to have had her brighten our lives."

College Hosts Biology Conference

Colby-Sawyer's Department of Natural Sciences hosted the 66th Eastern New England Biological Conference (ENEBC) this past spring. The ENEBC provides undergraduates with the opportunity to present the results of their research in either oral or poster presentations. The 129 participants came from 13 colleges, and among them were 23 oral presenters and 35 poster presentations.

According to Bill Thomas, professor of Natural Sciences and conference co-coordinator, 15 Colby-Sawyer students registered, and six seniors presented their work. They were: **Robert Wardwell** (The Effects of Road De-icing: Changes in Water Chemistry and Biota in the Lake Sunapee Watershed); **Aleshia Carlsen** (Saline Solution

Effectiveness in Killing *Fusarium Keratitis* and *Acanthamoeba Keratitis*); **Tony Soto** (The Effects of Aerobic Exercise on Predicted VO_{2max} of Healthy Male and Female

Students of Colby-Sawyer College); **Elisabeth Novak** (The Efficacy and Efficiency of Tea Tree Oil as a Broadband Antimicrobial Versus Traditional Chemical Cleaners on Commercial Bathroom Surfaces); **Zachary Lamas** (Microbial Soil Health in Relation to Chemical Applications) and **Chris Huyler** (Will Phosphorus-Binding Calcium Chloride Inhibit the Growth of Variable-Leaf Milfoil?).



Lifelong Learning: Many Options, Many Benefits

by Sharon K. Ames

Lifelong learning has become a national phenomenon, with educational institutions across the country sponsoring a wide array of enrichment programs for seniors. This movement appears to have broadened the mission of colleges, contributed to sound community relations, and enhanced the lives of adult participants. Adventures in Learning at Colby-Sawyer College is one such program, but it is a strikingly successful one with a distinct characteristic that embraces and enriches the entire Kearsarge-Lake Sunapee, New Hampshire region.

In May 2008, with a vibrant and joyous community-wide event and the sound of considerable applause, Adventures in Learning concluded a year-long series of special programs and activities in celebration of its 10th anniversary. A highlight of the celebratory event was Adventures in Learning's presentation of a \$25,000 gift to the college to establish a new endowed scholarship fund. In recognition of its 10-year association with Colby-Sawyer, the Adventures in Learning Achievement Award will be given to a junior student whose achievement in scholarship demonstrates the potential for lifelong learning and whose commitment to the college evidences the potential for lifelong contribution to Colby-Sawyer.

It is anticipated that future recipients of this award will eventually join the ranks of current college alumni who enjoy participation in Adventures in Learning courses, debates, forums and social activities each year. While some alumni such as Susan Morrison Mayer '50, Mary Scheu Teach '43, and Janet Canham Williams '40 discovered the joy of lifelong learning in

the program's early years, others like Mary Loudon Eckert '51, Jane Cowles Parmenter '44, and Gretchen Hoch White '53, to name just a few, have more recently taken places in Adventures in Learning classrooms.

Janet Rich Nixon '54, '00 travels from New Boston, about an hour from New London, to attend the program's courses. Often accompanied to class by, Chance, her English Golden Retriever, Janet says, "Not only do I have one more opportunity to stay connected with the college I love, but I also can enjoy discussions about a variety of subjects I would never have considered while pursuing a particular major."

If one were to rank Adventures in Learning enthusiasts according to their level of participation, New London resident Barbara Johnson Stearns '32 would surely be near the top. She has taken over 50 courses in a wide variety of subjects since the program's inception in 1998. Barbara, who turned 96 in March, says, "Keeping busy keeps me going." The quintessential lifelong learner, undoubtedly, Barbara would have been eligible for the new Adventures in Learning scholarship had it been offered during her college years. With so many people still active and eager to learn, it's certain that lifelong learning programs are here to stay.



PHOTO: GIL TALBOT

Adventures in Learning's Art Rosen presents the \$25,000 endowed scholarship fund award for the college to President Tom Galligan at the 10th anniversary Adventures in Learning celebration.

Professors Engage in International Research



Professor Donna Berghorn refreshed her creativity on a sabbatical trip to Egypt.

Donna Berghorn, associate professor of Humanities, took a sabbatical trip to Cairo, Luxor and Aswan, Egypt, to research pre-dynastic Egyptian art and to study the relationship between primitive mythic art and comics. Among her visits to tombs, pyramids and temples, she spent two days at the Museum of Antiquities in Cairo and compared the conventions of comic art, such as the comic strip panel and cross-hatching style of illustration, to pre-dynastic Egyptian art conventions.

Berghorn plans to write a paper on the comparison of mythic and comic art, and will incorporate information she gathered in Egypt into her courses on "Mass Media in America," "Comics in American Culture," and "Mythology and Folklore." She also hopes to develop a Pathway course around the theme of visual rhetoric.

"The greatest benefit of any sabbatical project is to refresh a faculty member intellectually and creatively," says Berghorn. "I believe this project will enable me to contribute new ideas to the students and the department. If I'm able to publish or present my scholarship, this experience will certainly enhance my professional development and provide added visibility to the college."

Thomas Kealy, associate professor of Humanities, conducted research on the influence of the Romani people on the language and philosophy of horsemanship in Renaissance Europe while on sabbatical in Spain and France.

The Romani have long resisted attempts at assimilation of understanding by outsiders, says Kealy, and that has kept scholars from recognizing their influence on Western culture. He proposes that the best way to understand the Romani is not through direct assessment of the community, but the way in which their culture influenced the surrounding material and linguistic milieu. Based on his research, Kealy believes the best example of this influence is on the horse culture in Spain and France.

The goal of his sabbatical is to discover the specific ways that Romani participation in the training of horses influenced the New World, how Europeans thought about horses, and the relationship between humans and animals.

Ultimately, this research will be incorporated into prior research on the symbolic, emblematic languages of Europe between 1500 and 1650 that Kealy plans to publish. Kealy hopes to incorporate this information into his courses, including "Study of Language," his two Pathways courses "Animals in

Culture and Nature" and "Adventures on the Silk Road," and the course "Encountering America."

Ben Steele, professor of Natural Sciences, continued his research this past summer on the behavior of the Common Eider, a sea duck, at the Tvärminne Zoological Station of the University of Finland.

In the past year, Professor Steele and Dr. Markus Öst at the University of Finland have written two manuscripts on their research. In the first, Steele describes how predation on nests affects the clutch size differences between open and covered habitat. The second paper attempts to answer the question: Why do some eiders nest under a dense bush,



Ben Steele studies a flock of Common Eider ducks at the Tvärminne Zoological Station in Finland.

visually screened by vegetation, while others nest out in the open, visible from all directions?

One answer, though not certain, appears to be that there is a trade-off between being visually shielded from aerial predators while sitting on eggs and nesting in a hidden site from which escape from a mammalian predator is hindered by bushes. Steele hopes to collect data that will solidify the mystery's solution by collecting data on 200 nests for which nest success is known.

Kerstin Stoedefalke, associate professor of Exercise and Sport Science, traveled to the University of Exeter in England to continue study of the effects of swim training on aerobic fitness, heart size and cardiac blood volumes in specific age groups of swimmers.

This is year three of a six-year longitudinal study that continues work begun during her 2006 sabbatical, and Stoedefalke has three goals: to complete the third battery of tests; to design a research project examining oxygen kinetics in national level, age-group swimmers; and to work with her colleague, Dr. Jo Welsman, on writing and submitting a paper for publication.

Largest Nursing Class in College's History Graduates



The Colby-Sawyer Nursing Department graduated 32 student nurses in 2008, its largest class in history. This past spring, the class gathered for the annual dinner for the graduating student nurses hosted by Carole and Joe Brophy. The students include the following (first row left to right): Stephanie Woodruff, Lindsay Mulcahy, Ashley Reynolds, Sarah Cohen, Hilary Jones, Erica Kerwin, Maddie Dalgliesh and Susan Smith; (Second row): Jenna Jordan, Allison Blood, Katie Boyle, Brittany McAvey, Kelly Dutra, Raina Ferguson, Katie Walls and Jennifer Kiely. Third row: Kristin LaRoche, Jennifer Cox, Molly Hetrick, Jen McAfee, Melissa Lewis, Tristin MacKay, Chris LaPietra (gentleman in blue shirt), Liz Knights, Kathy Brigham (behind gentleman on right in row three), Ryan Dunstan, Sarah McRoberts, Phoebe Wolcott-MacCausland, Amanda Kowalik, Michele Falvey, Fawn Burns and Steph Shamel.

Colby-Sawyer Hosts Quantitative Literacy Conference, Writing with Numbers Workshops

Colby-Sawyer hosted the 12th annual Northeast Consortium on Quantitative Literacy (NECQL) in May, an event that brought 51 educators from 14 states and Italy to campus to explore strategies and practices for strengthening students' ability to understand and use quantitative information effectively in every aspect of their lives. The conference was combined with a Writing with Numbers Workshop, organized by the National Numeracy Network and Carleton College, in which participants developed and shared assignments that would engage students in writing with numbers across fields of study.

The conference and workshops are a part of higher education's response to a recognized and urgent national need to improve college students' ability to understand and apply mathematical concepts and reasoning skills. Through these events, educators at Colby-Sawyer and other colleges and universities come together to explore the issues, current research, and the practice of integrating quantitative literacy skills into the curriculum.

The events were made possible in part by Colby-Sawyer's three-year grant



PHOTO: MICHAEL J. SEAMANS

Mya Poe, director of Technical Communications at MIT, presents the keynote address at the Writing with Numbers Workshop held in the Curtis L. Ivey Science Center.

from the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Course, Curriculum and Laboratory Improvement program. The grant assists Colby-Sawyer in incorporating the teaching of basic math and reasoning skills into its liberal arts curriculum, and also to serve as a model and a resource for other educators.

effectively. The NSF grant has accelerated Colby-Sawyer's progress in integrating these concepts into the existing curriculum and engaging both faculty and staff in that process, according to Professor Kilic-Bahi, which impressed educators from other institutions.

"People were asking all kinds of questions about how we've advanced so quickly, and I think it's because we're a small school where teaching is really important and valued," she said. "We have a wonderful faculty who are open to new ideas and so concerned about our students, and we have great support from the administration. The NSF grant support has also been vital in allowing us to bring top leaders in the field here to share their knowledge and resources."

To view the conference program and materials visit www.colby-sawyer.edu/academic/liberaleducation/quantitative/collaborations.html



Assistant Professor of Mathematics Semra Kilic-Bahi was one of the event organizers.

Assistant Professor of Mathematics Semra Kilic-Bahi, the grant's principle investigator and one of the event organizers, said the conference provided a wonderful venue for bringing the right forces together to share ideas about practice, theory and new ways to address the challenges of preparing students to develop and use math and reasoning skills more

Colby-Sawyer Receives Prestigious Marketing and Recruitment Excellence Award

Noel-Levitz, a leading higher education consulting firm, has announced the winners from among its clients of the 2008 Marketing and Recruitment Excellence Awards. The awards recognize exemplary programs, services and strategies that have made an impact on campus student enrollment.

The following institutions were recognized for their successful marketing and recruitment efforts at this year's National Conference on Student Recruitment, Marketing and Retention, July 15-17, in Chicago, Ill.:

- Colby-Sawyer College, New London, New Hampshire
- Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama
- Quest University Canada, Garibaldi Highlands, British Columbia

Institutions were nominated for the awards by Noel-Levitz consultants and were selected based on several factors including institutional outcomes and execution of strategies that promote student awareness, inquiry, application, admission, deposit and enrollment.



Louise Amelia Sprague Danforth '24



Louise Amelia Sprague Danforth, a 1924 graduate of Colby Academy, died on Nov. 7, 2007, at age 101. A New London resident at the time

of her death, Louise had attended her 80th reunion at Colby-Sawyer in June 2004. She was born in 1906 in Manchester, N.H., and went on to graduate from Concord High School in 1923, before attending Colby Academy for a year of post-graduate study. Louise later studied French and German at the University of New Hampshire, graduating in 1929. The week after graduation, she married H. Raymond Danforth, an educator who eventually became president of New England College, and with whom she raised their three children.

Louise was featured in the *Colby-Sawyer Alumni Magazine* in fall/winter 2004, in which she fondly recalled her year at Colby Academy. She shared a copy of her UNH diary, in which she wrote: "Honestly, there's no place like Colby Academy. The spirit's wonderful. It just gets one and it holds. It's more than an institution, it's a life in itself. It's a life we all must leave, yet, in leaving it, we get a stronger grip and take it with us to live again, for we cannot leave it behind."

while the offices now called Advancement remained in Seamans House until 2004.

Seamans House served the college well for nearly 30 years, but like some of the older structures that once graced Main Street, it reached the end of its life, not only in serving the campus, but as a building. "Some older buildings, such as the Academy Building, are able to be renovated and go on to serve other purposes," said Vice President Atkins, referring to the college's original building, which now serves as New London Town Offices. "Unfortunately, it's not the answer for every building."

A Farewell to Seamans House

In January, Seamans House, one of the college's Main Street buildings, was burned in a training operation by the New London Fire Department. The building formerly housed the college's Advancement Office and its staff in alumni relations, development and research.

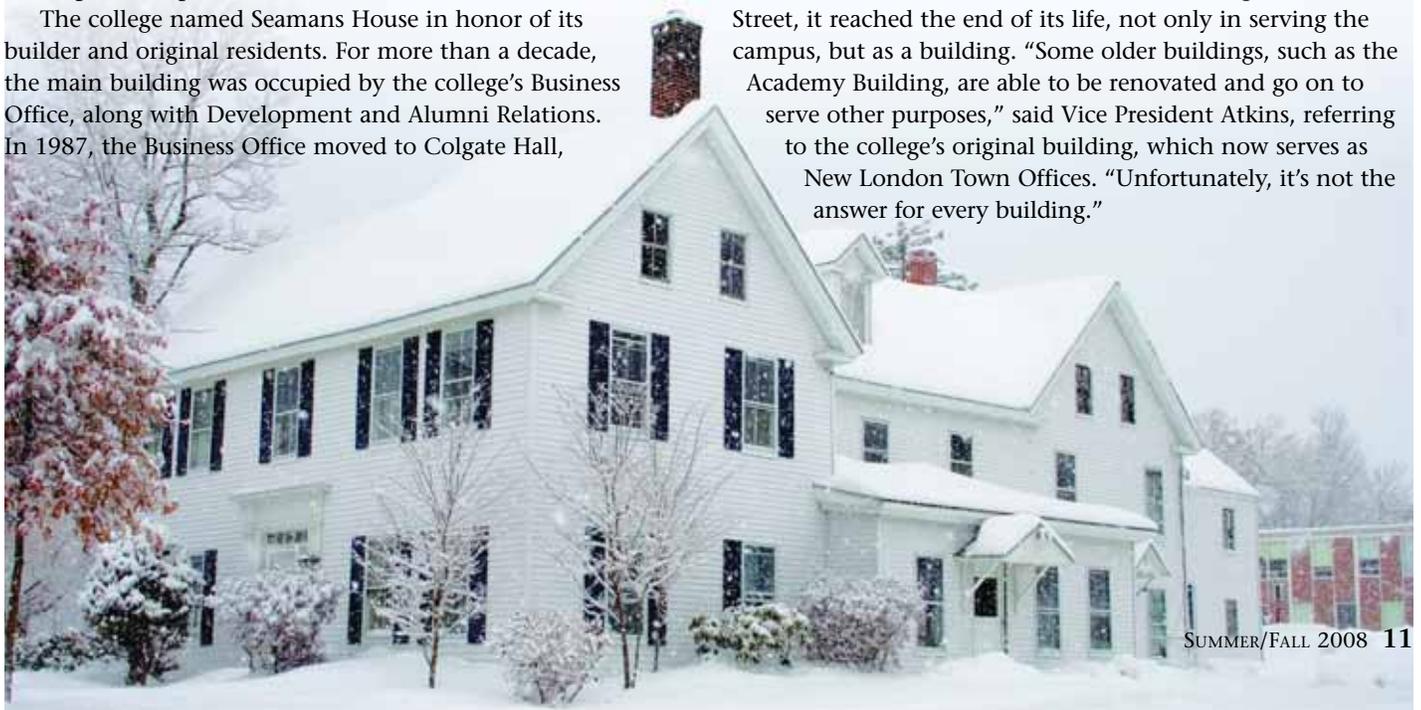
"Unfortunately, this building reached the end of its useful life," said Vice President of Administration Doug Atkins, citing both health concerns for staff members and the prohibitive costs of the building's restoration.

The building was vacated in 2004, and the Advancement Office moved to the Colby Homestead when Seamans House was determined to be an unhealthy working environment for staff by the college's administration. "We were not able to precisely identify the health issues, and there was no handicapped access to the building," Vice President Atkins said. "When we weighed the gigantic costs of bringing this building up to code and its potential future uses for the college against its history and current condition, we decided against it."

In 2005, the college's Board of Trustees authorized the removal of Seamans House. Since then the building had continued to deteriorate, Vice President Atkins explained. While the college considered how to dispose of the building, both the New London Police and Fire Departments expressed interest in using it as a site for training operations.

Seamans House was built in 1809-1810 by Manning Seamans, the son of Job Seamans. It was originally built as a Cape Cod-style house and served as a residence until 1902, when it was purchased by Elizabeth and Allen Crane and turned into a summer hotel called the Cranehurst Inn. It accommodated summer visitors until 1942, when it became a year-round hotel, which served visitors to the area until 1973. The inn was then used briefly as a restaurant until it was acquired by Colby-Sawyer College in 1975, with assistance from some 60 local donors who contributed nearly 50 percent of the purchase price.

The college named Seamans House in honor of its builder and original residents. For more than a decade, the main building was occupied by the college's Business Office, along with Development and Alumni Relations. In 1987, the Business Office moved to Colgate Hall,



The Lady from Shanghai

by Mike Gregory

Heading off to college is an adventure for anyone, but few incoming students experienced more adventure than did Ai-Li Sung Chin '39. The first Chinese graduate in Colby-Sawyer's history, she left her country amidst life-threatening circumstances. Separated from her family, whom she would not see again for over 30 years, she crossed an ocean and a cultural divide to seek an education. What she found was a new life in a strange land.

In the late 1930s, Ai-Li Sung Chin attended an Episcopal boarding school in her native Shanghai. The eldest daughter in a family of nine children, she had no thoughts of applying to an American university. Then fate intervened in the forms of Martha McCracken Howard '38 and Elsie McCracken Barcalow '38. Born to American missionaries and raised in Shanghai, the twin sisters were, at the time, the only students from Asia enrolled at Colby Junior College. As Ai-Li recalls, "They said to President Sawyer, 'You've always given two scholarships to Europeans. Why not give one to someone from Asia?'" The twins were persuasive. Because their father was Dr. Josiah McCracken, who had helped found the medical school of Shanghai's St. John's University, and because Ai-Li's boarding school had a connection to St. John's, the young woman soon learned of the scholarship. After interviewing with Dr. McCracken, her place at Colby Junior was secured.

Although her *amah* (nursemaid) was alarmed at the thought of her young charge traveling to America, Ai-Li's parents felt differently. At that time, 1937, Japan had already invaded the northeastern provinces of China and was launching an all-out bombardment of Shanghai. Ai-Li's parents decided it was for the best to let their eldest daughter leave the country. Getting safely to America, though, was no easy matter, as it required perilous travel by ship. With Japanese bombs raining destruction down on Shanghai, ocean liners could not dock at the city's ports, so Ai-Li first voyaged by coastal steamer to Hong Kong. There, joined by more than 100 students—mostly men, mostly graduate students, almost all older—she boarded a Canadian ship bound for Vancouver. Her journey across the Pacific Ocean would last a month.

Ai-Li's memories of that ocean crossing are, perhaps surprisingly, happy ones. Despite the Japanese threat and the uncertainty of leaving her family for an unknown destination, the young student found the experience exhilarating. "It was a wonderful trip across the ocean," she says, her eyes twinkling. "I was young, and there was such excitement to be on my own. I didn't think too much about the hardships back in China. I left the troubles behind." Even during rough storms, Ai-Li and her shipmates took delight in playing raucous games of ping pong as their vessel was buffeted by wind and waves.

Upon docking in Vancouver there followed a train ride to Seattle, and from there a weeklong journey by rail across the United States. One by one, at stops across the country, Ai-Li's travel companions disembarked, until only she was left. By the time the train arrived at Potter Place Railroad Station in Andover, N.H., Ai-Li admits to feeling quite lonely. Waiting for her at the station were two advisors and President Sawyer himself. "Partly he was curious about

this first girl from China," observes Ai-Li. Yet there was another, more practical reason for his presence. The bombardment of Shanghai had prevented Ai-Li from traveling directly to America, causing her to arrive after the beginning of the school term. As a result her dorm room had been given to another student. Dr. Sawyer was bringing her home to temporary quarters in the President's House.

Safely installed in the attic bedroom of the Sawyers' son—he was away at college—Ai-Li was dazzled by the home in which she found herself. In Shanghai, a densely populated city, her family rented a row house comprised of a main room, an adjacent smaller room, a kitchen in the back—and no bathroom. Now she found herself in a beautiful New England home, a freestanding house that shared no outer walls with the neighbors. Here were flowers blooming, green grass all around, and open space. Ai-Li remembers, on her first

night, nervously asking Mrs. Sawyer for a drink of water. "She could barely hide her smile as she explained that the water in the tap was perfectly safe to drink. That was my introduction to tap water." Ai-Li stayed with the Sawyers for almost a month before a dorm room became available.

When asked about her experience at the college, Ai-Li answers quickly and unequivocally. "Colby Junior was wonderful to me. We had extraordinary faculty and programs. All the faculty helped me out. I had no spending money, and, if they thought I should go to a conference, they'd round up some cash. They really took care of me." She remembers the faculty organizing field trips to study different areas—from New York City, to coal mines in Pennsylvania, to the legendary Black Mountain College in North Carolina. "It really opened up America to me. It was extraordinary for a junior college, any college, to provide that kind of education."

In her own words, Ai-Li was "the first Chinese girl in New London, maybe even in New Hampshire." One might expect that she experienced racism, but



PHOTO: VAUGHN WINCHELL

Ai-Li Sung Chin '39

she insists that wasn't the case. "I didn't encounter any prejudice. They all welcomed me and I was pampered." She does admit, though, to having very little contact with people outside of the college. Most of that contact came when she spoke to church groups and schools, educating people about China. In those days, she remembers, there was so little exposure in New Hampshire to China "that people just wanted to see a Chinese girl." Her passion for enlightening people about China has continued throughout her life.

During her two years at Colby Junior, Ai-Li met her future husband, Robert Chin, at a conference at Miami University of Ohio. They married in 1942, after Ai-Li had received a B.A in sociology from Wellesley College. With her family unable to attend the wedding—the ongoing Japanese occupation prevented any communication with relatives in Shanghai—it was President Sawyer who stood in for Ai-Li's father at the ceremony.

During World War II, Ai-Li and Robert went to Washington, D.C., where they worked for various agencies on behalf of

the war effort, including the Office of War Information and the Federal Communications Commission. After the war, they settled in the Boston area, both earning their doctorates in sociology from Harvard and raising a family of three children. By this time, Mao Zedong had established the People's Republic of China, and Ai-Li faced yet another obstacle in communicating with her family. "The Communists were suspicious of anyone with overseas connections. I had a sister who had gone to Hong Kong, so during the Maoist years I used to write her the barest news: I'm fine, we had a child, and so on, but without revealing that I was in America. So communication was minimal."

The Chins received a joint Fulbright Fellowship in 1971 to teach and conduct research, and they spent a year at Taipei University in Taiwan and Chinese University in Hong Kong. When U.S. President Nixon visited China,

an historic event leading to thawed relations between the two countries, the Chins jumped at the chance. "We were right there," exclaims Ai-Li, "and applied for a visa to go in. We followed Nixon right into China!" In the 1980s, Ai-Li and Robert began to visit China once or twice a year, teaching American management techniques. She explains that, although the Chinese were resistant to capitalist influences, they wanted to improve their factories. "In those days, very few westerners were able to go in and connect with people, to do this kind of work."

Now widowed and approaching her 90th birthday, Ai-Li remains active, visiting China every few years. Of her family, four siblings now live in the United States, one sister having emigrated in the 1950s, the rest making their way during the thaw of the 1980s. Has Ai-Li ever thought about retiring to China? She considers the question thoughtfully before shaking her head with a smile. "I can't leave this country now. All my cultural habits, my needs, my wishes are here." Ai-Li Sung Chin's adventure, begun some 70 years ago, has now, it seems, brought her home. ■

Nieman Moments

Award winning journalist Christopher Cousins '98 reflects on his memorable year as a Nieman Fellow in Journalism at Harvard University.

I never met a woman who was as disconcerted by my friendly advances as Rupa Jayshi was, at least at first. Rupa is the young wife of Damakant Jayshi, a journalist from Nepal. When I met her she looked like a queen or a goddess, an image I'd seen in books or on Buddhist posters. Her flowing Nepalese robes brought another glowing color with each fold and her delicate, dark features framed a mark set between chocolate eyes. I knew the mark meant something about her religion or culture, and I made a mental note to research it later.

When I say I made advances, all I was trying to do was say hello. Rupa was one of 27 journalists and their families I'd just met, but with whom I knew I'd be spending the next 11 months at the Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard University.

We spent the first days of the fellowship as strangers do, exchanging pleasantries and background basics. We were part of a manufactured social and professional network that would bind us for life, and which gave each of us an opening for an approach.

With Rupa it was different. Damakant was warm and eager to talk. Rupa made a polite gesture when someone said hello, or she offered a timid hand to shake, but then she'd cast her eyes downward. Later, I understood Rupa simply wasn't used to being approached by men.

My wife, Jennifer, and I became friends with Damakant and Rupa, and time eroded the awkwardness. She began to replace her beautiful robes with western clothing, which I regretted but understood. On graduation day, when she and others returned to their native dress, I told her she looked beautiful, a compliment she accepted with grace and a smile.

One of the unstated goals of the Nieman Foundation is for its fellows and their families to step away from their normal routines—namely their jobs and any professional responsibility—and perhaps go through a transformation like



It was quite an emotional gathering, the last one of the year for the entire class.

Chris with Nieman Foundation for Journalism Curator Bob Giles on the Nieman Foundation "graduation" day.

Rupa's. The foundation imposed few rules about how time should be spent but provided access to everything at Harvard: dozens of museums; the second-largest library system in the world and free access to virtually every publication and electronic search tool there is; countless concerts and theatrical presentations; a daily array of lectures and panel discussions, usually featuring the preeminent so-and-so of such-and-such; sporting events, including the vaunted Harvard-Yale football game; an identification card that allowed access to all Harvard functions and facilities; an invitation to audit any class at Harvard College or any of

the graduate schools; strolls through beautiful Harvard Yard or along the storied Charles River; and a bona fide ticket into Harvard society.

It was the perfect opportunity to stop and reflect, something I'm convinced too few people ever do. We were free to craft our own experience, which for some meant deep research; for others it was a chance to delve into a neglected hobby or passion. Some threw themselves at everything with fervor; others slept late and relaxed. We knew the potential was there for some sort of life-altering experience we might not recognize until after the fact, so we focused on what was tangible: wonderful experiences we called "Nieman moments."

Of these, I had many. A lot of them came unexpectedly, a little tidbit that caught my attention and I thought, "This is amazing. I'm so lucky." Most of them involved shop talk with the other Nieman fellows, like an Associated Press bureau chief recounting what it was like to cover the December 2004 tsunami in Indonesia and the October 2005 earthquake in Pakistan; or the environmental reporter describing his pursuit of animal poachers; or the investigative reporter whose stories consumed him for months or, in some cases, years; or the Costa Rican journalist who told of how his work put three of his country's presidents and other government officials in jail; or the African publisher whose government closed his newspaper after the

murder of his partner and the burning of his press.

There were also many less formal Nieman moments, like the holiday party in December when everyone finally seemed at ease with one another; or the poker nights; or trying dozens of Cambridge-area restaurants; or watching the Super Bowl with foreigners who'd never seen it; or the class trip to Cape Cod at the end of the year.

Inevitably, though, the discussions turned to the problems with newspapers. Print journalists in this country are losing their jobs by the hundreds as circulation and advertising revenues plummet, and major newspapers have become shadows of their former selves. The *Boston Globe*, which implies worldwide coverage in its very name, cut all of its overseas bureaus and announced a renewed focus on local news. That happened during my fellowship, just a couple of days before the *Globe* hosted the Nieman class for a formal dinner.

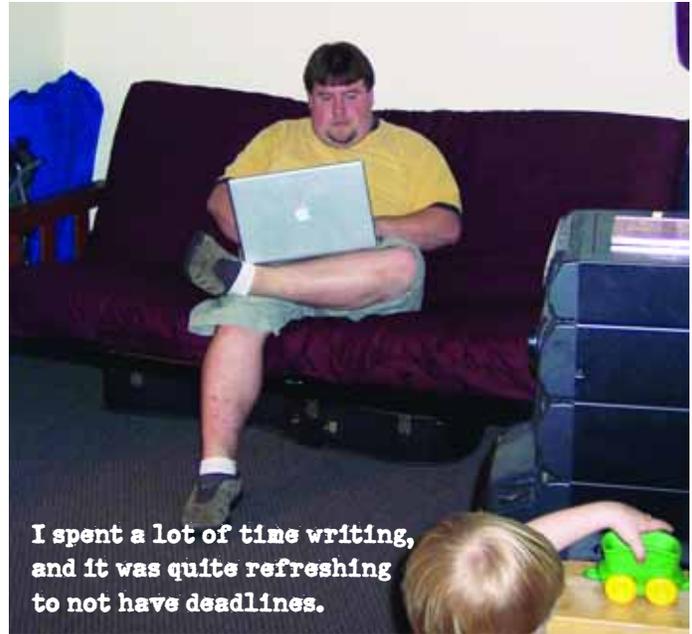
The foundation did its best to put Nieman moments where we couldn't help but notice them. One such opportunity was a "shop talk" we had early in the year with John Carroll, who had been editor of the *Los Angeles Times*. Carroll quit that job in August of 2005 after the owners of the newspaper, the Tribune Company, in an effort to reduce costs, ordered him to lay off more journalists than he was willing to cut.

Carroll shocked me when he laid out the premise of his comments: that journalism is on the cusp of another "golden age." I thought at first that I'd misheard him. Most of the "journalists" talking on cable news channels or writing for the blogs brand themselves politically to the point that news organizations are using partisan "journalists" themselves as sources to spout the viewpoint of one side or another. Call me a purist, but that's not journalism.

As Carroll stated, you can trace almost every one of those conversations and articles back to a story written by a reporter for a newspaper. Newspapers are where most newsgathering happens in this country. So, to some degree, that flow of information protects the journalist working for the mainstream media, like myself.

The advance of information technology has put an array of powerful new tools at my disposal. With a few clicks I can research virtually any topic, and, with software, I can crunch numbers and parse spreadsheets in ways that I never imagined. I can use technology to present stories in more ways than words and photographs printed on paper. Video and audio clips and links for readers to access more detailed information enrich the product.

Those elements, coupled with the rise of the citizen journalist—which is defined as anyone and everyone who somehow collects information and re-communicates it—do indeed seem like harbingers of a new golden age of journalism.



I spent a lot of time writing, and it was quite refreshing to not have deadlines.

Chris writes in his Cambridge apartment as his son, Caleb, plays with his toys.

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The Sounding is widely thought of as the most special part of the fellowship, a statement with which I agree.

Chris describes some of the newspaper stories he has written to the Nieman class during his "Sounding" in February 2007.

That's the impression with which most of the fellows left the Nieman Foundation in June 2007, along with a renewed commitment to the idealistic reasons why we're journalists in the first place: for the common good and to make a positive difference in society.

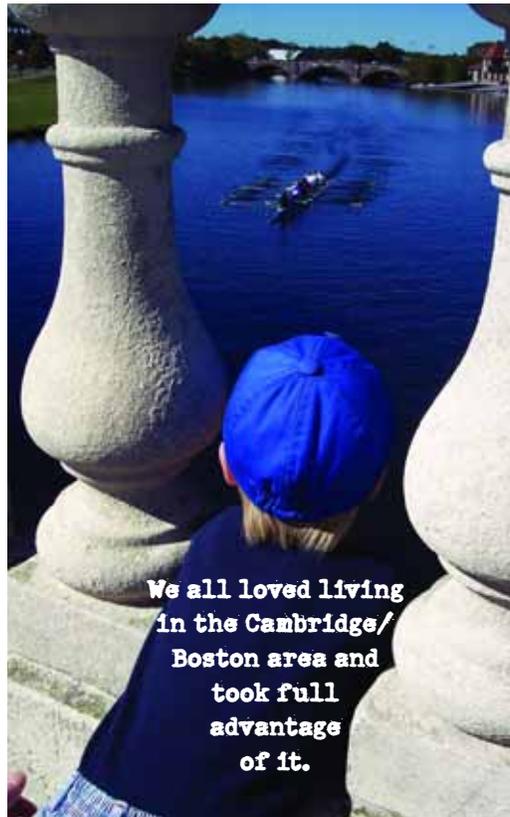
It's been a year since the fellowship ended. I returned to *The Times Record*, a small daily newspaper on the coast of Maine, in a new role as its city editor in charge of a team of five reporters and several freelancers. I assign the stories, then edit them or send them back for more work. I'm the person who suggests where in the newspaper the stories go. Then I write all the headlines and lay out at least three pages of local news a day. I'm responsible for the final proof of the pages—meaning finding the mistakes and typos—and sending the pages to press.

I love my job, but the truth of it is that there are some days that are a multitasking grind. My reward comes when I know that we put out a solid product that a reader ought to appreciate, which I'm proud to say is true more often than it's not. The problem is that like virtually every other newspaper, our circulation and revenues are in slow decline. How can I have confidence that what we're doing is worthwhile and appreciated when most signs point to the contrary? Alas, it's the question that plagues all of us in the mainstream media.

Headlines about major staff cuts at newspapers happen daily, and everyone knows that the worst times await us. What concerns me most is the question of what will happen when there is no one to stand up to the powerful and hold them accountable.

The answer, I find, is in that question: Powerful people need to be held accountable. That's the "why" of journalism, the core value that I know will pull us through. We'll figure it out.

When I'm deep into another long day in my office, maybe editing a long list of court filings, I often find my



Caleb, Chris's son, watches a Harvard rowing team practice on the Charles River in Cambridge, Mass.

thoughts slipping to the Nieman fellows, wondering what they're doing and to which part of the world the news has pulled them. Like Anja Niedringhaus, for example, a German photographer for the Associated Press, who has spent decades in pursuit of major news events. Courageous photographs she took as part of a team of journalists in Fallujah, Iraq, earned her the Pulitzer Prize in 2005. I respect Anja deeply for her professional accomplishments, but there's something else I respect her for even more.

Just a few days before I moved from Cambridge back to Maine, some of the Nieman fellows gathered for a picnic on the shore of the Charles River. Like the many other farewell events, it was bittersweet, with lots of promises to keep in touch. Then something beautiful happened.

Rupa Jayshi, who had learned English by then, mentioned that she had never ridden a bicycle. Anja decid-

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Pulitzer Prize winner and AP photographer Anja Niedringhaus teaches Rupa Jayshi, wife of 2007 Fellow Damakant Jayshi, how to ride a bike.

ed to teach her how on a walking trail parallel to the river. In the first couple of attempts, Rupa cut her foot on a pedal and lost control into a group of pedestrians (no injuries). With Anja's persistence, though, Rupa was soon riding back and forth, beaming a priceless smile. A group of about a dozen of us watched silently, each filing away an unforgettable experience. Another Nieman moment.

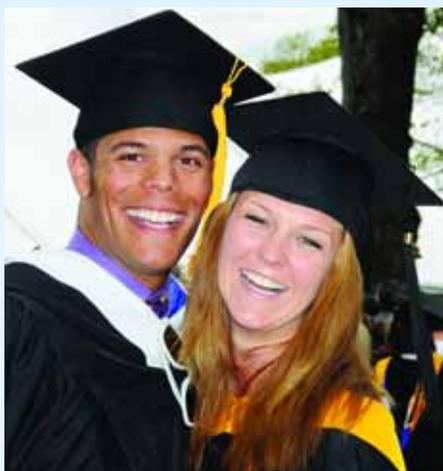
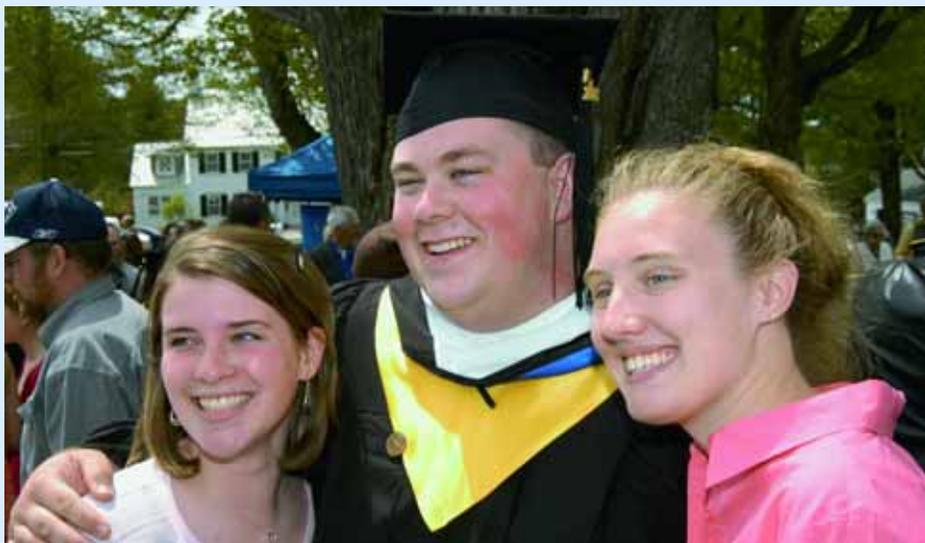
Landing a Nieman Fellowship taught me that anything is possible if I just shut up and do it. Being a Nieman Fellow taught me that hope is justified, even in the newspaper industry. Reflecting on the fellowship now, I realize that it taught me one last lesson: that one of the most important things in life is fellowship. ■

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COMMENCEMENT

A PHOTO ALBUM

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It was a day for smiles and hugs, a day for friends and family, a day for bittersweet endings and bright beginnings.

Awards Presented to Faculty, Staff, Alumni and Friends

Susan Colgate Cleveland Medal for Distinguished Service
Barbara Johnson Stearns '32

Jack Jensen Award for Excellence in Teaching
Nicholas A. Baer

Distinguished Alumni Award
JoAnn Franke Overfield '68

Town Award
New London Hospital
(accepted by CEO Bruce P. King)

Gown Award
Elizabeth C. Crockford

Nancy Beyer Opler Award for Excellence in Advising
Jennifer Austin

Graduate Award
Tarren Mackenzie Bailey '06

Awards Presented to the Members of the Class of 2008

David H. Winton Baccalaureate Award
Evelina Simanonyte

Colby-Sawyer Award
Zachary Thomas Irish

Scholar-Athlete Award
Justin M. Tardif

Wynne Jesser McGrew Scholar-Athlete Award
Lisa Ann Giordano

Alpha Chi Award
Sarah Helen Heaney

Senior Achievement Awards
John Norman Bryan
Ashlee Michelle Willis

Senior Commencement Speakers
Aleshia Beth Carlsen
Adrian Mansoor Azodi-Kazeroony



Above: (L to r) Nick Baer, recipient of the Jack Jensen Award for Excellence in Teaching; Chairman of the Board of Trustees Anne Winton Black '73, '75; Barbara Johnson Stearns '32, recipient of the Susan Colgate Cleveland Medal for Distinguished Service; President Tom Galligan; New London Hospital CEO Bruce P. King, accepting the Town Award for New London Hospital; and JoAnn Franke Overfield '68 recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award. Not pictured is Gown Award recipient and Academic Dean Beth Crockford.

Top right: Academic Vice President and Dean of Faculty Deborah A. Taylor (left) presents the David H. Winton Baccalaureate Award to Evelina Simanonyte, the student who ranked highest in scholarship among the graduates.

Center right: Academic Vice President and Dean of Faculty Deborah A. Taylor presented the Colby-Sawyer Award to Zack Irish who, in the opinion of the faculty, best exemplified the ideals of the college in personal dignity, intellectual growth, contribution to campus life and constructive influence on other students.

Bottom right: Academic Dean Beth Crockford (left) presents the Alpha Chi Award to Sarah Helen Heaney, who best exemplified truth and character, which are the ideals of the Alpha Chi Society.

Baccalaureate Awards

Studio Art
Allison Jane Hatch

Biology
Elisabeth Grimshaw Novak

Business Administration
Dr. Margaret "Marnie" Kurtz Award
Christelle Kamaliza

Child Development
Kyra Dulmage

Communication Studies
Jessica Dorgai

Community and Environmental Studies
Kristopher S. Ramsay

English
Carl M. Cochran Award
Angela Lynn Eastman

Exercise and Sport Sciences
John David Bossé

Graphic Design
Jessica C. Hentz

History, Society and Culture
Justin M. Tardif

Nursing
Grace Adella Sheldon Graves Award
Jennifer Marie Kiely

Psychology
Evelina Simanonyte



Top left: John Bryan accepts the Senior Achievement Award from Vice President for Student Development and Dean of Students Dave Sauerwein (right). The award is presented for the display of leadership qualities in the active involvement of the college's co-curricular life.

Center left: Justin Tardif receives the Scholar-Athlete Award from Vice President and Dean of Faculty Deborah A. Taylor. Justin was a member of the Dean's List, a member of the Academic Honor Roll, and captain of the Chargers Tennis Team.

Center right: The Wynne Jesser McGrew Scholar-Athlete Award was presented to Lisa Ann Giordano, who was a captain and star player on the lacrosse team, took on community service initiatives, and was outstanding in the classroom, especially in her psychology major.

Bottom: As 196 graduates and approximately 1,300 guests filled the Commencement tent, President Galligan addressed the Class of 2008 and said: "Congratulations to you for all you have achieved, and congratulations to your families, friends and other loved ones who have supported you, cheered you, cajoled you, pushed you, and loved you. I daresay that without them you might not be sitting here about to receive your diploma from Colby-Sawyer College. This is, in many ways, as big a day for them as it is for you."



Student Nurses Gain a Global Perspective

by Kimberly Swick Slover

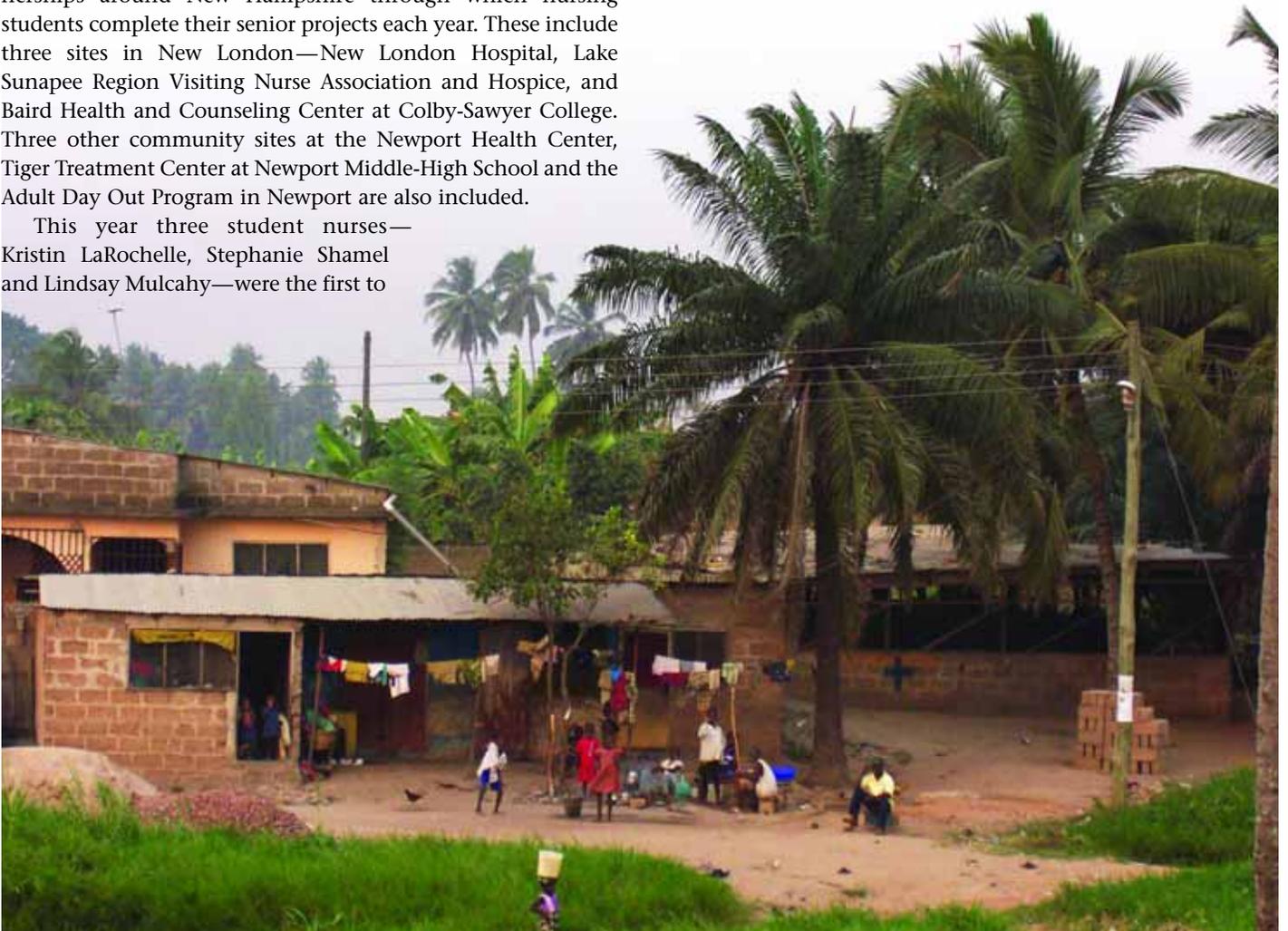
This year Colby-Sawyer's Nursing Program moved in a brave new direction, incorporating Pokuase (poe-KWA-see) Village in Ghana, Africa, as one of its community partners in educating student nurses. Through the WomensTrust—a Wilmot, N.H.-based, non-governmental organization focused on micro-lending, education and health care in Pokuase—the Nursing Program has built an international collaboration that will enable the college's student nurses to address global health issues in their senior Community Capstone projects.

All Colby-Sawyer seniors are required to complete a Capstone as the culmination of their work in their major field of study. In the Nursing Program, teams of student nurses work with area organizations on Community Capstones, which focus on health care needs of a specific community or population.

The Nursing Program has established six community partnerships around New Hampshire through which nursing students complete their senior projects each year. These include three sites in New London—New London Hospital, Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice, and Baird Health and Counseling Center at Colby-Sawyer College. Three other community sites at the Newport Health Center, Tiger Treatment Center at Newport Middle-High School and the Adult Day Out Program in Newport are also included.

This year three student nurses—Kristin LaRochelle, Stephanie Shamel and Lindsay Mulcahy—were the first to

take on an international community partnership with WomensTrust and Pokuase Village for their Community Capstone. The project opened their eyes to the challenges and opportunities of public health issues in a third-world nation and set the stage for future students at Colby-Sawyer to gain global perspectives in nursing.



The Global Community

In the fall of their senior year, nursing students are introduced to the community organization that will become the focal point of their Community Capstone. The students conduct broad assessments of their organization and its community, which involves interviews, surveys and reviews of related health, socioeconomic and demographic research. By semester's end, each student team presents a preliminary plan for their project—identifying a specific community health issue and how they plan to address it. In the spring semester, each team works closely with their community organization to successfully implement and evaluate their plan.

Shari Goldberg, the assistant professor of nursing who directs the Community Capstone projects for the Nursing Program, says the year-long project widens the lens of students' nursing experience. "After several years of working in hospitals with individual patients in maternal health, pediatric, oncology, neurology and psychiatric rotations, the students take on a Community Capstone in which they treat a community or population as a patient," she explains. "It deepens their insights into settings where patients come from and will return to, and adds depth to their body of knowledge and experience."

Professor Goldberg points out that these projects require future nurses to hone their communication skills and think broadly about what's lacking in an environment and what could be added to promote health. "The students have to communicate with a lot of different individuals and agencies," she explains, "and in the process they strengthen their communication and leadership skills. It opens a whole new window for looking at ways to address the health needs of a community."

Early in 2007, Professor Goldberg attended an American Association of Universities and Colleges (AAUC) conference that provided the impetus for bringing an international dimension to the Nursing Community Capstone program. The conference focused on ways to introduce public health issues into undergraduate education, and Professor Goldberg was drawn to the forums that dealt with global health issues.

"I started thinking about how an international site would fit wonderfully into our Community Capstone program and help students to gain a global perspective, which is part of the college's mission and also the mission of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing," she says.

When Professor Goldberg presented her ideas to the Nursing Department, she was met with enthusiasm and support from her colleagues. The faculty began to discuss the possibility of deepening its connections with WomensTrust, the local organization whose original mission involved micro-lending to women in business in Pokuase Village. WomensTrust has recently expanded its work in Pokuase to encompass new initiatives in education and health care.

"Micro-lending remains the foundation of our program; you give women access to capital and they'll inevitably help the family," says WomensTrust founder Dana Dakin. "But we soon realized that most girls in Pokuase didn't get past fourth grade, and because education is so important to families' sustainability, we added another component to our program that provides scholarships for girls.

"As we asked more questions, we found that healthcare is also extremely important: the women in Pokuase are suffering



(L to r) Kristin LaRochelle, Stephanie Shamel and Lindsay Mulcahy make their presentation to WomensTrust as part of their Community Capstone project.

from anemia, high blood pressure and diabetes, and one of five of them dies in childbirth. We began looking into what we could do with the minimal resources we have to help the community of women of child-bearing age."

WomensTrust embraced the opportunity to build a partnership with Colby-Sawyer's Nursing Program to help meet the health care needs of the women and children in Pokuase Village. "We work in large circles to engage as many people and organizations as we can in our mission," says Dakin.

Women Helping Women



WomensTrust supports programs that empower women and girls in the developing world through microcredit, education and healthcare. The organization's main focus is poor women and girls of Pokuase in Ghana, West Africa. It also extends its not-for-profit umbrella to organizations that share its mission, such as a scholarship program

in Mozambique and child-birthing clinics in Mali.

Dana Dakin, the founder of WomensTrust, celebrated her 60th birthday in 2003 with a visit to Ghana, where she hoped to "adopt" a village and begin a program to assist women in building more sustainable lives and families.

"Based on the adage that life is lived in thirds: the first third you learn, the second third you earn, and the final third you return, I decided to greet the beginning of old age with my own way to give back," Dakin explains.

Five years later, WomensTrust has evolved into a viable international organization and a hub for an extraordinary web of individuals and groups who want to give women and girls the tools they need to become self-sufficient. An investment in women, Dakin maintains, is an investment in the family and in the community. There is a new saying in Ghana today that she says reflects changing attitudes there. "When you educate a man, you educate an individual, but when you educate a woman, you educate a nation."

Learn more about WomensTrust at <http://www.womenstrust.org/>.

A Cultural Awakening in Ghana

As she entered the 15 by 15 foot room that serves as the health clinic for more than 20,000 residents of Pokuase (poe-KWA-see) Village in Ghana, Africa, Colby-Sawyer nursing student Kristin LaRochelle wondered what was inside all the small boxes stacked from floor to ceiling. Light bulbs, she soon discovered, donated by well meaning people who didn't realize the clinic lacked a reliable source of electricity.



Kristin LaRochelle assists in weighing an infant.

It was the first of many small shocks that Kristin experienced that led to the greatest lesson of her two-week stay: to help people, she would first need to understand the community, the culture, and the conditions in which they live. In Ghana, one doctor and nine nurses serve every 500,000 people, and sick people often walk for days from remote villages to seek medical care.

Kristin worked side by side with Victoria, Pokuase's public health nurse, Victoria's assistant, and three volunteer visiting nurses from New Hampshire and Massachusetts. They were all kept busy providing medical care to the village's women and children. Kristin's main responsibilities were to screen women for anemia and high-blood pressure and assist with well-child visits, when babies are weighed and immunized.

"I was open for anything and every-

thing," says Kristin. "You have to keep it simple and focused if you want to accomplish anything. Men would come in (during women's and children's clinics), and we'd have to turn them away. That was challenging because you want to help everyone."

Most startling for Kristin were the extremely high blood pressure levels she found in young women, even those in their twenties, a symptom of their stressful daily lives. "I saw some of the highest blood pressures I've ever seen, and a lot of anemia," she explains. "Their diet is mostly carbohydrates—a lot of rice and plantains—so they don't get much iron. You can talk to them about what they should be eating, but often they can't get access to vegetables, or they don't like them or can't afford them."

Kristin also learned that many villagers had strong beliefs about how to manage their own health care needs. "A lot of their beliefs and practices are passed down in families. They feel they can cure themselves with the leaves of trees, herbal remedies, and by eating clay," Kristin says. "We have to keep in mind that people can make their own health care decisions. Some volunteers come in and think they know what a community needs, but it's very important to talk to people and see



Kristin LaRochelle takes a patient's blood pressure in a room filled with light bulbs that can't be used due to lack of electricity.

what they need as a culture. We can help to steer people in the right direction."

One afternoon the staff and volunteer nurses were called away from the clinic, which left Kristin to tend to long lines of patients on her own. "I saw 64 women," she says. "I was a little stunned."

Nursing is practiced much differently in third-world nations, as Kristin quickly learned. "It's really hard to compare nursing there to here—it's so different," she explains. Working at Dartmouth-Hitchcock, you're used to having the technology readily available. In Pokuase, it's about trying to think more simplistically. It felt more hands-on with the patients."

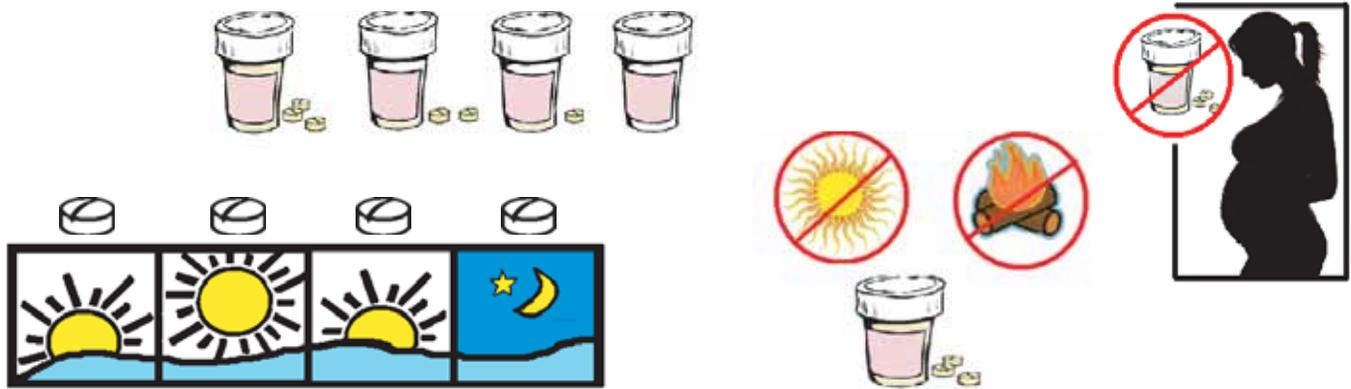
What struck Kristin most about the people of Pokuase was their openness and friendliness, which she attributes in part to the good work the WomensTrust has done in their village. "There was a trusting relationship; they were all really open to us and wanting help," she says. "A lot of the women weren't educated, nor did they speak English, but we had interpreters and staff to help us understand each other."

Kristin says her desire to help people may seem cliché, yet it's what she has always wanted to do in her life. Her visit to Pokuase allowed her to do just that, and to experience her patients' thankfulness for her work as a student nurse. "It was incredibly rewarding," she concludes. "Just the gratitude they had, they were so appreciative of what we were doing."



Kristin with some of the village children.

With pictograms, the student nurses created visual instructions for taking and storing medications.



The Challenge for Student Nurses

Seniors Kristin LaRochelle, Stephanie Shamel and Lindsay Mulcahy were excited about an international Community Capstone, but they were also aware of the logistical challenges and heightened expectations for their project. Initially their greatest obstacle was that they would not be able to meet directly with their patients, the women of Pokuase, and would instead need to rely on information from WomensTrust staff and volunteers, as well as from online research, to conduct their community assessment.

The students' research findings confirmed that the women of Pokuase face serious health problems and also revealed related issues that have posed obstacles to their successful treatment. They found a high incidence of severe anemia (low iron levels in the blood) among women of child-bearing age and a corresponding high incidence of maternal and infant mortality in childbirth. Additionally, women in Pokuase had high rates of illiteracy and innumeracy and often lacked the proper medication and nutritional supplements to treat their anemia and other health problems. Severe anemia can cause excessive bleeding during childbirth, which is the leading cause of maternal mortality in Pokuase.

The team learned that WomensTrust had sent the president of the New Hampshire Nurse Practitioner Association, Linda Messenger, for her first visit to Pokuase in 2007, when she conducted her own community assessment and brought some much-needed medical supplies and vitamins for the village's only clinic. Messenger worked with the clinic staff conducting medical tests on women and creating records for each patient. She gave a long-term supply of vitamins to the many women who tested positive for anemia, yet she was unsure that the patients, most of whom could not read, would follow their treatment plans.

Once their community assessment was complete, the team needed to sift through the information and hone in on a project that was manageable in scope and would directly benefit their clients. "It was kind of overwhelming to see all the problems and just choose one," Stephanie admits.

The team determined that women of child-bearing age needed "enhanced knowledge" of how to follow their medical treatments. When the students presented their preliminary plan to the Nursing Department and community partners in

December 2007, they outlined a plan to develop visual aids—a video and a pictorial guide or pictogram—that would be used to instruct women patients on the proper procedures for taking medications and vitamin supplements. Their goal was to raise awareness among the women about the importance of medical treatment and help to ensure that they successfully complete their treatment regimens.

In January 2008, one of the team members, Kristin, traveled to Ghana with WomensTrust staff and volunteers and worked in Pokuase's clinic for two weeks. (See sidebar on "A Cultural Awakening in Ghana.") She brought some of her Capstone team's sample pictograms (seen at top of page) to test on the patients, and with the help of interpreters, the women's feedback helped to shape her team's final product. The team's preliminary plan to create a video was dropped once Kristin saw first-hand that most Pokuase families lack electricity (and video or DVD players) in their homes.

In the spring semester, the team worked on the implementation of their plan—with Lindsay focused on organization, Stephanie on creating images for the pictogram, and Kristin on research and leadership. By May, the team members had completed a colorful, versatile and easy-to-use set of pictograms that they hope will improve the health of women in Pokuase. They will now leave it to others—WomensTrust and their student successors in the Nursing Program—to carry out their plan and introduce, test and refine the pictograms.

"I hope we actually make an impact," says Lindsay, "and that the following classes will continue this work and make a difference in Pokuase."

Kristin feels confident that her team met the challenges of a new international community site, with strong support from Professor Goldberg, and set the stage for an important long-term international partnership in nursing. "We've made the connection with WomensTrust. Laying the groundwork was really important," she concludes.

These three student nurses have now graduated and are beginning their careers in the healing profession of nursing. Their international Community Capstone project taught them many lessons they will integrate into their practices and has extended their sense of community to include the women of a distant Western African village called Pokuase. ■

Reunion



by Tracey Austin

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Reunion 2008, held on campus Friday, May 30–Sunday, June 1, was a wonderful trip down memory lane for members of the Colby-Sawyer classes ending in “3” and “8.” Alumni from across the decades—from 1938 to 2003—convened for a weekend of camaraderie and merriment, taking part in workshops, class dinners and cocktail parties, a 5K run/walk, and much more.

Members of the Class of 1958 gathered for their very special 50th reunion, where they forged new connections among themselves, shared wonderful memories of their two years together as students at Colby Junior, and delighted in the state of their alma mater today. Members of the class were treated to a 50th Reunion cocktail party hosted in the President’s House by President Tom Galligan and his wife, Susan, and they enjoyed a special dinner at Lethbridge Lodge, which invoked many memories of time spent at the Colbytown Lodge on Little Lake Sunapee.

At the Gala Reunion Banquet on Saturday evening, the college honored two very deserving alumnae with the Alumni Service Award and the Young Alumni Achievement Award. The Alumni Service Award is given annually to an alumna/us who has made outstanding contributions to Colby-Sawyer and to the public on either a local, national or international level. This year’s recipient was Ethelyn “Jackie” Dorr Symons, class of 1935. Throughout her life, Jackie has served in a myriad of volunteer roles in her local community. On top of being the wife of a naval officer and raising a family, Jackie found time to volunteer for Navy Relief, the March of Dimes, the Norfolk (Va.) District Historical Society, the United Methodist Church, the Virginia Republican Committee, and the Civic League of Baylake Pines in Virginia., just to name a few. Yet, even with her full plate, she never forgot her beloved alma mater. Jackie has served her class on reunion committees and represented the college at inauguration events in her locale. Perhaps most



The class of 1958 and their spouses pose with President Tom Galligan (center, front row) in the gardens at the President’s House at the 50th Reunion cocktail party.



Alumni gathered at Lethbridge Lodge for an ice cream social with President Tom Galligan. As the sweet treats were enjoyed, President Galligan delivered his State of the College address.

Kerstin Swenson '03 conquers the Ray Climbing Wall.

impressive, Jackie has served as her class correspondent for the last 73 years, compiling and sharing her classmates' updates and news of achievements with the utmost devotion since 1935.

Sara Hodgkins Morin '95, a Graphic Design major, was presented with the Young Alumni Achievement Award, which recognizes an alumna/us for significant achievement and contribution within her/his chosen field and community. Since 1999, Sara has been the studio manager for the Hopkins Center Promotional Design Studio at Dartmouth College. Sara has consistently given back to the Colby-Sawyer Graphic Design Program by sponsoring Colby-Sawyer students as interns at the Hopkins Center studio. She is a member of the New Hampshire Creative Club and a founding member of the N.H./Vt. Chapter of the American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA). In her nomination of Sara, Chair of the Department of Fine and Performing Arts Loretta Barnett wrote, "Sara further advanced the ideals of the AIGA by suggesting that

the N.H./Vt. Chapter designers come to Colby-Sawyer College and present a panel discussion titled, "I Wish I Knew Then What I Know Now." The Colby-Sawyer graphic design students attended the evening event and then had individual mock interviews with one of the six regional design professionals who participated in the event. Our students were most appreciative of the designers' contributions to furthering their understanding of the field of graphic design and the professional expectations of working in the field. Sara is an active alumna, who takes seriously her responsibility to give back to the institution. She has consistently helped Colby-Sawyer students gain the kind of professional experiences that will help them succeed after college."

As the weekend drew to a close, alumni cherished the new memories and bonds they formed during the celebratory weekend, and they departed campus with the feeling that the spirit of Colby-Sawyer College has remained vibrant and constant. ■



Cindy Grindrod van der Wyk '58 from Huntington Beach, Calif., JoAnn Franke Overfield '68 from Edgewood, Wa., and Susan Buckley '58 from San Francisco, Calif., all were presented awards by Co-Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving Tracey Austin for having traveled the farthest to attend Reunion.



Class of 1948—(back row l to r) Phyllis “Les” Harty Wells, Pat Bentley Nye, Barbara “Bobbie” Hamilton Hopkins, Sybill Adams Moffatt, Barbara Schulz Watts, (front row l to r) Nancy Hobkirk Pierson, Sara Ackerman Frey, Janet West Williams and Nancy Dexter Aldrich.



Class of 1963—Jean Macaulay MacNeill.



Class of 1943—Mary “Shy” Scheu Teach, Sally King Cramer and Margaret “Peg” Morse Tirrell.



Class of 1968—Kathy Jones Nixon, Joan Tims and JoAnn Franke Overfield.



Class of 1998—Michelle Arsenaull, Kim-Laura Boyle, Lisa Lachesky, Jamie Gilbert and Theresa “Tee” Saucier Bousquet.



Class of 1978—Morah Alexander and Kathryn Kendrick Reynolds.



Class of 1958—(back row l to r) Judith Martin Royce, Nancy Wiesner Conkling, Catee Gold Hubbard '59 MT, Sidney Carroll Knapp, Judy Cameron Barwood, Sandy McBeth, (front row l to r) Joan Karl Kelly, Linda McSwiney Lynch, Connie Taylor Raven, Cindy Grindrod van der Wyk, Joyce Robinson Bridgman, Susan Buckley and Carol Diem Recht.



Class of 1988—(back row l to r) Katrina Wing Clark, Lisa Twohigs Rousel, Susie Fitzgerald Travers, Mary Ellen McConkey Devine, Sally Peper Tompkins, (front row l to r) Jennifer Wilkinson Bussey, Lisa Kilborn Rollins, Catherine Long Holtgrave and Dale Thurber O'Leary.

Class of 1983—Jenn Parisella and Kim Quercia Leone.



Class of 2003—(back row l to r) Matt Wheel, Justin Svirsky, Chris Russell, (middle row l to r) Renee Lowell, Kerstin Swenson, Micah Lashar, Bailey Thompson, Jennifer Griffiths, (front row l to r) Wendy Theall, Kate O'Connor, Meghan Andersen, Lindsay Micarelli, Jesse Wilfert and Sarah Cailler.



Class of 1953—(back row l to r) Gordon McAllen Baker, Peggy Yeaton Gleckler, Paula Shepard Holland, (front row l to r) Lois Enman Marshall, Allison Faulk Curtis and Barbara "Bobbi" Johnston Rodgers.



Class of 1973—(back row l to r) Mary Van Schoick Ritchings, Nancy Messing, Janet Gilfoy Stark, (front row l to r) Anne Lederhos and Patti Crowell Mitchell.



Co-Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving Chris Reed chats with Chris Russell '03 and Wendy Theall '03 at the Young Alumni Cocktail Party at the President's House.



Chair of the Department of Fine and Performing Arts Loretta Barnett presents the 2008 Young Alumni Achievement Award to Sara Hodgkins Morin '95.



Following the Gala Reunion Banquet, alumni of all ages danced the night away to the sounds of the band Mach Turtle.



Ethelyn "Jackie" Dorr Symons '35 was the recipient of the 2008 Alumni Service Award.



Mary Trafton Simonds '38 sits on a bench dedicated in recognition of her and her classmates—the class of 1938—in honor of their 70th Reunion.

Making Connections



by Ann Page Stecker
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Mary Elizabeth Wilson Sherwood was born in Keene, New Hampshire, October 27, 1826, and died in New York City on September 12, 1903. Her prolific writings evidence all the marks of lifelong reading and extensive travel. After the death of her mother she became her father's hostess in Washington, D.C. (1847–1850), where he served as a member of Congress in the Whig Party. She formed many alliances there which she would carry through her life.



*Jane Corbridge
Mrs. E. W. Sherwood.*

Historians and researchers are often likened to detectives, and while certainly I think that is an apposite comparison, I'm more inclined to describe our work as akin to weaving and web-making. I picture the weaver at the loom throwing the shuttle back and forth to create cloth to display and adorn. I also call up images of the spider's delicate airy weavings devised to attract prey, all the while remembering that, though delicate looking, the arachnid's work is noted for its remarkable tensile strength. Finally, and most expansively, I think of the limitless connecting power of the World Wide Web, the internet—invisible and ubiquitous.

Whichever image or combination of images has the most resonance, notice that each way the word web is used suggests a social and not an isolated process. Even in the grand isolation possible as a weaver sits at a loom, or as the spider creates its airy architecture, or as the informavore's finger directs the Web search engine to find information, the process is social and even communal in intent.

For me as an historian, the desire to connect pieces of information, weave them into a patterned whole cloth that is informative and entertaining is consummately complicated. My current research project, a biography of Mary Elizabeth Wilson Sherwood (1827–1903), began right here in Colby-Sawyer College's Archives, led me to the Schlesinger Library at Radcliffe, and then home again, dancing along webs of connections between Susan Colby (Colgate), Mary Elizabeth Wilson Sherwood (known to her family and friends as Lizzie), and, most recently, Judith Martin (aka Miss Manners).

Susan Colby Colgate's papers at Colby-Sawyer are important because the letters between 1848 and 1852 from Lizzie to Susan Colby fill in gaps and provide an early glimpse of Lizzie's ambition at age 22: "...I have one great ambition and it is to write well..." (July 11, 1849). The letters sparkle with tender mutual admiration, expressions of affection and longing, reflections on love and courtship, mention of mutual friends, commentary on

favorite books, and gossipy insights into Washington's political and social life. Lizzie writes a vignette to Susan on January 14, 1849, of the sort that later permeate her social instructions, journalism, and fiction: "We spend the morning generally at the House or Senate, and, tho' we have not yet heard much eloquence, we have heard much fighting, which is equally agreeable. On New Year's we made our bow at the White House – Mrs. Polk received very well and I fear we shall not see as elegant a mistress of the White House next administration. However, the old hero [Zachary Taylor] will doubtless summon some worthy representative thither."

The letters at Colby-Sawyer provided an interesting bridge just as I was beginning to explore a cache of nearly 500 letters from Lizzie and her two sisters to their father newly departed for the Gold Rush. The correspondence chronicles the saga the motherless, and now fatherless, children faced as they built lives in Keene, N.H., Boston, and New York City, mustering the same pluck as their adventurous father. These letters, the subject of "Sisters of Fortune" (Heffernan and Stecker, 1994), are urgent, pleading, defiant, tender and cajoling all at once, and form a rich backdrop for understanding Lizzie's public voice. She would be a "somebody," she vowed to her father in a letter in 1851. And soon she would teach others from her own direct experience. By the 1880s, she was an established social arbiter in New York City and the author of the wildly popular "Manners and Social Usages" (1884).

How is it that Lizzie has continued to haunt and inveigle me into writing her life back into public view? How did Judith Martin, aka Miss Manners, enter the web? On July 18, 2007, I ended a day of research at the Schlesinger Library at Radcliffe, with this note to myself: "Why bother to write about Lizzie Sherwood and now Judith Martin in our current cultural climate so lacking in civility? Lizzie's was a life lived with pizzazz and vibrancy. Sherwood contributed significantly to the discourse of her times, and was active in a social world she embraced entirely. She was widely

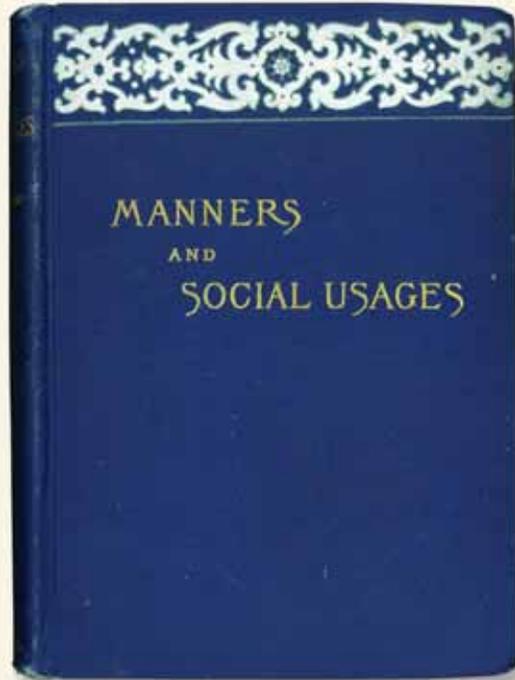


travelled. She was clever with language. And, in her fiction particularly, she created an alternate universe for herself. And Lizzie's life has been almost completely misunderstood in the unfolding historical record. Like *Sherwood*, Martin presumes to describe what Newland Archer in Edith Wharton's *"The Age of Innocence"* labeled the "hieroglyphic world" of manners. A briar patch for both! Carry on, *Ann Page*. And, so, I do.

Lizzie led the way in this project of resuscitation, refutation and celebration, and her story is now becoming a biography. The *Chicago Daily Tribune* on May 5, 1888 reports: "Mrs. John Sherwood lectured most agreeably last evening on 'Etiquet' in the banquet hall of the Richelieu. 'Etiquet,' Mrs. Sherwood said, originally meant 'ticket,' and nowadays was the ticket without which people could not hope to be admitted into good society." I nearly jumped up from my desk the day I found that article. I had a ticket to ride. Together, Lizzie and I would explore the world of etiquette and manners.

Lizzie left a nearly unbroken record of public and private letters, articles and books from her adolescence to her death. Her first published article (at 17) was a glowing review of "Jane Eyre." Her compelling observations about America's shift from an agrarian republic to a society stratified and defined by the immense accumulation of wealth appear in most scholarly discussions of the Gilded Age. As a social arbiter and author of the most successful etiquette book of her day, "Manners and Social Usages" (1884), Lizzie's instructions and the sheer amount of related material she published would seem sufficient evidence for any biographer. In addition to "Manners and Social Usages," she wrote three books on entertaining, two memoirs, three novels, a volume of poetry, a gossipy collection of portraits of European royalty, several books for children, and hundreds of short stories and articles for the *New York Times* and every important journal of her day.

Still, at the time of her death and for some years after, in the eyes apparently of her sons and others, including Emily Post, M.E.W.S (a frequent pen-name), was thought to be a bit of an embarrassment. Why? Perhaps all writers of etiquette and conduct books tilt toward the fool's errand. Lizzie's obituary in the *New York Times* in 1903 describes a woman fully involved with New York society for 50 years and links her name with powerful men of her day—the *New York Social Register's* Chauncey Depew (to whom "Manners and Social Usages" was dedicated), John Hay (who would be Teddy Roosevelt's Secretary of State), and Lord Houghton, a fabled and aristocratic British diplomat with whom she had corresponded for years. It mentions her travels to many European courts, receipt of the French Legion of Honor, and presentation to Queen Victoria on several occasions. Yet, the obituary fails to mention her etiquette book, merely concluding that for "ten years she had been an invalid,



though still a frequent contributor to the *New York Times Saturday Review of Books*."

Lizzie's obituary in Pulitzer's juicier *New York World* unfolds a more complicated tale. Placed below a well-known portrait of her, the article's headline reads: "Noted Also as a Brilliant Society Leader and Censor of the '400.'" (New York's "chosen," or the Four Hundred, were so-named and numbered because Mrs. Astor's ballroom could hold four hundred guests.) "Before the arrival of the Astors and Vanderbilts," it notes, "her name was an 'open sesame' to the gates of all who were worth knowing, and she had for years numbered among her friends those diplomats and men of letters who recognized the highest type of feminine genius. In later years she boldly denounced in lectures and articles the modern Four Hundred, declaring that a great degeneracy had set in." At the center of her influence, the *World* stated, was her authoritative voice in "Manners and Social Usages." The obituary concludes: "She was a regular contributor to newspapers and magazines, which work she continued up to within her last few days." Most assessments of Lizzie's life have had all the restraint and redaction of the *Times'* assessment and none of the breadth of the *World's* view. When I discovered the second obituary, I remembered that I had promised to "carry on." So Lizzie haunts me and instructs me still, asks me to write her back into the light of the 21st century.

A few examples of her voice should be convincing evidence of why I want her to have a wide audience once again. In the introduction to "Manners and Social Usages," Lizzie acknowledges the complexity of her own project, writing: "And it is in no way derogatory to a new country like our own if on some minor points of etiquette we presume to differ from the older world. We must fit our garments to the climate, our manners to our fortunes and to our daily lives." How practical and humane this front book-end, paired with an observation at the book's end: "Sympathy is the delicate tendril of the mind, and the most fascinating gift nature can give us."

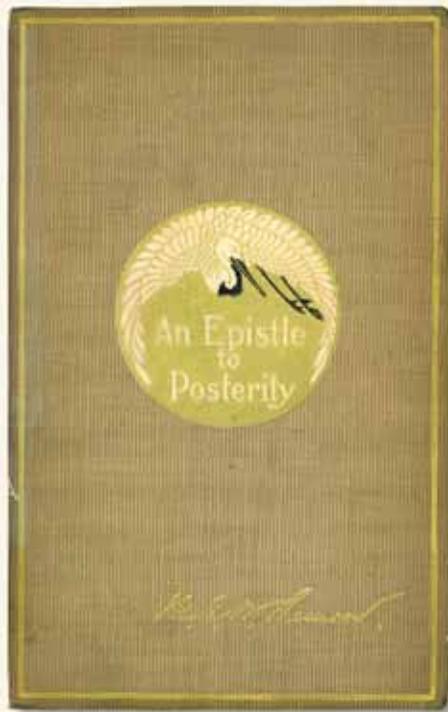
"The art of entertainment," she asserts "should be founded first on good sense, a quiet considerateness, a good heart, a spirit of friendliness; next, a consideration of what is due to others and what is due to one's self." Later in her book, "The Art of Entertaining" (1892), she writes a charming description of dinner: "Dinner is the open sesame of the soul, the hour of repose, of amusement, of innocent hilarity, the hour which knits up the raveled sleeve of care. The body is carefully appareled, the mind swept and garnished, the brain prepared for fresh impress. It is said that no important political movement was ever inaugurated without a dinner, and we may fancifully state that [there is] no great poem, no novel, no philosophical treatise, but has been made or marred by a dinner."



In a serious vein, she prophesies at the end of her memoir in 1897 “An Epistle to Posterity”: “Those cooler intelligences which, in older and more aristocratic societies, can stand on their glass pedestals, isolated from the common herd, have no existence here; our institutions forbid them. We are all mixed together—a sort of social blueberry pudding, no one berry any better than the other berry.” The memoir ends with the following reference to women’s education becoming available at Columbia: “In this great outlook for women’s broader intellectual development I see the great sunburst of the future. I have not lived in vain if I have done my mite to help it along.” Now, that’s my Lizzie.

Finally, how does Judith Martin fit into my thinking, and how does she figure in my biography of Mary Elizabeth Wilson Sherwood? During my sabbatical leave at the Schlesinger Library in 2005, I read every etiquette and conduct book written by a woman, concentrating on the 19th century so I could place Lizzie’s work and success in a context. Soon the 20th century beckoned and its titans of the field—Emily Post, Amy Vanderbilt, and Letitia Baldrige—ambled into the fray. No single writer in that new tribe, however, caught my imagination as fully as Judith Martin. She seemed to me (taking a page from Virginia Woolf) to be Lizzie Wilson’s “sister”—displaying the same signs of worldly perspective, arch humor, wide reading and delicious word play. And then, what to my wonder should appear but a trail in the Schlesinger’s extensive collection of advice literature that led to a newly arrived collection of 1,700 letters from Miss Manners’ correspondents to her. First, elation—I could read the other side of the conversation; I could look for patterns of interest. Then, dejection—the collection was sealed until 2010. Then, action—the research librarians encouraged me to write to Martin, explain my project, and ask for permission to read the letters as soon as possible. A handwritten response from Martin confirmed that “of course” she knew Lizzie’s book, was complimented by my comparison of her with Lizzie, but wasn’t sure what use the letters would be. A month later I flung myself her way at a lecture she gave at the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library and pled my case again. She agreed and, so, with the generous assistance of a research grant from the Radcliffe Institute, I began last July what I estimated might be a two month research project of taking notes on what turned out to be 1,760 letters. I just finished in the spring of 2008 in the interstices of teaching and other college work.

What a boon—an amazing cache of



letters—stretching over two decades. Martin’s work in general, and the concerns and questions in these letters in particular, will be the coda to Lizzie’s biography. Just as Lizzie had lamented a rising tide of what she had labeled American “spreadeagleism” in the 1890s, Martin, in her many books, lectures to the American Philosophical Society, and, in a prestigious lecture at Harvard, tackles the particular pressures on America’s practice of civility. She observed in 1985: “From its birth, America has badly needed to express equality, individual freedom, social mobility and the dignity of labor in the language of human social behavior. The charge is often made against etiquette that it is artificial.” Martin continues,

“Yes, indeed, it is. Civilization is artificial. When people extol the virtues of naturalness, honesty, informality, intimacy and creativity – watch out.” She concludes: “The lack of agreement about manners results in an anger-ridden, chaotic society, where each trivial act is interpreted as a revelation of the moral philosophy of the individual actor, who is left standing there naked in his mores.”

Lizzie (ever one to craft a vivid image and show-off her erudition) described the hazards arbiters of taste and civility face when she wrote: “The Scylla of barrenness and the Charybdis of garrulity are before any author who tries to speak upon a familiar theme. Let us hope that, through the kindness of our readers, we may not have wrecked our little bark on either.” (“Home Amusements,” 1881) This was not the first time Lizzie described the writer’s predicament in Homeric terms. Thirty-two years earlier, the young and less sophisticated writer had confessed to Susan Colby that she intended “to avoid the Scylla and Charybdis of young authors—publishing too much and writing privately too little.” (July 11, 1849).

As for me, I’m counting on these two writers and other friends who have made a difference in my life to give me courage, to send me fair and following winds, and to continue to teach me to steer my scholarly bark through treacherous waters while I study etiquette and conduct books. I’ll reach for “sympathy, the delicate tendril of the mind” as the cornerstone of civility. Lizzie Sherwood and Judith Martin have certainly been generous about sharing their tickets—their “et-ti-quettes”—and their wisdom with me. They’ve certainly taught me to “mind my manners” and to speak my mind while weaving webs of connection. ■



Professor Ann Page Stecker

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300 Wins

A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

by David R. Morcom

He stalks the sideline, back and forth, a hungry tiger pacing in his cage, waiting to be fed. He prowls. He scowls. He growls. He calls in the next play, cajoles his players to execute, and, when it works to perfection, pumps his fist in triumph. When an egregious player error occurs, he pirouettes on his heel, hands raised to his head in a highly efficient combination gesture of anger and disbelief. After a bad call by an official he stands silent, glaring at the miscreant, hands on his hips, face contorting as if he'd just sucked all the juice out of a lemon. It takes a lot of energy to teach basketball the way Colby-Sawyer Men's Basketball Coach Bill Foti does. It also takes an enormous amount of talent.

On February 23, 2008, Coach Foti notched his 300th win for the Chargers in a 72-59 victory over Western New England. It was a long way from his first win over Rivier College (N.H.) in November of 1992, and it put him in a select category of coaches who received mention at the 81st National Association of Basketball Coaches Convention in San Antonio, Texas, in April of this year. It was also a long way from his years as "an undersized post player," cap-

tain, and honorable mention All-State selection at Manchester Central High School, which won the New Hampshire State Championship in his junior year. Coaching the "Little Green" that year was Bill Foti's longtime mentor and friend Stan Spirou, a highly successful coach at Southern New Hampshire University and a man Bill Foti says had "the biggest influence on my life as a young man, outside of my parents."

In 1992, his first year with the Chargers, Coach Foti notched a 16-9 record. This was a 10-win improvement from the previous year. It ranked as the largest turnaround in New England and the third largest turnaround in the nation that year. The Bill Foti era had begun on a high note.

Among the most impressive statistics in his resume is his .825 winning percentage in The Commonwealth Coast Conference (TCCC), which includes 147 wins against only 31 losses. He has led the Chargers to three TCCC championships, three National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III tournaments, seven Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) tournaments, and one ECAC Championship. In addition, he has had seven 20-plus winning seasons. When you beat others as often as Coach

Foti does, it does not go unnoticed. He is well recognized in his peer group as is evidenced by his four TCCC Coach of the Year awards.

Coach Foti is neither falsely humble nor an egotist, but he is fully self aware, especially when it comes to his strengths as a coach. "I think I can get my guys to play harder than the other guys," he offers with conviction, "and I think I do a good job of establishing roles for my players. I also think I'm very competitive in general. I believe if you're going to do something in which you're going to keep score, then you should try to win."

When asked about his less-than-relaxed sideline demeanor, Coach Foti has an answer that's hard to argue. "We put a lot of time into the preparation for those games," he says. "When a fan goes to a game they're seeing the culmination of many, many hours of watching film, recruiting players, getting the team comprised, studying scouting reports, and then forming the plans we take into every game, as well as plenty of practicing. You strive for perfection, knowing it's not going to be perfect. But let's say you've worked on an out-of-bounds play over and over the day



before a game, and then in the game you run that play and it works, or you mess that play up and it loses you the game. My reaction, good or bad, is really a reaction to all the work that went before that play, but the fan sees only the culmination of the work.”

Asked if he’s having fun on the sidelines as he gyrates around like a Popsicle stick in a perpetual motion whirlpool, Coach Foti’s answer is a qualified yes. He says what he enjoys most is the preparation. “I think the games are more fun for players than they are for coaches,” he explains. “I very much enjoy the strategy and tactics involved in the preparation for a game because it’s fun to put together a plan you hope will go right. But to paraphrase a well known man in my profession, ‘Being a basketball coach is the best job in the world except for the

30 or so games a year.’ The true satisfaction comes from knowing that you’ve gotten everything you can from a particular group of players. I really don’t put a lot of emphasis on the won-lost record because the important thing is to be able to say ‘yes’ when you ask yourself if you got the most you could get out of a particular group of players and did not shortchange anything in terms of effort and preparation.”

As Coach Foti begins his 17th season, he says he still feels the fire, but it’s different now than in the past. “Like almost everyone as they get older, I feel myself maturing. I think I’ve learned better how to live in the day, and for me part of that comes from having children (Nick, 14; Cristina, 12; and Caroline, 5). When I’ve gotten home at 2 a.m. from a game after having lost at the

buzzer on a bad referee call and I have to get up and help my wife, Cathy, make the kids’ breakfast, the kids don’t care what happened the night before, they just want their oatmeal. They’re living in the day. So, while losses still stay with me for a day or so, when I was starting out in this job it was more like a week or more. I don’t have the carryover like I used to, and I think I’m better at my job in that regard. I think that now I take as much satisfaction in helping players to develop off the court as I do in developing them on the court.”

“To reach 300 wins,” Coach Foti says, “you have to have longevity, consistency, and talented players. I believe we’ve had a large share of good players over the years. We’ve had All-Americans, many All-New England players, and many who took bas-

Thoughts from an Opposing Coach

“Simply put, Bill Foti is the best coach in our conference. And, in my opinion, it’s not very close. I’m not ashamed to admit that I’ve learned many things about this profession from simply watching the way Bill coaches his teams. More impressive to me, however, is the fact that Bill is a genuinely humble and good person. He’s someone I enjoy being around and consider a friend. He’s a unique talent and person in this profession, and I’m thankful the Lord intersected his life with mine.”

**—Mike Schauer, Head Men’s Basketball Coach
Gordon College—The Commonwealth Coast Conference**





Coach Broughton Notches 200th Win

In his 14th year as head coach of Colby-Sawyer's baseball program, Jim Broughton collected his 200th career victory. Broughton, the only coach in Colby-Sawyer baseball history, garnered win No. 200 on April 17, 2008, as the Chargers defeated Plymouth State 7-5 in the team's 2008 home opener.

Coach Broughton came to Colby-Sawyer after serving two seasons as an assistant coach at his alma mater, the University of Southern Maine (USM). He was a four-year starter for the Huskies, and his teams made three trips to the NCAA Division III College World Series, winning a National Championship in 1991. He was also a two-time All-America award recipient in both 1991 and 1992.

In 2003, Coach Broughton was inducted into the USM Hall of Fame for his excellence on the baseball field. He still ranks in the top 15 of USM players in several offensive categories, including games played, at bats, runs scored, hits, doubles, triples, runs batted in, total bases, walks and stolen bases.

Always a modest man and team player, Coach Broughton said his 200 wins "just means I've been here at Colby-Sawyer for awhile. It's nice, but what I'd rather have is win number three as far as championships go. Two hundred is just a number. We've got two championships and we want the third."



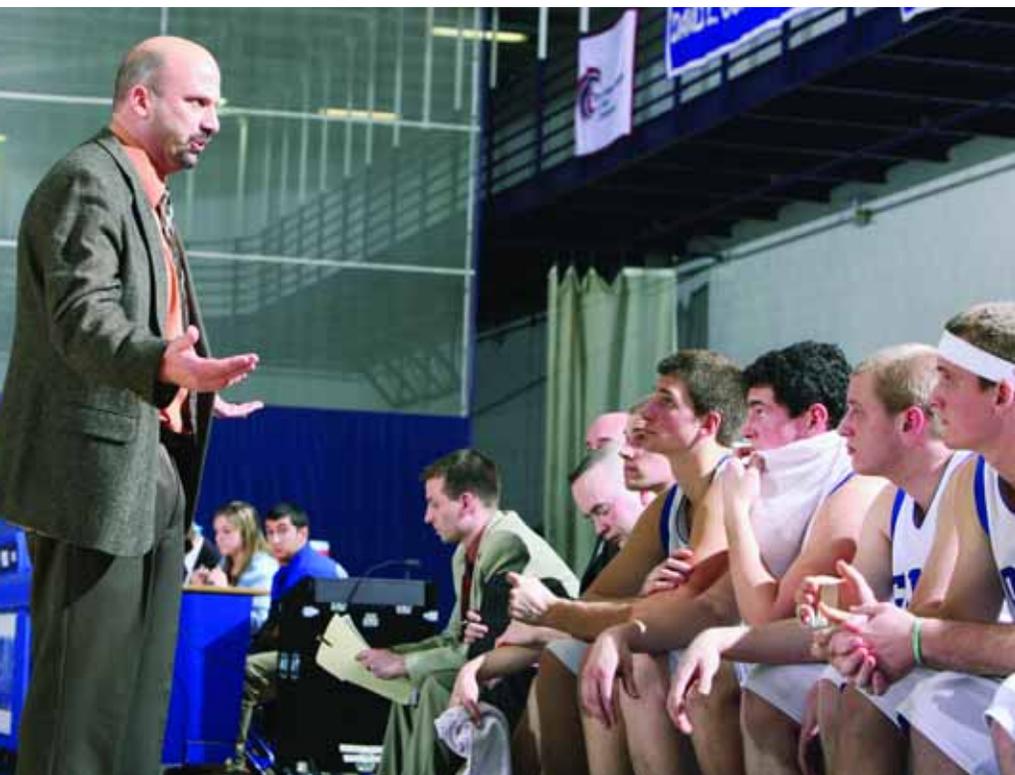
Chargers Baseball Coach Jim Broughton

ketball seriously, worked hard at it, and just wanted to be part of a successful team. I've had excellent help from people like Josh Pincoske '97, who's been with me for 15 years, first as an intern, and now as an assistant. He's a good recruiter and a personable young man who, as an alumnus, can really sell the college."

With a lot of good years to choose from, there are also a lot of shining memories, but the one that shines brightest among the 300 wins for Coach Foti is the Chargers' 1997-98 New England ECAC Championship game victory over Keene State. "It was one of those things that you didn't really know if it could ever happen until it did happen," he recalls with a smile.

Coach Foti is a man much admired for his talents. Glowing words are used to describe him by his former players, their parents, and even by opposing coaches, but perhaps no one who knows him well

describes him better than Colby-Sawyer College Athletic Director Deb McGrath, the woman who hired him in 1992. "Bill Foti is the consummate basketball coach," she says. "He's focused, analytical and an intelligent mentor to his players. He's tough on the court, instills discipline from the start of each season, and will always go the extra mile to ensure the academic integrity of his team. We here at the college have the highest respect for his desire and ability to provide an all-around quality experience for our student-athletes. We know he'll always put a competitive team on the court, and through thick and thin he'll care for his 'basketball family' from the moment he meets them through the rest of their lives. He has been the foundation and the rock of our men's basketball program, and as such he is building a legacy that makes all of us proud." ■



SPORTS

ROUND-UP

by Mitch Capelle; photos by John Quackenbos

WINTER 2007-08, SPRING 2008

—WINTER 2007/2008—

Swimming and Diving

The 2007–2008 Colby-Sawyer men's and women's swimming and diving teams finished the season with five wins apiece. At The Commonwealth Coast Conference Invitational, the Chargers finished second of five schools. At the New England Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Association (NEISDA) Championships, the men's team finished 10th, the third best finish in school history. At the NEISDA Championships, the women finished 17th of 21 teams. Senior **Jamie Messier** became only the second swimmer or diver in Colby-Sawyer history to participate in the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championships, where he finished 12th in the 1-meter diving competition.

Women's Basketball (20–8)

Under the direction of 14th year **Head Coach George Martin**, the Colby-Sawyer women's basketball team earned their sixth The Commonwealth Coast Conference (TCCC) Championship and their sixth appearance in the NCAA Division III Women's National Tournament. The Chargers finished their 10th season with 20-plus wins under Coach Martin and picked up tournament victories against Salve Regina, Endicott, and Western New England. Winning the conference championship brought a trip to the NCAA Division III National Tournament and a first round match-up with William Smith, the No. 20 ranked team in the



Junior Duncan Szeliga was a standout who ended the hoops season with a fistful of awards.

nation. The Chargers took a nine point lead into halftime, but William Smith shot 58 percent in the second half to down the Chargers 76–72. **Noelle Surette**, the lone senior on the roster, became the 10th player in school history to score 1,000 or more career points. Surette was named conference player of the week once, First Team All-TCCC, First Team All-New Hampshire and Third-Team D3hoops.com All-Region. Sophomore **Terri Duffy** led the team in scoring, averaging 14.9 points per game. Duffy was twice named TCCC Player of the Week. She was also a Second Team All-TCCC honoree, the N.H. Division III

Women's Player of the Year, and First Team All-N.H.

Men's Basketball (13–11)

Head Coach Bill Foti, in his 16th season at the helm of the Chargers program, notched his 300th win. Coach Foti, a four-time The Commonwealth Coast Conference (TCCC) Coach of the Year, led Colby-Sawyer to an appearance in the TCCC tournament despite not having a senior on the roster. Leading the way for Colby-Sawyer was junior standout **Duncan Szeliga**. When end-of-season awards were announced, Szeliga was honored as a second team All-TCCC performer. The New Hampshire Basketball Coaches Association also honored Szeliga as a first team recipient. Coach Foti was honored as TCCC Co-Coach of the Year, the fourth time he was named to that award. After 16 seasons, Coach Foti's record now stands at 300–128, good for a 70.1% winning percentage. Going into the season, he was 21st (by percentage) in the nation among the all-time winningest NCAA Division III men's basketball coaches. (See story on page 32.)

Alpine Ski Racing

The Colby-Sawyer men's and women's alpine skiing programs continue to be two of the elite programs in the nation, as both teams made their 11th straight appearance in the U.S. Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Association (USCSA) National Championships. The women tied their best-ever finish with a second place showing, while the men finished



Senior Allyson Newell became the first Colby-Sawyer skier to compete at the U.S. National Championships.

fourth overall. First-year **Head Coach Garrett Lashar** made quite an impact, helping the Chargers garner 14 All-American awards. The women's team dominated the MacConnell Division in the Eastern Collegiate Ski Conference (ECSC), winning seven of the ten races. The team's winning ways continued through the post-season as they won the ECSC slalom and giant slalom (GS) to bring home their second straight ECSC Championship. At the USCSA Nationals, the women continued their hot streak, finishing second in the GS and in the slalom to finish second overall. Senior **Allyson Newell** became the first Colby-Sawyer skier to compete at the U.S. Alpine National

Championships. Newell finished in the Top 10 in every slalom race during the season and had four Top 10 finishes in the GS. At the ECSC Championships, she finished second overall. Then, at the USCSA National Championships, she again earned a second place finish in the combined and an invitation to the U.S. Nationals as the Overall American Champion. Newell earned three more All-America awards to finish her career with a Colby-Sawyer record 11 USCSA All-American Awards.

— SPRING 2008 —

Men's Tennis (12-7)

For the eighth straight season, the Colby-Sawyer College men's tennis team advanced to the semifinal round of The Commonwealth Coast Conference (TCCC) tournament and had 10+ wins for the ninth year in a row. **Head Coach Sean McCaffrey** helped lead the Chargers to a 7-2 record in TCCC season play. To open the playoffs, Colby-Sawyer defeated Nichols College in a TCCC quarterfinal match at home 7-2 before falling at Roger Williams 7-2 to end their season. Leading the way for the Chargers this year was senior stand-out **Justin Tardif** who earned First Team All-TCCC accolades in singles and was named TCCC Senior Scholar-Athlete of the Year. He was also chosen as Colby-Sawyer Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year. He finished his career at Colby-Sawyer number three all-time in wins with 88.



Justin Tardif finished his Colby-Sawyer tennis career as number three in all-time wins with 88.

Women's Lacrosse (6-10)

The Colby-Sawyer women's lacrosse team secured the team's fourth-straight The Commonwealth Coast Conference (TCCC) tournament appearance thanks to a 5-5 mark in conference play. On Senior Day, **Tara Stewart** scored career goal 179, making her Colby-Sawyer's all-time leading goal scorer. Stewart, a senior tri-captain who finished the season ranked No. 19 in Division III in goals per game average (4.0), earned her third straight First Team All-TCCC and finished her career with 198 career goals, 20 more than the previous record-holder, **Amy Liner Field '93** (Sudbury, Mass.). **Lisa Giordano**, another senior tri-captain, was honored as the 2008 recipient of the Wynn Jesser McGrew Scholar-Athlete Award, given to a graduating female senior who, in the opinion of the Athletic Advisory Council, has made significant contributions to both the scholastic and varsity programs at Colby-Sawyer. Senior **Noelle Surette**, was honored as a Second Team All-TCCC performer on defense, the second all-conference award of her lacrosse career. Junior **Allicia Murphy**, also a Second Team All-TCCC performer finished second on the team with 43 goals and 59 points.



Senior and Tri-Captain Tara Stewart became Colby-Sawyer's all-time leading goal scorer with 198.



The baseball team presented Coach Jim Broughton with his 200th victory.

Baseball (14–23)

The Chargers finished the season 10–12 in The Commonwealth Coast Conference (TCCC), good for their 13th straight appearance in the conference tournament. In his 14th season at the helm of the Colby-Sawyer baseball program, **Head Coach Jim Broughton** secured his 200th career victory. Four Chargers earned all-conference accolades, as **Kris Ramsay '08** earned second team honors, **Tom White '09** and **Chris Gaeta '09** earned second and first team honors respectively, and **Chris Hartery '10** was also named to the second team. Ramsay earned his third all-conference award and his first second team honor, as he was also an '05 and '07 Honorable Mention All-TCCC selection. White garnered his second All-TCCC selection as he was a First Team pick and the TCCC Rookie of the Year in '06. Gaeta earned his first All-TCCC award, as he led the team in hitting with a .363 average. Hartery was named TCCC Player of the Week and ECAC Player of the week.

Equestrian

In her fifth season, **Head Coach Pam Payson's** riders had an impressive campaign. After finishing the fall season ranked 4th in the region, the Chargers went into the spring with high expectations and with several Colby-Sawyer



Sophomore Jessica McLavey, despite only two years of riding experience, became the 33rd Charger rider since 1975 to qualify for the Nationals.

riders on the cusp of qualifying for the Regional Championships. At season's end **Jessica McLavey, Liz Ryan, Holly Tumiel, Brittany Goodhouse** and **Wren Winnicki** all qualified. At Regionals, Tumiel finished as the Intermediate Flat Champion and McLavey finished as the Reserve Champion in the Walk Trot class. Both riders qualified for the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Zone Finals. At Zone Finals, McLavey finished as the Walk Trot division champion, qualifying for the IHSA National Championships at the L.A. Equestrian Center in Burbank, Calif. She became the 33rd Charger rider since 1975 to qualify for the national event. At Nationals, McLavey finished 11th in a field of 18 riders, which was an Honorable Mention ride for the sophomore from Merrimack, N.H., who had only begun riding when she came to Colby-Sawyer.

Track and Field

Head Coach Peter Steese's men's team won its second consecutive The Commonwealth Coast Conference Invitational Championship, hosted at Gordon College in Wenham, Mass. The Chargers captured an amazing 15 first-place finishes en route to scoring 258 points, 100 more than the next closest competitor. The women's team finished third at the event, posting 116 points, which included four first-place finishes.

Four women and seven men qualified for the New England Championships under Coach Steese's tutelage. **Caitlin Pond, Amber Cronin, Alexa Fitzgerald** and **Margaux O'Connell** qualified for the women's 4x400m relay, while Pond and Cronin qualified in the heptathlon and high jump respectively. **Brian Saad, Ryan Laperle, Joshua Commey, Jon Chaloux, Matt Cole, Sean Ahern** and **Ian O'Leary** qualified in various events for the men's team. Laperle and Chaloux also qualified for the ECAC Championships.



The men's track and field team won its second TCCC Championship in a row.

IN FOND MEMORY SUMMER/FALL 2008

1932

Mary Kennon Robertson
NOVEMBER 20, 2007

Louise Larkin Nelson
NOVEMBER 26, 2007

Dorothy Melendy Scott
JANUARY 4, 2008

Nancy Gaunt Bradford
MAY 18, 2008

1933

Dorothy Bruns Wallner
JANUARY 23, 2008

1934

Enid B. Kiernan
JULY 23, 2007

Carolyn Upson Brunstad
AUGUST 22, 2007

1935

Barbara Stone Cornwell
OCTOBER 31, 2007

Jane Judd Eastmond
NOVEMBER 20, 2007

1936

Ruth Bennett Lougee
DECEMBER 20, 2007

Lois Wheatley Hopkins
JANUARY 4, 2008

Beulah Carrigan Crosby
MAY 24, 2008

1937

Ruth Christie Barnes
NOVEMBER 15, 2007

Jane Fairclough
Counselman
NOVEMBER 17, 2007

1938

Effamay Thomas
Dahlstrand
SEPTEMBER 4, 2007

Martha Nickerson Steele
MAY 2, 2008

Eleanor Ray Kimball
MAY 16, 2008

1939

Elisabeth Anthony Dressler
JUNE 21, 2007

Margaret Best Fowler
JANUARY 23, 2008

Helen Reynolds Williams
JUNE 3, 2008

1940

Janice McLoon Dutney
DECEMBER 13, 2007

Jean Frye Noyes
JANUARY 20, 2008

Reid Francis Morris
APRIL 20, 2008

1941

Katharine Swartzbaugh
Frankforter
AUGUST 29, 2006

Janice Pitman Bowman
JANUARY 28, 2008

1942

Janet Hull Lamb
MARCH 18, 2006

Joyce Staff Wood
FEBRUARY 6, 2008

Caroline Russell Ryder
FEBRUARY 26, 2008

1943

Suzanne Walther Collins
JANUARY 16, 2006

Mary Deming Kramer
DECEMBER 11, 2007

Barbara Constantine
Johnson
FEBRUARY 4, 2008

Anne Bosworth Boucher
MARCH 29, 2008

Doris Linden Heerdt
APRIL 10, 2008

Enid Belden Logan
APRIL 26, 2008

1944

Marianna Rockwell
JANUARY 4, 2008

1945

Catherine Morley Wendland
JANUARY 26, 2008

1946

Marjorie Hernandez Lau
NOVEMBER 15, 2007

Carolyn Handley Young
NOVEMBER 28, 2007

Anne Foley Genest
DECEMBER 20, 2007

Jane Gray Jamison
FEBRUARY 16, 2008

Mary Worcester Williams
APRIL 26, 2008

1948

Natalie Colbath Burns
FEBRUARY 15, 2007

1949

Frances Comey Reid
DECEMBER 23, 2007

Catherine 'Katy' Broughton
Holland
MAY 21, 2008

1952

Evelyn Shankman Bazer
NOVEMBER 21, 2007

1953

Barbara Cole Oxholm
JANUARY 12, 2008

Jean Parker Beaujon
MAY 28, 2008

1954

Ann Vincent Lee
MARCH 28, 2008

Mozell Zarit
MAY 26, 2008

1955

Janet McLay Bradley
DECEMBER 29, 2007

Anne Merrill Toneatti
FEBRUARY 20, 2008

Sara Paul Dommel
MARCH 18, 2008

1956

Shelley Mahannah Meynen
DECEMBER 23, 2007

Suzanne Gable Maynard
FEBRUARY 6, 2008

1957

Barbara Patterson Howland
JANUARY 17, 2008

Julie Miller
JANUARY 23, 2008

1959

Emilie Breedveld Line
MARCH 2, 2008

1962

Cynthia Carlisle Felt-Tiitto
APRIL 21, 2008

Eleanor Fales Hibbert
MAY 21, 2008

1963

Barbara Larson Riley
MARCH 20, 2008

1966

Rebecca Deitz Levy
JUNE 27, 2004

1968

Kathy Eustis Leighton
DECEMBER 10, 2006

1969

Lynda Pease Doyle
JANUARY 4, 2008

1970

Lyndall Bean Kurowski
MARCH 15, 2007

Elizabeth Talbot Cheney
DECEMBER 30, 2007

1973

Dorothy Parker Lafferty
JANUARY 8, 2008

1995

Daniel T. Cole
NOVEMBER 26, 2007

Former Faculty

Robert P. Ashley Jr.
NOVEMBER 22, 2006



ALUMNI NOTES

Welcome to the Class of 2008!

Congratulations, class of 2008. We officially welcome you as our newest alumni. You join over 14,000 other alumni who hail from 49 states and Puerto Rico and 42 foreign countries. Your Colby-Sawyer experience will extend far beyond the four years you spent on campus, for your connection will last a lifetime. Take the time to join The Loop, attend an alumni event, submit a class note, or volunteer for your college. There are numerous ways to remain involved in the life of Colby-Sawyer, and we certainly hope you'll keep in touch.

Send Your News

New address? New job? New spouse? New baby? Fun adventures? Mini-reunions? Submit your news for the class notes; your fellow alumni want to hear from you. News can be submitted to your class correspondent or directly to the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving by visiting www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends/class-notes.html.



Come Home to Your College on the Hill

Plans are underway for a new reunion format. All alumni are invited to join us on campus **September 18, 19 and 20, 2009**, for the inaugural event. Come for the weekend or just for the day, but most importantly, come back home for the festivities. We are currently recruiting alumni to volunteer on their class committees, so if you graduated in a class year ending in 4 or 9 and would like to become involved, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving.

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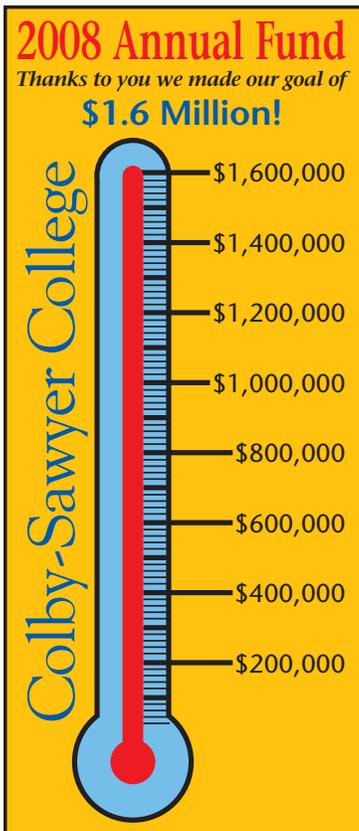
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1932

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It is March 28 as I write this and snowing *hard* in New London. I received a card from **Dody Reece French**, who has moved to Salinas, CA, to be near family. She wonders if there are any Colby girls living near there.

Please do contact her if that's the case. She is delightful. I talked to **Alice Todd Castello**, who is suffering from severe arthritis. Her nephew Michael lives in New London and I see him occasionally. **Florence Spitz Leventhal's** daughter-in-law wrote me that Florence has moved to a nursing home. As for myself, I am still at Woodcrest and loving it. I still take Adventures in Learning courses, but there are no classes in the summer. I miss them. Please keep the news coming.

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1935

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Jane Newberry Foran was quite grateful at 92 to have recovered from a "bout" with that flu germ that "even the doctors in the hospital do not recognize." Otherwise, Jane feels fine most of the time, with only some hand pain from arthritis (although her handwriting is excellent!). She still can read a newspaper without glasses. Jane has given up driving, although she is a good driver and misses it. Her daughter just worried too much when Jane was out driving. Jane says she thinks of her Colby friends often. **Constance Alley French** loves her VT home. Connie had a great winter with lots of snow—quite picturesque. She has settled in and found most of her "stuff," including her watercolors. Now, Connie is on a painting spree. Her new works are very different from the Cape Cod scenes that

she did for many years and sold at the Chatham Guild of Artists. **Katharine "Kay" Field Hinman** lives a "very quiet" life. She is an early riser and spends most of her days reading. Kay writes, "I do love books!" She says that she is in bed by 7, unless there is a football or baseball game on TV to keep her up. She also enjoys her grandchildren and 2 great-grandsons, Cameron and Adam, noting, "My sons are so wonderful to me." Kay enjoys life and laughs a lot, and she sends her best to her dear Colby friends. **Barbara Crampton Jones** is glad that the class of '35 notes are still continuing. She writes that not much has changed since last autumn—she still spends time doing puzzles and knitting for the Linus Project. However, Barbara has added an activity to her repertoire—playing "Upwords" with her daughter and granddaughter. **Ruth Phillips Jones** is glad once again to contribute and read class notes for the class of 1935. In her own words she is "hanging in there and doing well." Ruth will be 95 in Oct. Her latest news is about her

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grandson, who was married 3 years ago and is to become a father of a little girl in Aug. This is quite exciting for Ruth as this will be her first great-grandchild! Ruth still lives at the Village at Duxbury and likes it very much. She says to send her best to **Jackie Dorr Symons** and all the other Colby girls, and hopes you are well and happy. **Marjorie Rolfe** and her cat, "October," had a great spring and are getting out more often after a long but beautiful snowy winter. Marjorie still enjoys living in Penacook, NH, and reading. She writes that she is getting a little forgetful but has not forgotten all her friends at Colby. **Ethelyn "Jackie" Dorr Symons** happily spends her days visiting with her nurse companions and taking "rides" around Bay Lake Retirement Center in her wheelchair. She loves going outside to see the flowers and the beautiful blue skies of Virginia Beach. She appreciates all the cards and hellos from her classmates at Colby.

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1936

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Thank you '36ers for writing. I was thrilled to hear from so many of you! **Geraldine "Jerry" McKewen Batemen** writes, "Between confirming my rent here, and doing the same for my income tax, I've been pretty busy for a 91-year-old babe! My best news is I have another great-grandchild. She's a darling little girl named Selena Rae Lee. My granddaughter Laurie is the mother. I now have 11 great-grandchildren." Many thanks to Frederick Gear, husband of **Ruth Allen Gear**, for informing us that Ruth is coping with a progressive dementia and is unable to write. He says, "Otherwise she is quite healthy. Ruth and I reside in a senior residential facility, The Gables, at Farmington since Dec. '05 and it suits our needs OK." **Zoe Rollins Kraus** writes, "As I have finally managed to hang around this hemisphere for 90 years, guess I should call myself very lucky! I really do not

have anything exciting about my life at the moment. When one reaches 90, it's hard to be exciting, just boring. I did have a very 'exciting' life after college, however, so I'm not complaining. I worked for General Electric during the Apollo missions, which was a part of NASA at the time, and was very interesting." **Nancy Martin LaBahn** and her husband, Bill, are operating as a team now. She writes, "He does the microwave and I set the table! Our big deal for the week is going to the grocery store for orange boxes! Our routine is up at 9, nap at 2, lights out at 9:45. We will be going as usual, up to the lake for the summer." Their 59th anniversary was April 1. **Connie Mason Lane** says the marriage of her grandson Travis Piper to Caitlin Gray was her family's major news this winter. She writes, "Travis is the son of my daughter Nancy and her husband Jack. The wedding was Jan. 5 at the Stone Mountain Arts Center in Brownfield, ME. Dinner and dancing followed. Otherwise I have been busy writing the story of my life, and exchanging e-mails with family and friends. I still keep in touch by mail with **Nancy Fuller Sargent** and **Trudie Myers Sunderland**. I look forward to reading about other members of our class of 1936." **Lelia "Lee" Strickland Letherland** has no special news. "I still live in Port St. Lucie, FL. My children live nearby and life is good! At 91 I count my blessings! My health is reasonably good and I am still driving, playing bridge and enjoy each day!" **Priscilla Jameson Mullen** was looking forward to spring. She writes, "I managed to slip and fall on ice and banged myself up in great style. Had to go to therapy. Otherwise a quiet winter." **Trudie Myers Sunderland** writes, "Good news is hard to report at 91 years of age! My adopted cat Jasmine is my mainstay in life! Am also fortunate in having a quantity of wild birds and a friend feeds them for me if weather does not permit me to do it. Hear from **Connie Mason Lane** occasionally and it is so good to have that contact with Colby." **Genevieve Shaw Todd** writes that 2007 brought 2 new granddaughters and 1 new grandson, bringing

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the total to 3 boys and 3 girls. "I am still living in senior housing in Quincy, MA, and enjoy the company of many other senior citizens. I celebrated my 92nd birthday in March '08 and am enjoying good health. Although legally blind, I have a great support system (friends and family) that allows me to be independent. I wish everyone good health in 2008." A sad note from **Roberta Quindlan**, daughter of **Ruth Bennett Lougee**, stating that her mom passed away Dec. 20 at home. Her passing was sudden, quick and painless, just as she wanted. As for me, **Barb Melendy Parker**, I keep busy knitting and will have my 'Country Crafts' shop open again for the summer. After 122' of snow in Concord (I'm sure it was more in our hilltop town!) this past endless winter, I have looked forward to summer and the smell of green grass when it's being mowed. Keep smiling!

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1937

Class Correspondent Needed

Editor's Note: It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Gladys Bachman Forbes on July 23, 2008. Gladys had served as the 1937 class correspondent since 1998, and she will be missed dearly.

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1938

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Greetings to you "dear oldies" as we've approached our 70th Reunion! Traveling is not easy at

our age, is it? **Barbara Symonds Ayers** still lives in Sanbornville, ME, and hoped to sell her home this spring. She was planning a visit to daughter Robyn, after finding a cat sitter. **Jane Seavey Emerson** and **Walter** always send welcome news with their Christmas card. They report that they are pretty much housebound at 88 and 93 years, but are in fairly good health nevertheless. Their daughter Jane also lives in Auburn, ME, and is a big help, while Mary has a beautiful home in New Canaan—close enough to NYC to be the membership-coordinator for the Trick Museum. Mary came for Christmas with her 2 sons: Andrew graduated from Skidmore in June and John is a sophomore at Choate—and on the dean's list, too. **Inez Gianfranchi Snowdon** solved the ice problem this winter by driving to her mailbox. Inez is a loyal volunteer at her church—"2nd time around Budget Box"—which is rewarding and fun. Doesn't sound as if she was slowing down much, though she said she was. A later telephone call from Inez brought sad news from the Portland newspaper. **Barbara Rounds Carson's** granddaughter Eve, 22 years, had been shot and killed in Athens, GA. Our hearts and love go out to you, Barbara, your son and daughter Christine. **Elizabeth Allenson** and I chatted on the phone. She is formerly of Watertown and now lives close by in Bedford, where she enjoys her retirement home. Her only problem is vision due to macular degeneration, but she has many friends and enjoys the lectures and musical events. 'Twas great to receive news from **Ruth Gray Russell**, a 1-year classmate who still lives in her childhood home in Sanford, ME. At 89, she reports enjoying naps, her 2 cats

and gets around with a cane. Sounds like most of us, doesn't it? **Margery Fitzpatrick** of Holyoke, MA, had interesting thoughts of Colby. She enjoyed reading about President and Mrs. Galligan having a family to enjoy the lovely President's home. Why? Well, Margery's class helped decorate it in the spring of '37—when Landon was running for President and Colby voted 100% Republican! **Stuart Lydiard Patterson** wrote from Calgary, Canada—not her best year, but at 93+ she is amazing. She's had a hip replacement, cataract removal, and writing with a pinched nerve in her wrist was difficult! Pneumonia hasn't helped, but she came from the hospital with her oxygen tank and miles of tubing, assisted by her daughter. On the bright side, Stuart has her season football tickets and her son John will escort her in a wheelchair. **Joan Davidson Whitney** continues to enjoy the challenges of her retirement home, which is growing rapidly, eventually to house 2,000 residents. Her husband is on the advisory council and her latest news was her 13-year-old granddaughter has been accepted at The Hotchkiss School. **Elizabeth "Betty" Champlin Bottorf** reported all is well in Walnut Creek. She enjoys receiving all the *Alumni Magazine* news. Colby-Sawyer is a different place than our Jr. college was. Come back someday, Betty, and see! You will be proud.

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1939

Fran Holbrook Armstrong Birchwoods at Canco 86 Holiday Drive, Apartment 123 Portland, ME 04103 e-mail: Armhol@cox.net

Anne-Shirley Orent Hudler writes, "My husband and I take one day at a time. Lynn's walking is mostly with a walker. I swim every morning. It keeps my body limber. All children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren are doing well. My bonus! Have a good healthy year!"

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1940

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It was good to hear from **Priscilla Laflamme Dudis**. In spring 2007 she and her husband, Roger, celebrated his 92nd birthday and their 62nd anniversary. They are still in their South Hadley home, where they have lived for the past 32 years. Their 2 girls live in the east, one in NYC and the other in Watertown, MA. Their 2 boys live in UT and WY. Priscilla writes that she and **Mary Robbins Abbey** are in the same reading group and Mary looks great. **Jeanne Schwob Homer** still lives in Boca Raton, FL, and has recovered from some medical problems suffered over the holidays last year. She looks forward to having her daughter Lauren live closer in Fairfax, VA. She still gets to VT to visit her daughter Chris. Books clubs, theatre groups and concerts keep her busy.

Harriet Tillinghast Fuller says she leads a quiet life. She keeps in touch with **Betty-Ann Hardy Adams '41 MT**. **Peg Van Duser Hurlbut** writes that her family took her on 2 trips this past year, a Western Caribbean Cruise and a trip to the Pacific Northwest.

Jane Holly Hollings Gordon spends her time between Siesta Key, FL, (Oct. to June) and Oak Beach, NY (June to Oct.). Her best friend **Shirley Johnson Watt '38** spent the month of Feb. with her in FL. They also get together summers when Holly is at Oak Beach. I now have a great-grandson who lives in WI so I don't see much of him. Thanks to e-mail I have plenty of pictures to help me follow his growth.

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1941

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Some of you indicated an interest in how large a class we are now. Those we can now contact are 63 located in 20 states: on the west coast in CA and OR; the middle of the country, MI, MO, OH, and TX; the east coast, DE, FL, NJ, NY, NC, PA, SC; and all the New England states. It was wonderful to hear from so many of you that you might be slowing down, but still keeping active. **Mary Louise Williams Haskell** enjoys her 2 acres with beach and cabin in Yarmouth, ME. Her 4 children often visit. She had a poisoning scare last year but is now in good health and would be happy to see any of you—she has 3 extra bedrooms waiting for classmates. She's planning on getting together with **Jean Merrill Thornquist** soon. **Betty Lane Hockmeyer** now lives in Milford, NH, and loves it. Along with volunteer work and exercise class she is still working for Burpee Seeds. **Elizabeth Haggas Zwicker** used to do a lot of church work but slowed down a bit. She has 2 super children, Marilyn and George, and 2 beautiful grandchildren who are excellent students with scholarships. **Mercie Franke Dunfee** still enjoys Topsham, ME, (near family) and in the winter Lakeland, FL, where they celebrated their 61st anniversary. Glad to hear from fellow Page President **Debby Burton Adler** that she is healthy, though with some failing eyesight. She had to stop curling but goes to a fitness center 3 times a week for exercise. **Susan Speir Parker** is recovering from hemolytic anemia. "No one

knows why it has happened. I have been through many tests and everything is always negative! At this point I am contributing to the retirement fund of too many doctors!" **Shirley "Sherry" Hemming Garwood** keeps busy with study groups, church, and women's club, along with visits to daughters in PA and MN, which is always a special treat. **Marie Westberg Francis** is still going strong volunteering at the hospital and county library as well as where she lives, Roque Valley Manor in OR. It is good to learn that she is in good health, plays a lot of bridge and enjoys life. **Arlene Bernardi Vecchi** has 2 sons. Charles is married and a builder. Her other son is also married with 2 sons and is the principal at Walker School in Needham, MA. Arlene's hobby is her annual visit to Italy. Thanks to a good brain surgeon, **Arlene Dawson Knapp** is doing very well. Her family has been very helpful. Chester Village West is a delightful retirement facility and she has moved from one of the houses to an apartment in the complex. **June Skinner Peacock** and I drove 4 others from Colby Jr. in Aug. '41 on a 12,000-mile trip through the US and Canada. June recollected our great adventure with fond memories as have I. She and her husband are still enjoying life and good health. They move to their mountain house May 1 and back to Raleigh in Dec. **Zada Lynch Travaglini** moved to CA over a year ago to be closer to her family and avoid plane trips. She is in a beautiful part of Sonoma County near the family's ranch. The grape picking season is pretty exciting, as is guessing what the tonnage will be. Like a number of classmates **Jeanne Hall Johnson** is living in a beautiful retirement complex, with lots of activities, great food and congenial people. She is happy to say she has only had minor health problems that are under control. **Margaret Turner Kezer** has also joined those of us in retirement communities. She has moved to Evergreen Woods to be closer to her daughter and 2 grandsons. It is very nice and she is quite content. I am in Fox Hill Village which is particularly outstanding for the talented musicians who often come here.

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If you remember Roy London you would quickly recognize his son who is one of the residents. Also here is **Connie Colby Shelton '42**. Aside from having to use a walker I am disgustingly healthy. Thank you all for your good wishes and giving material for this column.

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1942

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Finally we are home in North Hill after 3 wonderful months in Marco Island, FL. Our car has arrived and is unloaded and we are now trying to fit everything in our small apartment. The news from all of you is very short. Hopefully we'll do better next time. Remember—births, deaths, graduations, marriages, trips, moves, family gatherings, etc., all make news for your inquisitive classmates! Please remember CJC and keep my mailbox full! An e-mail from **Betsy Dunn Kennedy's** daughter said that her mother, age 88, is still owner/innkeeper of Parrot Mill Inn B&B in Chatham, NJ. We stayed there a couple of years ago and it's charming! Worth adding to your itinerary if you're in the area! An e-mail from **Ruthie Murray Carkeek**

told me she has a new great-granddaughter in MA and she and Steve were cruising to New England to meet her and to Canada in June. She also reported that VA was a fairyland with all the shrubs, trees and flowers in bloom. I'll add that as I write this, North Hill is also a fairyland with gorgeous flowering pear and crab apple trees. An e-mail from **Mary Reed Cody**, who lives in Todos Santos, Mexico, shared news that was fun and also sad, so I will quote because she tells it so beautifully. "This is a departure from your normal column but you wanted news. Is it proper to mention at 83, a year and a half ago, an old friend who lived in the Ontario town I lived in and raised my children many years ago, and I fell in love. It was originally a long distance romance, but eventually I went to Ontario to be with him. I don't think that too many people have this happen at that stage of life, but we had known each other for nearly 60 years and when his wife died we reconnected and had 6 beautiful months together, not a great deal as time goes, before he died in Jan. '07. We both felt most grateful and fortunate. This is the kind of news one doesn't read too often, isn't it!" We're so happy for you, Mary, and only wish you could have had more time together. Mary's children live in the Boston area so she can escape Mexico's summer heat and she hoped to visit Boston and the Vineyard to visit **Nancy Bowman Rutherford** this summer. **Helen Starbuck Moore's** sister-in-law lives here at North Hill and keeps me posted about Bucky. Mary went to CT this spring to visit her and reports that her back problem

seems better. Keep up the "getting better" and come visit North Hill! Unfortunately, **Jinny Leighty Severs** and I didn't get together this winter but we visited often by phone. Both Jinny and I have trouble walking so the telephone was so much easier. Jinny had several health setbacks this winter but hopefully that will all be behind her and we can get together in the fall when, God willing, we will spend 2 or 3 weeks in FL. Sad news to pass along, the death of **Beverly Booth Taylor** in Burlington, VT. I'm personally saddened because back in CJC days, we were good friends and had a lot of fun together. Since college, we hadn't kept up that friendship and I'm sorry. We continue to enjoy our pampering here at North Hill and struggle to walk better with canes and sometimes a walker, depending on the distance we need to walk. My middle sister died last fall and on our return home from CA I fell and chipped my tibia, which has certainly hampered my walking progress! However, rehab is helping and progress is being made. Our great news is the engagement of our oldest granddaughter. We are thrilled and love her fiancé as well. They met as sophomores at Deerfield Academy, so it's been a long courtship. We can hardly wait for their wedding in July 2009. We keep telling our granddaughters that we are old and hope to attend their weddings! As I close, I beg you all to send me news!

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1943

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Hard to believe this year was our 65th Reunion! Thanks for all your cards asking for class news that greeted us when we returned from our trip west. A nice long typed note came from **Natalie Cordery Naylor** too late for the last issue. She cannot write with her hands anymore, but her hunt and peck system on the typewriter is excellent. Unable to

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drive due to Parkinson's disease, she gave up her car. She's been to ME a couple of times to Jeff's house on the lake where they have the most beautiful sunsets. Of course they had lobsters and steamers and all the good stuff. Thanksgiving was at Greg's in Ledyard, CT, where he cooked the best turkey she has ever tasted. Last Dec. they went to Kennebunk for a Celebration of Life for Mimi (Don's mom). **Jean Aronson Rea's** postal was reminiscing about CJC days and my mom's delicious care packages of brownies and cookies...and last April's fun and laughter when she, **Marge Campbell Upson**, and another friend were being escorted after dark from a restaurant over a gravel driveway and Marge in her best voice piped up "3 Blind Mice"! **Elizabeth Jody Godfrey Brown's** greatest joy is enjoying her 2 year old great-granddaughter. Another was due this summer. She mentioned that **Barbara Lutz Moore** had been ill but now feels better, and they were planning to get together soon. **Pricilla Parker Craig** wrote that all was well in Venice, FL, where they've lived the past 8 years. She and Dorn celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary last Aug. on a cruise and she is thankful for all their wonderful years together. As Puss wrote, it seemed like yesterday Dorn came to see her before he left for a second tour of duty as pilot before Pearl Harbor...and now it is 3 daughters and 4 grandchildren later...and many happy memories. They celebrated her 84th birthday on a 10-day cruise in April with 40 neighbors. **Julia Ann Keeney Walton** wrote from FL, where they were snowbirds. Last Oct. after visiting their granddaughter at the U. of Chicago, they went on a cruise of several of the Great Lakes. Unfor-

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tunately this nice trip was going to be the ship's last one as the lakes are getting too low to accommodate them. Dividing time between Vero Beach, FL, and Bridgehampton, NY, is working well for **Blani Worth Siegfried** and her husband. Six grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren keep them busy and happy. **Marjorie "Marge" Campbell Upson** celebrated her 85th birthday in April. She says that life is beautiful on Cape Cod where she lives in her own apartment. Macular degeneration has limited her vision, but she still has many wonderful memories, especially of Colby Jr. Still living on the 9th hole of Brentwood Country Club in Beaumont, TX, are **Pat Clapp Smith** and her husband, Matthew. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and 4½ great-grandchildren. Pat wished they could make reunion but it was impossible at the present time. **Joyce Beardsley Spiegel** has lived in St. Louis since 1957. Tom Borrows and she had 18 years together before his death in 1993. She remarried and had 6 years with Ed Spiegel. She has 3 children—a son in AZ, a daughter in RI and one in CO. Her 4 grandsons are all out of town. Joyce keeps busy with her widow friends with bridge, travel and theatre. She also tutors reading at an inner city school and asks if anyone from the Midwest is a P.E.O. to please contact her. Since **Priscilla Coan Barnes** and Jim have "been there and done that," they are now content to stay put in the Ozark Mts. of OK. To keep from being bored, she continues to volunteer at the Gold Years Village; recently, she has been involved in 2 plays. **Virginia Ginnie Davis McGlynn** is happy to still be working pretty much full time. **Carolyn Sigourney Holtz** is still continuing with her drawing. Their "Mothers and Fathers" group take lunch or barbecue to a group home of mentally ill adults in a lovely new apartment house in Clackamas, OR. Throughout the winter **Doris Douglas Butler** is happy to attend the U. of CT women's basketball games. She also enjoys evenings of the Hartford State productions during their season.

She is a docent at the Windsor Historical Society on Sat. mornings. Good luck to **Shirley Hobbs Craven** who has just gotten her first computer with a fax/copier machine and is gradually learning how to use it. She sends a big hello to all. Her e-mail is shirlcraven@verizon.com. **Arlene Porter Levenson** "is alive and kicking" and has joined the "great" class in parenting. Trips to campus are on her "things to do list." **Jean Thurman Ramsey** can't believe that it's 65 years already! She was sorry they couldn't be at the reunion. A short note from **Connie Leavitt Anderson's** daughter to say her mother is in an assisted living facility. Any letters to Connie should go to Constance W. Kneil at 3239 North Haven Blvd., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223, who will see that she gets them. When we read **Mary Scheu Teach's** note about the snow sliding off the metal roof, many of us who live in VT and NH know just what Shy meant! Her piles grew higher and higher blocking doors and views. She returned from Mexico and AZ and it even snowed a ½ inch at the ranch the day she left! **Patricia Stickel Crandall** wrote about a special memory of '43—a bracelet with 10 CJC '43 friends' names on each of the ½ inch bangles (Jean and Marge, Connie and Margo, Flynn and Wally, Steve and Jardine, Libby and Stick). **Barbara Constantine Johnson** passed away last Feb. One of our pleasures of retiring to VT was becoming reacquainted with Connie and Spence (a D'45 grad like Doc) at the various D'45 reunions and gatherings. As I write this in April, I hope to be able to make the trip to New London for early evening Reunion activities. That very same weekend for Doc and me, family is overflowing here as it is our last grandchild's St. Johnsbury Academy's graduation weekend. I hope that after their Saturday Class Day afternoon program of awards, etc., I will be able to see many of you.

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1944 Reunion

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Just think—messages about our class have come from CA to ME, TX to Oklahoma City. Nearly 65 years ago, we all were together in New London, NH, enjoying our "growing up years." Wonderful happenings have occurred during the passage of time, and it's not what you gather but what you scatter that tells what kind of a life you have lived. So here are tidbits from some of our classmates. **Lila Latham Touhey** reflects on her delight in reading the *Alumni Magazine*, and hopes to return for our 65th reunion. A knee replacement has made her give up tennis, but she is active in her retirement complex in Beverwyck, NY. Her family consists of 2 boys, 2 girls, 4 grandsons and 3 great-granddaughters. She has traveled for 20 years all over and now she is planning a Nile cruise and a trip to Jerusalem and Jordan. Summertime she lives at her home named "Content," in Essex, NY, on Lake Champlain. (What a welcoming name for a home!) **Kathleen "Ki" Howden Shellington** has kept in touch at Christmas with **Catharine English Kipe**, **Ruth Burnett MacAnespie** and **Nancie MacBain**. Ki's daughter lives in VT and when they visit her from their Plymouth, MA, home they always stop in New London to see what is new on campus. A short note from **Barbara Phillips Mello** tells of their church, which is 119 years old, being closed and all members merging



Madeline Chamberlain McKinnon '44.

with another church in the city. Winter woes were mentioned by many of you, including **Dorothy W. Sears**, who had her fill of shoveling and coping with layers of ice due to nightlong heavy rains. For her, it has been difficult vision-wise, as a lens implant done in 1980 had to be removed because of hemorrhaging for several years. However, the other eye implant is fine, and she hopefully will have a new replacement by the time this message is read. She says, "It'll be so nice to be able to drive again, safely for others and me!" Another great-grandmother is **Shirley Lorraine McCullough** whose new addition lives in SD. In June, she was going to GA to visit a longtime friend. Many of our class have relocated to easier surroundings and **Mary Jane Niedner Fletcher Mason** has done just that, moving from Farmington, CT, to Jerome Home in New Britain, CT. She also writes that her first grandchild, Andrew Fletcher, is being married in the fall of 2008 in NYC. M.J. still volunteers lots, drives and plays bridge. Her daughter, Bonnie, visited India in Feb. of

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this year. We indeed are a mobile society—and the world is ever so small, isn't it? **Jessie "Jay" Fyfe Armstrong** keeps tabs on a 12-year-old grandson who plays ice hockey, and Jay attends all of the games. Her other grandchildren are in college, graduated from college, or still in private school. That granddaughter is off to Africa for a month! Bridge and driving some of her "old pals" about (who are becoming fewer and fewer) keep Jay busy. Last year, after I had written the newsletter, a postcard came from **Shirley Merz Bryant**, so I am including a bit of news from that herein. She has made the move to NC where her daughter lives, and her son is in VA. Condo living is different, but it has many advantages. She is an avid football fan, and now she can watch her grandson, Ryan, play for UNC this coming fall! Her address is Bermuda Village, Advance, NC, and Shirley wonders if there are any CJC alumni living in this area? In the summertime, Shirley still spends July and Aug. in Hague, NY. **Alice Crowther Brooks** and her hubby spent the entire summer of 2007 at their Naples, FL, home because Bill fell and broke his hip last June—and that required surgery and lots of therapy. They hoped to go north this summer. About grandkids: "Toledo" wrote that her granddaughter is spending a semester of her Jr. year in Botswana, Africa, and when grandma tried to change her mind she said, "Grandma, we have to know about the whole world." That certainly expresses the outlook of this generation, doesn't it? Another classmate who has made the move to a retirement community is **Jane MacCabe Kelly** who, with Tom, her husband, has moved to Waverly Heights, Gladwyne, PA, but still will return to NH for 4 summer months. Jane has had a total knee replacement, and gone through the long rehab period. It's painful, but hopefully will be better than new in forthcoming months. Jane, **Mary Jane Mason**, **Jean Bush Gabriel** and I always try to see each other in New London during the fall, at least once a year. **Myrtle Furbush Mansfield** writes, "Life is good!

Family is well and happy. I am still in my home in Alfred, ME, where I have lived for 27 years." Myrtle says she loves being there vs. FL or Myrtle Beach, and she still keeps her fingers busy with quilting and knitting. A wonderful letter came from **Elizabeth "Patsy" Leonhard Miller** who shared a wealth of news. She still is in her own home, enjoying the gorgeous views of the San Gabriel Mountains. Sadly she lost her best friend, her dog, Rambo, who was her last tie to her husband, Bob. Her assortment of animals includes 2 cats, Punky and Rascal. Her involvements include the Assistance League of Arcadia, where she works at the Thrift Shop that supports the Golden Age Club. Her daughter, **Keppel Miller Sullivan '70**, who graduated from CJC and also Skidmore, lives nearby and they share Sunday night supper. Patsy's 4 children are spread around the U.S. Daughter Betsy is in Vernon, CT, where her husband works at Pratt and Whitney. Daughter Debbie lives outside Oklahoma City with 3 acres and a pond; her children are Heather, living in TX, and Jamie in DC. While visiting the grandkids in DC she managed to see the launch of a shuttle. I had an e-mail from **Woody Goslee**, **Natalie Slawson Goslee's** son, saying that Nat is still in a nursing home—very confused, but health-wise still well. There was a nice compliment for **Jean Bush Gabriel**, who shares the writing of our class news, from **Jane Cooper Fall**. She stated that in reading the last *Alumni Magazine*, she thought the 1944 news was the best! Jane said that winter this year was something else, with snow banks 5' high. She had a knee replacement in March, and after that recovery she can begin to think of golfing again. Jane's note said that at Christmastime she heard from **Nancy Hall Kurhan** who lives in TX. **Jean Bush Gabriel** wrote of her Christmas visit with daughter Joy in Cleveland and New Year's at Sally's in FL. Unfortunately, Jean dealt with removal of a cancerous growth under her ear; hopefully all is past history at this writing. Her kids were there for her during the recovery time. Jean also mentioned the

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snowfall in New London this past winter, which seemed as if it were happening every day! There is always a complimentary note from **Ann Norton Merrill**, stating how much she enjoys reading our class news. Her great-grandchildren total is growing—3 now. Ann meets **Ann Tilton Carpenter** for lunch occasionally, a relationship lasting over many years. She also says she misses her skiing days, but is fearful of hitting the slopes at age 83; however, she will continue playing tennis. All of **Margaret Kentfield Burkey's** grandchildren are growing up—3 weddings happened this past year. And their son, who is in the Navy, is retiring. He is building a home near Margaret, meaning grandkids right in their backyard! My neighbor in Shelburne, MA, is **Madeline Chamberlain McKinnon**, who I see at church and around the village. She has volunteered in our town and in the area for many years. She was a med tech in our class, and worked for a long time in that capacity while raising 4 children. In Shelburne, she was a Cub Scout leader, a Sunday School teacher, and chairman of the Bridge of Flowers committee, involved with the Women's Club. Madeline has the most beautiful gardens, and spends hours tending her plants. Whenever there is a need for a gorgeous bouquet it is she who puts it all together. After 25 years on the Board of Health in Shelburne, she resigned, having served in a very important capacity. Eight grandchildren she has—and 5 greats. Her son, Tim, is in the Army Reserve in San Antonio. He has had 2 deployments to Iraq as an emergency room trauma nurse. I remember Tim, as he was a good friend of our son, Scott, during their growing up years. I had the opportunity to chat on the phone with 2 of our class-

mates who live fairly near where we winter in FL. The first was **Ann Richmond Knipe**, who I had the opportunity to meet last year for a good long lunch and chit chat. Ann is very involved with her garden club in Belleair Bluffs and her church women's group. Each summer she returns to Gloucester, MA, for a few months. The other call was to **Ruth Forbes Tudeen**, who has lived in FL for many years. Her grandchildren are scattered all over the U.S. but often come to visit the sunny south during the wintertime. Hopefully next year, I'll be able to see both Ann and Ruth. It's always fun to hear from **Jane Titus George**, a faithful responder to our twice-yearly cards requesting updated news. Her life is filled with fun hobbies—"a banana guru" at Wegmans supermarket, and docent at the Philadelphia Zoo, where she talks to school kids about animals, which she says is an "A-plus venture." Jane is very busy with her other career, real estate—lucky she is, as other areas in the country aren't faring so well. She wishes a great year to all of our remaining classmates. A wonderful note came from **Shirley Tunison Eustis**, and I am quoting directly from her letter. "Recent events of cheer and interest were going up to New London with Jean Gabriel for the President's Alumni Advisory Council meeting in April. It is so interesting and full of energy. Makes us all feel we are contributing, participating in our college. It is so different—grown up, complete somehow, compared to our days (I thought it looked great then!) Just shows you how much more everyone expects, 60 years later, in America. Colby-Sawyer has done a super job in all the details." Shirley still finds Annapolis a wonderful place to live, even though it has 2,000 more

apartments within the last 3 yrs. Many of our classmates have traveled far and near and certainly **Jean Marquier Molloy** has that honor. She had a wonderful year past, having traveled to Berlin and Frankfurt in Germany and Vienna in Austria. Her traveling companions were her son and daughter-in-law, and he had a wonderful visit with some German police with whom he had worked while in Kosovo. Jean is hoping to get organized to return for our 65th Reunion! Hopefully we can make that! Even though **Cynthia Alexander Carlson** says she writes the same tidbits of news yearly, it's always good just to know that she is still in FL and enjoying life. She summers in WI, and FL is a welcome place for her family to come in the winter, and that included her daughter, her son and a granddaughter this year. As for me, **Jeanne "Penny" Losey Bole**, we have spent the past 15 winters in Dunedin, FL, returning to our hilltop in Shelburne, MA, for the greater portion of the year. Volunteerism is a great part of our lives, both for Dick and I, and we carry on with this commitment during our time in FL. Our family is still in MA—5 grandchildren, scattered from college to middle school. I am thankful that we still have each other, and want to leave you with this thought: "Happiness keeps you sweet, Trials keep you strong, Sorrows keep you human, Failures keep you humble, Success keeps you glowing, but only God keeps you going!" Peace and blessings to all of you from the class of 1944.

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Thanks for all the postcard replies. Now that I've heard from you, I won't have to make up gossipy stories about your lives!

Doris Peakes Kendall made my day with her reply: She volunteers (often), exercises (use it or lose it), knits, book club, ancient history class (seems appropriate), stays one step ahead of becoming deaf, dumb, blind and toothless (with the support of the medical field), frequents public restrooms (when ya gotta go...). Hard to believe you're older than your grandmother. Make a valiant attempt to avoid mirrors but think positive thoughts and smile a lot. That way everyone will wonder what you're up to! **Irene Bartholomew Brower** writes from Cypress Village that she and John celebrated their 62nd wedding in June. She is grateful for his care giving. Congrats, Irene. **Betty Southwell King** has Alzheimer's and now lives with her son Brad and family. Her card was returned by a family member who says she's still happy and outgoing, even enjoys dancing and attending church. **Joan Janpol Kurz** is retired from 35 years in real estate. Spends summers on Long Island and winters in Boca Raton, FL—best of 2 worlds. **Judith Allen Lawrence** lives in a big house in Deerfield, MA, and works in a local historical assn. She has 3 grands and 1 great-grand. **Frances Strode Lamberti** and hubby Max now live near Pinehurst, NC, and enjoy playing golf, aerobics and

square dancing. I remember Fran and her gorgeous red hair! **Suzanne Needham Houston** has moved to a "Destination Resort" in Shelburne, VT. She hopes to sell her big farm house on 14 acres. She was grieving over the news of **Char Epps Irion** passing, as were we all. It had to have happened very suddenly. But then, isn't that the way we'd all like to go? **Jane Peters Layton** enjoys all the seasons in Lenox, MA. She has 4 grands and 2 great-grands. **Shirley "Shal" Glidden Splaine** was about to leave Ashland, NH, for a trip to SC to be with her daughter, her horses, and hopefully warmer weather when I spoke to her by phone. She was buried in snow this winter and looked forward to getting into her garden this spring. She'll also be busy managing the Pauline E. Glidden Toy Museum, which she supervises. **Dutton Harder Long** writes from the home in CT where she and hubby have lived since 1950! They have 8 grands and have swimming and skating available on their land. Sounds like great family fun! **Elizabeth Bryant Parker** is busy with Windsor, CT, town affairs, historical society, DAR and church. Has grandchildren in Keene, NH, and CA. I guess Colby taught us all to give back to our communities, as responses all mention volunteer works! **Jane Seccombe Rice** enjoys relaxed retirement home living—no cooking, no cleaning, etc. Sounds great, especially the no cooking part! And she's back to playing bridge after 25 years. Well, Colby certainly taught us how to do that! **Nancy Dean Maynard** is so very glad she made the move to Lowell, MA. She loves living next to her youngest daughter. Nancy still works 3 days a week. She sent me a picture of a big family reunion last fall on Cape Cod—wonderful looking kids, grands and great-grands. **Suzanne Curtis Smythe** is happy in New Bern, NC. She volunteers in the swimming pool with Special Olympic kids and teaches water safety for 3rd and 4th graders in her county. Good for you, Suzanne. She keeps in touch with **Mary June Troup Kingsbury**, her former roommate. **June Mitchell Douglas-White** is still

rattling around in her antique house on Cape Cod. She's acting in community theater productions, playing bridge and writing short mystery novels. And just to fill in her time, she delivers meals on wheels and pet sits for neighbors! Not a dull moment! **Dorothy Georger MacConnell** has 5 grands and 4 great-grands and keeps busy with bowling, golf, and "grief counseling." This in addition to taking care of her house and gardening. **Barbara Macaulay Watkins** also enjoys bridge, volunteer work and visits from family members. She keeps in touch with **Leah Keever Cotton** and reports that she and Dick are doing well. **Jean Jacob Vetter** sends news of the passing of her husband, Fred. Our sincere sympathies to you, Jean. She sent a copy of his obituary and he was much loved. She's living in the Adirondacks with one of her daughters next door, the other in Saranac Lake. She has a grandson in CO. **Patricia Brewster Austin** is learning to live alone after the death of her companion of many years. She has 2 granddaughters, one graduated from Calvin College in MI and the other graduated from Suffolk University in Boston. Everyone is doing well. As for yours truly, Gus and I are living the great retired life, which is great except for the cooking! I play tennis 3 times a week and bridge a lot! Have you noticed that young people do not know how to play? Must be too many games on the computer! And with us, it's the big M...maintenance... it's either the old body falling apart or attention that has to be paid to a 23-year old house. But we won't complain as we are both vertical and ventilating!

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I received a nice telephone call from **Catherine Otterman Peixotto**. She and her husband, Roland, recently moved from VT to ME. They must be fond of

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Dorothy Huggins Mannix '46 was joined by Jean Andersen Bazzani '46, Althea "Al" Bennett Hatch '46 and Frances "Twink" Randall Wood '46 for her 80th birthday brunch at the Charles Hotel in Cambridge, hosted by her children.

cold weather! Actually, they decided it was time to downsize and be closer to their children. Roland and Kitty took a day trip to visit **Dorothy Rice Brown** living in West Boothbay Harbor, ME. As I'm sure you know, Dorothy had a stroke a few years back, but she is doing well, thankfully. She continues to live in her big home by the bay. I had a nice chat with **Shirley Holmes**, living in Brookline, MA. She stays busy as the bookkeeper for the Newtonville Conservation Shop and watching her grandsons 2 or 3 times a week. She loves the area as she is close to the shops, the museums and her rehabilitation center. She can walk to them, if she feels the urge, or take public transit. Most importantly, Shirley is able to visit friends. Talking to **Jean Manchester Brown** is always fun! Jean continues to reside in Alexandria, VA. After graduating from Colby she attended Syracuse U. where she majored in journalism, and has worked in the book publishing business ever since. For the past 15 years she has organized concerts at the Lyceum. The next bit of news is not about our class, but is an interesting part of Colby's "closeness." **Dorothy Kentfield Blackwell '48** was trying to locate my sister, **Charlotte**

Hopkins Morneau '48. Dorothy thought of the *Colby Alumni Magazine* and was able to send a very late, but well-intentioned card, to my sister, her classmate. Two more Colby classmates reunite thanks to this wonderful publication! **Priscilla Beardsley Glenn** and husband Russ are still traveling. I can't imagine any place they haven't visited worldwide. Priscilla still operates her art gallery and continues to paint, keeping her in touch with the art world. As an art major at Colby she is living her dreams. She and Russ visit their children as often as possible and their children visit them. "It keeps us young," she tells me. **Lois Lippincott Lang** writes her grandson Ricky is an aircraft carrier fighter pilot. He was deployed in March 2008. Her granddaughter Morgan is working for the company that is putting on the 2009 Women's Golf Open. **Virginia "Ginny" Parsons Breuer** is a regular patron of the Bushnell in Hartford. Her love of music is a mainstay in her life as is her church choir. She states that having her children close is a true blessing. Not only do they visit often and "check in" on her, they threw her a magnificent birthday party last year with "all the trimmings." It was certainly

one she'll never forget! That's the news for now ladies. Please stay in touch—or get in touch! Let us know how you're doing

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By the time you get this news, our 60th reunion will have come and gone. **Mase** and I made a reservation at the New London Inn for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday! We arrived late on Friday as our only grandson, **James**, graduated from Indian Springs School, in Birmingham, AL, the same day that our reunion began. We were unable to find a flight from Birmingham to Manchester, NH, or Boston that would arrive in time for Friday evening's function. I've heard from a number of people that have the exact same problem, a grandchild's graduation. **Martha "Patsy" Dimmitt White** was hoping to come to reunion but her granddaughter graduated Phi Beta Kappa from San Diego State that same weekend. Our Pres., **Barbara "Bobbie" Hamilton Hopkins** and **Rich** arrived Saturday morning as their twin grandchildren graduated from Longmeadow HS in MA on Friday evening. **Jean Klaubert Friend** e-mailed me from their winter home in Sarasota, FL, to say she could not make reunion due to her triplet grandchildren's HS graduation. Their oldest male grandchild is to be married in Denver later in the summer. **Pat Anderson Schmitt**, **Carol Weissenborn Smith**, **Sybil Adams Moffat** and **Paul**, and **Barbara "Bobbie" Schulz Watts**

and **Peter** attended reunion. A number of us made reservations at the refurbished New London Inn, which, you may remember, is in walking distance of the campus. It's really mind boggling to think we graduated 60 years ago. Since I take care of our class news, I find our Colby-Sawyer days are always uppermost in my mind. When I asked **Mary "Oggie" Ogden Sutcliffe** if she was coming east for our reunion, she was unsure as her 60th reunion from New Trier HS was a disaster. As she was about to get out of the car at the reunion, her husband, **Herb**, noticed a big yellowish patch on her slacks. On their way there, they had stopped at a gas station bathroom. **Oggie** was wearing a long black pants suit and had dragged her slacks on a floor recently washed with pure bleach. The discoloration was so bad that she removed them and wore just her long black underwear. Fortunately, no classmates seemed to notice, as they were too busy trying to remember faces and names. At the reunion dance the second night, **Oggie** wore slippery sandals and fell flat on her face for embarrassing moment #2! **Jane Maynard Gibson** enjoys reading the *Alumni Magazine* and class news. She dropped me a line as she had just had a nice phone chat with another old friend and classmate, **Grace James Evans**, from Winter Park, FL. When I threaten to quit because people don't write, **Jane** tells me to hang in there for another 20 years. **Jane**, **Sybil Adams Moffat** and **Carol "Shoe" Shoemaker Marck** were all my predecessors and know how difficult it is to get news out of everyone. **Shoe** wrote that she and **Chuck** entertained 17 family members at Christmas. All 9 grandkids are happily involved in sports. Their son, **Charlie**, and wife, **Sue**, have 3. **Lindsey** is a swimmer and a senior at UNC. **C.J.** is next in line and made a surprise visit, driving home from UConn. He's a "redshirt" freshman in his 1st year of football. Younger brother, **Stephen**, 17, also plays football. The **Marcks'** oldest daughter, **Peggy Marck Vinnerberg '76**, also has 3 children. **Andrew**, 17, plays football, **Jonathan** loves track and

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was in the Jr. Olympics held in KS, while Christina is the skier in the family. I'm sure she had plenty of practice this winter as the Vinneburgs now live in Concord, NH. The other 3 belong to the Marcks' youngest, Christy Marck MacCormack '82. Michael is in his first year of football at Georgetown Prep, daughter Catherine is an equestrian, much to Shoe's delight, and Jack, 8, is into everything. The Marcks spend quite a bit of time in Bethesda, their former place of residence. This was the first winter in some time that they haven't gone to Snowmass, CO, to ski. Speaking of CO, **Cornelia "Nini" Hawthorne Maytag** recently moved into smaller digs in CO Springs. She's far from settled as she hasn't spent much time there since her move. She was in Chicago for a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Maytag Company at the Museum of Science and Industry. It was a fun time, complete with the Maytag Repairman and Willard Scott, the long time *Today Show* weatherman! On a later trip to NY, she lunched with our other CJC roommate, **Nancy "Hob" Hobkirk Pierson**. It was a beautiful, warm day and they were able to have lunch outside and admire the skyline of the city and Central Park! Hob brought pictures of her adorable little granddaughter enjoying her first ice cream cone! They had fun together catching up on their lives! Hob sent a Christmas photo of herself and Jim standing on a ridge in Machu Picchu, Peru, last winter. It's such a fascinating area. Hob and Jim have 2 daughters in VT. Their 2 youngest grandchildren, Abigail, 2½, and Luke, 7 months, are there so she and Jim visit often. Both keep busy as Jim continues to go to the office each day while Hob volunteers

as a counselor with the homeless. After a number of years of many tall tales, cartoons and e-mails with **Anne Smith Jeffus**, we now chat by e-mail quite often. Anne retired at age 75 after 23 years employment at the Presbyterian Manor Retirement Community in Wichita Falls, TX. In 1989, she dragged her employers kicking and screaming into the computer age, when she implemented the bookkeeping system for the complex. At present, she owns a condo at the center and enjoys her home and patio with many "old" friends. Though retired, Anne has several private clients. She does her bookkeeping online so is no stranger to the Internet and its many frustrations. Anne finds this "sit down" job perfect as she has suffered from arthritis for some years. She claims to be a real computer junkie and systematically buys a new Dell computer every 2 years. Her 3 children are doing well and are happy in their various pursuits. Her son and oldest daughter both live nearby in Wichita Falls; while her youngest daughter is a senior consultant with Freddie Mac in DC, living close by in VA. One of Anne's grandchildren, Sarah, was a freshman at VA Tech when the shootings occurred last April. Sarah lived in the Ambler Johnston Dorm, 6 doors down from the tragedy. It was alarming and horrific for the entire family. Not only that but the resident assistant killed was Sarah's good friend. When things quieted down, Sarah returned to VA Tech and made the dean's list to the delight of the entire family. Another granddaughter graduated *magna cum laude* from Baylor and won the mathematics award as the top math grad in the class of '07. Anne's 3 oldest grandchildren (she has 9) are married, and she became a first time great-grandmother last Feb. As they say in TX—Ye Haw! All of her grandchildren are wonderful, and the ones who have graduated have interesting and divergent jobs. One is a substance abuse counselor in Santa Barbara, CA; another does IT/SM in Dallas; a bank officer in Dallas; a math teacher in McKinney; a spa massage therapist in Berkeley Springs, WV; and a special ed teacher in Wichita Falls. Two

others are still in college and her youngest is a sophomore in HS. Because of her own orthopedic troubles, Anne has been active at the local rehabilitation center since having her knee replaced in 2000. The North TX Rehabilitation Center elected Anne to their Board of Directors in 2004. This center does millions of dollars worth of rehabilitation each year, and helping them raise money is a full-time operation. Anne finds the written word as fascinating today as it was 75 years ago and tries to read one book a week. She also keeps a daily journal as it helps her to remember what she did yesterday, no small feat at our age! Her kids harangue her all the time to put her wandering words into a book. Music remains a big part of her life and she has over 3,000 songs downloaded on her computer. Her son hooked up a 6 speaker stereo sound system so her music is on night and day. Anne is not a time waster so knits while she waits her turn to play card games, including Texas Hold 'Em and bridge. She plays every evening she's at home. Anne loves reading our CSC news

and lives vicariously when she reads about our classmates' various travels. The column keeps the old days alive in her mind as well as her heart. She heard from her one time roommate, **Ann Dyson Grimm**, at Christmas and says Ann and Glenn are doing well and enjoying retirement. Ann has a wonderful talent; she still paints and has shows. The Grimms have 5 grown "kids." Unfortunately, Ann doesn't have e-mail so can't communicate with any of us "online." Those of us who have computers have found it a great way to stay in touch with our family and friends. Just a hint to write, Ann, as I haven't heard from you in quite a while. **Frances Wannerstrom Clark** sent a photo of herself in the lush lobby entrance of the Wynn Las Vegas Hotel. She was attending a 5-day U. of Las Vegas course, *Behind the Scenes in Vegas*. It sounded interesting and she found it great fun as well as most informative. Fran was on her way to a reunion in Tucson with her 2 fabulous daughters. To keep her always-present wanderlust alive, Fran enjoyed a special Alaskan



Ann Wylie Jarrett '48 poses with some friends she made in Antarctica.



(L to r) Joan Boyd Veazey '48 MT, Janet Sargent Russell '49 MT, Nancy Nespor Wilbur '49 MT and Dr. Joan Peterson '49 MT met recently for a luncheon at the Nashua Country Club. The group gets together 2-3 times a year.

cruise with her daughters and 2 granddaughters. In Aug. 2007, she had 3 heavenly weeks in Tuscany enjoying lots of art and some wonderful pasta dishes. Her comment: "Life is good at home as well as on the road!" Nancy Dexter Aldrich and Roger began their Christmas letter about the time the sun was about to peak through a small cleft in the rocks of Franconia Ridge in NH. The sun has shined through that same little notch for 10,000 years since the last ice age when a glacier carved the notch. Winter Solstice had arrived. The Aldriches can stand in their front yard and hold the sunlight in the palms of their hands at precisely 7:53 am on Dec. 21 each year. Thus begins the shortest day and the longest night of the year. On Christmas day, Nancy and Roger join other family members at their various homes. The day starts at Nancy's with a pancake breakfast and a noontime brunch, dinner at one of Roger's sisters, finishing with dessert, music, and carols at another of his sister's. There was a thaw right after Christmas but plenty of snow by Valentine's Day. Nancy was able to do some cross-country skiing but hated having to bundle-up in her old coon coat just to go to her mailbox. In March, their musically talented grandson, Chris, a cornet player, travelled to South Africa with Milton Academy's Jazz Group to perform and play for African students. He unfortunately lost his camera but friends took enough pictures for the rest of the Aldrich family to travel

vicariously to SA. Come spring, Nancy's oldest daughter and her husband did some structural remodeling, added new lighting and plumbing, and, though hindered by late winter snow and cold, they completed the task before the springtime opening

of the family's Polly's Pancake Parlor. In June, they spent a week in Boothbay, ME. They day-sailed on a schooner, explored 2 narrow gauge railroads, and made a trip to the Owl's Head, ME, Transportation Museum on Penobscot Bay to see replicas of antique airplanes. On their 58th anniversary, they woke up to the sound of surf breaking on the rocks of the Cliff House in Ogunquit, ME. They've found that increasing age has made it very difficult to launch or trailer their own little sailboat, Wings of the Morning, so decided to put it up for sale. They commented that perhaps it was time for a Viking Funeral. Katherine "Kay" Heinrich Clark lost her husband, Jim, to pneumonia right after his 82nd birthday. She's trying to put her life in order and will hopefully start traveling soon. She enjoys being on the board of the Brighten HS Alumni Association and has a lot of fun

with the activities. She ran the "40s Fling" for the second time in the fall. Sallie Fillebrown Hofmann writes that her husband passed away 9 years ago. Her 4 children and five grandchildren keep her busy. Janet "Westie" West Williams and Harry stayed at the New London Inn for our reunion. They love to visit the area and have a huge family reunion at Twin Lake Villa most every year. Sara "Sally" Ackerman Frey had a great letter from Westie. When Sally heard the Williams were going, she planned to try to fit in the 60th reunion. Sally has a sister living in Rutland, VT. The last time they came to our reunion, they stayed in VT then drove over to New London. This erudite couple always manages to keep busy and go to interesting meetings. They were at the U of Chicago to attend a conference of the Dictionary Society of North America. The meetings were



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fascinating and given by editors of various dictionaries. Both Freys repeated their stage roles in the Hutchinson School's production of "The Sound of Music"; Sally was a singing nun and Leonard spoke with a German accent playing the Nazi Admiral, Von Schreiber. Both Freys remain as part-time consultants and advisers to the school for 2008. They are delighted as it keeps them in contact with their former colleagues and students. In the fall, they attended Leonard's 62nd HS reunion in PA and had an unbelievable visit with his 1st grade teacher before continuing on to New Haven, CT, for Leonard's 55th reunion from Yale Divinity School. While there, Sally visited old friends before continuing on to Litchfield, CT, for a visit with Sally's brother. They then headed to VT to visit her sister. Before leaving the NE area, they stopped in Cape Cod and other parts of MA to see more family. Last stop was the Little Inn in Washington, VA. This inn is famous for having one of the Top 10 Best Restaurants in the World. Last, but not least, they celebrated their 55th anniversary and Sally's birthday with a trip to Sea Island, GA. In their spare time, Leonard is a lector and sings in the choir at St. Mary's Cathedral. Sally is in charge of the distribution of the altar flowers to the sick and homebound. That's the news for now but you may be interested in this poll taken by Classmates.com. Out of 40,000 people polled, 94% want to hear from old friends, 76% want to reconnect, 72% would do things differently if they could go back and do it all over again, 42% will attend to see the success/struggles of their friends, 28% will buy a new outfit for reunion, 18% will

diet before the reunion, and 12% might consider lying about their personal life, including family, marriage, kids, or divorce.

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1949

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1950

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"Where do the years go?" asks **Lindy Clapp Macfarland** from NY. She and Will are happy to be active. She writes, "It is amazing that the grandchildren are grown up now. Have 4 granddaughters in college and 2 grandsons in high school. No wonder we look older! Hope we all make it to our 60th." **Marilyn Smith Hooper** has 2 of her 3 children and grandchildren living nearby in FL. She is a breast cancer survivor and looks forward to each day. For 3 months of summer she enjoys the VT family home.

Gretchen Siegfried Nymoer met and married a wonderful man at their retirement community in CA. Both were widowed, lonely and have much in common. They decided to merge households. They have taken several cruises—to Norway, Peru, the Mediterranean, and a month-long one last fall from LA to Sidney. Recently they cruised through the Panama Canal. Life is good. Gretchen's arthritis lingers and she tries to keep going. Next trip is to Buffalo for her 60th reunion, where they expect to visit with **Lindy Clapp Macfarland** and husband Will. Gretchen hopes to see us all at our 60th. **Joan "Lukie" Lucas Brandley** is in NJ at her winter home or at her shore cottage with family nearby. David passed

away a few years ago. Lukie visits her son and family when in FL. Her 2 daughters, **Cathy Cassidy O'Brien '78** and **Jill Cassidy Doelp '82**, are both CSC alumni. Lukie enjoys her children and 11 grandchildren, some of whom are "steps." She has been playing golf for 23 years. She serves on boards, the most recent being the Montclair board, including their benefit event for the elimination of drug abuse. Lukie's art work these days is mostly acrylic and water colors. In April she was in France at a chateau where previously she has vacationed. From CA, **Harriet "Hattie" Fitkin Hill** tells us that her 3 daughters and grandchildren always keep life interesting. Hattie traveled to Sicily last year and Tahiti this year. Summers are great vacation times in northern MI at the family compound with all the family. Hope to see you at our 60th, Hattie. **Nancy Palmer Reid** reports her sudden loss of Jack this year. Their 2 daughters live in Marshfield, MA, and Darien, CT. **Joan "Smitty" Smith Eastman** lives in NY in the home she and Gerry shared for many years. Their 3 children and 9 grandchildren are scattered over the country. Smitty skis throughout the season at her Stratton, VT, home, and plays duplicate bridge whenever possible. **Betty Alden Parker** honored me with her presence at holiday time. The day after Thanksgiving, Betty called to invite me to share lunch with her. We did an all-day lunchtime get together, and was it fun! Hope to see you again soon, Bet.



Marilyn "Chasie" Chase '52 relaxes poolside in Vero Beach, Fla.



MaryEm Bodman Kenner '51 with the youngest of her three granddaughters, 1 1/2-year-old Kathryn Bodman Whitney. She is dressed in her mother's childhood dress, bonnet and purse. MaryEm saves everything!

1951

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Anmarie Roessler Smith, her husband and 8-year-old Shih Tzu pooch, Bingo, still drive from East to West. NH is wonderful in the summer but AZ is much more attractive during the snow season in New England.

1952

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Carol Maitland Norbury writes that her husband, Tom, died in 1990 of metastatic prostate cancer. "I gave my 2 sons, Tom Jr. and Scott, building lots near my home on the Vineyard, so now we have a 'Norbury Compound.' Still enjoy providing medical transcriptions for a busy orthopedic practice via computer from the Islands and skiing with my friend, a retired orthopedic surgeon."

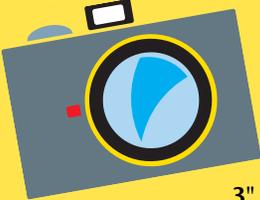
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1953

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Dear classmates, thanks so much for the very, very good response to my postcard. I will continue to write a column only if you send me your news. I will start with myself. Since Thom's death things have changed incredibly for me. My life has just stopped. After I had 2 strokes my family felt I should not be living alone so I have moved into elderly housing. I have a lovely apartment and now live on the main street which means I can walk to about everything I need. All the folks here seem to be old so I don't know how I was accepted since I'm not old! I had a lovely call from **Sally Hurl Phelps** to tell me she is well; she sends her best to all her classmates. **Marina Filides Latchis** had back surgery and has recovered nicely. She had been in FL all winter and returned to VT for the warm weather. **Suzanne Betts Burrell** writes, "Enjoying life on Cape Cod. Volunteer at the Museum of Natural History. Spent 3 months in a 20' R.V. in North Naples, FL, park in the winter. Love working in my gardens, walking and bike riding. So far, fit to do it all." All is well according to **Elizabeth La Gorce Kramer**. She still works in real estate in the DC metropolitan area, and has been a docent at the Smithsonian American Art Museum since 1976. Elizabeth is still biking and says her children and grandchildren (12) are all doing okay. **Helen Grove Haerle** says, "Just want everyone to know that I am the proud great-grandmother of 2 boys. They are exactly one year apart, born on Sept. 3 to my granddaughter, Amanda. Tyler is now one and Dylan is 4 weeks old. My husband, Rudi, and I traveled over to NH to visit them. What a joy!" **Joan Otis Peterson** celebrated her 75th birthday in Jan. She keeps busy volunteering with Meals on Wheels and also traveling—her last trip was to Iceland and she was thinking this year of visiting

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a nephew in Homer, AK. Joan still plays tennis at least twice a week and golf in the summer, but says she's still not as good as she'd like. **Nancy Bijur Wallace** shared some of the memorable experiences she had as wife to a naval physician who was stationed in Ethiopia, Egypt, Taiwan and India. In Ethiopia, where she lived for almost 5 years in the 1970s, their children went to a preschool near the mountain palace of Emperor Haile Selassie, and each morning they would follow behind the Emperor up the mountain to the school! Nancy taught English and assisted at the Museum at the University of Addis Ababa. She played tennis at a club and her family befriended a young Ethiopian who worked there. They taught him English and helped him immigrate to America, and now he is a big tennis pro in Hollywood who teaches a lot of the movie stars. While living in Egypt, Nancy fulfilled a childhood dream raising Arab horses at a farm facing the pyramids. She writes, "I only wish I could adequately describe the feeling we had while riding our horses watching the sun come up over the pyramids each morning almost touching the stars when camping at night in the desert." **Alison Faulk Curtis** writes, "Really enjoy living in New London. Lots offered especially with the college so close. I keep busy with lots of volunteer activities." Last year, Alison took an unforgettable trip to Australia and New Zealand. She and her family (14 of them) spent Christmas in the Rocky Mtn. National Forest in CO. She feels very blessed and wishes all of us the best. I talk to **Janet Arminio Connolly** almost daily. She has been a loyal support to me since

Thom's death. She was unable to attend our Reunion this year as she was travelling in Istanbul at the same time. Now from **Patricia Dobbs Montgomery**: "I love to hear what everyone is doing since I don't get to see very many here in CO. We have taken several river cruises with my roommate, **Barbara 'Bobbi' Johnston Rodgers**, and her husband, John, and it has been such fun being with them. We did the Great Rivers of Europe several years ago and this Spring, Holland and Belgium in bloom." **Ann Murdoch Cooper** says, "I'm not sure about your 'happy aging'! Having had a stent (heart) a year ago, knee injections, rotator cuff problems, etc., I'd go with just 'the aging.' Seriously, life is good—our 3 children live near us in October and 7 grandchildren. Our last trip was to Deer Valley, UT, to celebrate our 50th with family—probably our last but it was great." Heard also from **Ruth Sampson Clark**, who, along with husband Dick, had recently met **Audrey Davis Walker** for a "most enjoyable" lunch in Poughkeepsie. Ruth says, "This is something we had been trying to arrange for several years and were finally able to make it happen. Her husband was there, too and we hope to meet again soon." The longest distance award goes to **Anita Johnson Beselin**. She moved to Europe in 1960 and has had no contact with alumni from Colby Jr. days. Life continues to treat **Nancy Ober Batchelder** and her family kindly on Cape Cod. She traveled to Italy for 3 weeks last fall and keeps busy with golf and grandchildren. She and her husband, Earle, are planning their 50th wedding anniversary. **Victoria Sawdon Banghart** still lives in Elkhart Lake, where she

works part time at a gift shop, and spends part of the winter in Hilton Head. She is busy with the Milwaukee Art Museum, book club and trying to be a "real quilter." She keeps in touch with **Anita Johnson Beselin** in Cascais, Portugal, **Georgene Haney Champion** in suburban Chicago and **Ann Murdoch Cooper**. Keeping up with 5 children, 9 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild—how about that! Well, ladies, this is the best I can do. Please keep sending my news. **Sheila Welsh Tuller**, where are you? Love to you all.

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1954

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Hello everyone, and our thanks to those who sent a few lines for our column. I, **Jo-Anne Greene Cobban**, worked on a clean-up, discard, or give away project of household and personal items no longer in use over the winter, knowing we would have our usual stormy days that would produce results by staying inside until it was over. Put off long enough, but happy to report this year it worked. As I looked over the items brought home from CJC after graduation, I couldn't help wondering if you too held on to most of your souvenirs. The funny thing is that I've had most of them in use all these years and will probably keep it that way. The bookends are useful, the 2 different size mugs hold various items, the ashtray never used as such holds a plant pot in case the water should drip through, the CJC pin adorns my summer hat along with other pins from various traveled or visited places over the years. The yearbook and scrapbook of pictures, postcards are keepsakes and the blue blazer is checked over once a year along with a necklace and CJC logo but not worn. Anyone like to have a CJC logo necklace? Will ship. **Emily**

Spencer Breugh wrote, "Believe it or not I still have my CJC logo glass but the logo has worn off and, of course, my yearbook." Emily finds Sedona, AZ, her favorite vacation spot and last Dec. viewed the Red Rock and Tlaquepaque Festival of Lights—and it snowed! Mary Balzac sent a note saying she had a great visit with Sandra Davis Carpenter '55 and Bernie in Booth Bay, ME, along with Jane Shoemaker Storm '55 MT in the summer of '07. "We stopped for chowder and returned with Joanie Potter. Best vacation spot is where I live, as I have 3 daughters and family right here in the Bahamas." Harriet Johnson Toadvine writes that Naples, FL, is "a land of opportunity, so much to do that one cannot try to do it all. Many volunteer choices, and of course, there are the beaches." With no worry over traveling in stormy weather across the country, Harriet instead went on a Christmas cruise in the Caribbean. She recommends SeaDream II. Another southern gal, Anne Batchelor DeGrazia, reported that her trip with Joe to

St. Kitts was interesting, with the Atlantic on one side of the island and the Caribbean on the other. She enjoyed the style of island living. Shirley Wright Cantara sent her regrets to Jo-Anne about being unable to attend our high school reunion luncheon that was held in the fall of '07. It turned out her husband, Bill, was in the hospital for an operation and then 2 weeks later Shirley had a knee replacement. Things don't always work out as planned—but, we have discovered that a big reunion party isn't necessary any longer and we just might hold another luncheon at the same place again this year. Speaking of reunions, our 55th CSC reunion will be coming up in '09. If you missed the last one, will this be the year you plan to attend? Ann Rosenbach Scott sold their house in charming Wolfeboro, NH, in June '07 after making it their home for 30 years. She reports that West Ossipee is a flying community where the grass runway serves for take off and landings. Roger has a vintage airplane and a small helicopter

and will have the convenience of knowing they are close by in his hanger which is attached to their house. Pretty neat arrangement. Ann and Roger will be celebrating their 53rd anniversary this Sept. and both enjoy good health. Ann has enjoyed selling furniture part time for the last 12 years at Parsons Furniture. It's always nice to hear about someone else's long distance trip that tells a bit more than the brochure. Anne Dwyer Milne writes, "If anyone is looking for an unusual place to visit, I highly recommend the United Arab Emirates. Three of us signed onto a small group tour with Travel Concepts International. We stayed in hotels in Dubai and Abu Dhabi, the latter being the capital of the 7 emirates. Oil has been the factor in changing these poor small desert sheikdoms into a very wealthy federation on the Arabian Peninsula. Among the things which we found so fascinating is the way huge palm shaped islands are being created out of sand and rock. On the islands are being built very large condo complexes and resorts.



Colby-Sawyer Flashback: We heard from many of you after the photo above appeared on page 50 of the winter 2008 Alumni Magazine, and we received a number of conflicting reports concerning who was pictured. But we think we've finally nailed it down, thanks to the help of Ida Cuneo Brandt and Midge Dexter Ayars, both of whom recognized themselves in the photo! Pictured are (l to r) Ida Cuneo Brandt, Nancy Johnson Ballard, Midge Dexter Ayars, Helen Johnson Sargent and Percilla Horridge Savacool, all members of the class of 1954. According to Midge, the photo was taken for a poster for the opening of the King Ridge Ski Area, while Ida seemed to remember the photo being taken at Mt. Sunapee. Anyone else have memories of this?

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The architecture throughout the Emirates is amazing; but what is being planned by well know international architects is even more amazing. The yet to be built Frank Gehry Guggenheim will be spectacular. Dubai presently has the world's tallest building, but it will not be topped off until they are sure no other country will challenge it! Yes, there was a lot of over the top glitz, but it still is fascinating to see what unlimited money can accomplish. After we returned from these 10 days in Dec., I saw the Elderhostel has a trip to the UAE which includes Oman, and also is not at an outlandish price. There are several small ship cruises that cover this area of the Persian Gulf. Go and enjoy!" If anyone subscribed to the *National Geographic* or watched a television special on the way this area has been developed, it is easier to visualize just what Anne has been describing. We are not short of pictures on TV of the great amount of snowfall in CO this past year. ME, NH and VT skiers had one of the best conditions/length of season for their favorite sport. It's especially interesting that many skiers are giving their time and talent to assist children and adults with disabilities in learning how much enjoyment they can get from the great outdoors. Margot Thompson is one of those people; she just completed her 40th year in teaching skiing to children with disabilities. Great job, Margot. For a change of pace, Margot will accompany Anne Milne on an Oct. trip to China. A correction on the last alumni issue regarding Dr. H. Leslie Sawyer, President of CJC. He was an usher the first day of the opening of the New London Barn Playhouse on July 12, 1938,

not 1983. Hello, classmates, **Glenice Hobbs Harmon** here! Interesting to hear from a few of you about good vacation spots like **Barbara Dennett Howard** and her husband, who visited friends in Vancouver, BC, and found the area of Whistler especially gorgeous. This is where the 2010 Winter Olympics will be held. Last Spring **Janet Hofmann Hansen** volunteered at The Flower Fields in Carlsbad, CA; she mentions the 50 acres of ranunculus blooming on a hillside overlooking the Pacific Coast. Yes, a beautiful display which my daughter and I enjoyed when we visited relatives in San Diego 7 years ago. I spent a fun day with **Barbara Knight Price** in Carlsbad and she and I went to The Flower Fields. You've already read about **Anne Dwyer Milne's** fascinating trip to The Arab Emirates. Far nearer to home, she reminds us that the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester, NH, opened its exciting new addition in March. My daughter and I so enjoyed seeing all the exhibits there. **Jean Cragin Ingwersen's** note mentions seeing **Anne Dwyer Milne** and also **Barbara Schafe Blumenthal** and Tom in FL where they were playing golf. So glad **Margaret "Peg" Lewis Moreland** sent us news of changes in New London. Peg still lives at Woodcrest, which is an addition to Dr. Bill Clough's house. She looks out to the side of the old Shepard Barn and even in late March saw only snow banks—no daffodils! The New London Fire Dept did a controlled burn on Seaman's House, known to Colby Jr. alumni as Cranehurst. Lisa Crockford's house on Barrett Rd. burned early one morning, but she was not home. She is the daughter of Claire and Dick Crockford. **Dorothy Colburn Holstine** and Jon celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. Jon continues teaching and on occasion travels to the Far East relating to education ventures with Chinese and American Indians. They are both active in local church. Their grandchildren are a blessing. **Barbara Knight Price** and Jack celebrated their 50th anniversary along with 60 of their family, including all their "kids," grand-

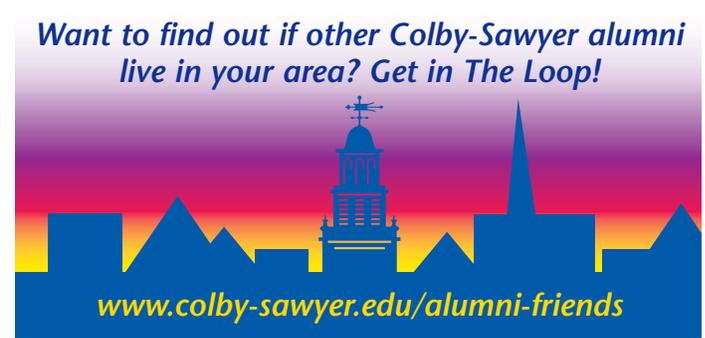
kids, and one great-grandchild. **Frannie Pryor Haws** and Bob celebrated their 53rd anniversary. Their eldest great-grandchild is in 2nd grade and 4 others follow her. Frannie volunteers at their local hospital, plays golf, and does some kayaking and fishing. **Janet Rich Nixon** writes that by the end of March in New Boston, NH, they had 120" of snow. It would have allowed her to ski her forest trails, but most of her outdoor exercising time was spent with a shovel, snow-blowing tractor, or a twin baby sleigh that was fun to push around at her 13-year-old granddaughter's ski races. Janet has experienced a miraculous blessing because her daughter, Leslie (named because of fond memories of President H. Leslie Sawyer), who tragically lost their 15-year-old son in a school drowning, gave birth naturally and at full term to healthy twins in May 2007—a boy and a girl! Congratulations to you, your daughter and family, Janet!

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1955

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I first want to thank Tracy at CSC for sending out that great e-mail to all of you for me...it worked! **Barbara Curtis Sturgeon** was the first to write—all the way from the West Coast. She has lost touch with many of her Colby friends, though does keep in touch with **Nancy Fisher Kerr**, **Rosie Carhart Keenan** and **Elaine Gilman**. They all met in Buzzards Bay where Nancy lives, and had a great mini reunion. Barb's husband, Bill, is now retired from the Navy, and they chose to remain in Coronado, CA. They have a daughter and grandson in TX and a son in Ft. Lauderdale. Both Barb and Bill keep busy with many activities, and are planning a river cruise in Europe in the fall. The next to write was **Nancy Fisher Kerr**, who also mentioned the mini reunion held at her place on the Cape a couple of years ago. She said that they all had such fun



reliving old times at Colby. Nancy's family is spread all over the USA—a son who is an art dealer in FL; a daughter who is an MRI tech in SC; another daughter in Chicago; and a son who is a clinical psychologist and lives nearby on the Cape. Nancy has 7 grandchildren and was expecting her first great-grandchild this April. Now retired from the medical field, Nancy keeps busy working "just for fun" at a historic home in Plymouth as a curator. That sounds like so much fun! Not so much fun is that Nancy has been undergoing cancer treatment for the past 3 years. I know that the whole class hopes that things are going very well. The medical secretaries of our class are great correspondents, as the next one I heard from was **Nan Wilkins Kaplan**, who with her husband, Don, has moved from CT to Andover, NH (8 miles outside New London). Nan and Don celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 2007—Congrats to you both! They spent a week celebrating with their entire family at Taconnet on Great Pond in the Belgrade Lakes in ME. Their 3 children and spouses and 6 grandchildren were all there—lots of swimming, hiking, tennis, and—best of all—someone else to do the cooking! Don and Nan both work out 3 times a week at the Hogan Center on the CSC campus and take Adventures in Learning courses at the college. They really enjoy living near our *alma mater*! Nan and I are planning to get together for lunch soon, as we are equal-distance from Hanover—so will get together in that area probably... I look forward to that! **Marcia Symmes Harmon** writes that she had a very busy winter traveling. She left Cape Porpoise, ME, in mid Feb., spent a night in

Boston, and then flew out to Puerto Rico where she joined 2 of her daughters, one son-in-law, and 2 granddaughters on a cruise to the southern Caribbean. When they got back to San Juan, she then flew to St Croix for 3 weeks. While there she connected with a friend of 42 years—a gentleman who was a friend of both Marcia and her first husband, Chuck. Marcia comments that life does take many twists and turns, and she and her friend will meet in ME for the summer! She also keeps in touch with **Nancy Petke Silverstein**, seeing her at least twice a year. Perhaps, Marcia, you can convince Nancy to write so I can let folks know what she has been doing over the past years. Living on the Cape has kept **Mary Jane "Mimi" Downes Watson** very busy. She has her own tax preparation business, helps out a CPA, and teaches a course in medical assisting at the Cape Cod Community College. She adds that the tax business has been an adjunct to other things, that the medical field had been her real profession for years. She claims that her life probably sounds boring, as she didn't get married until rather late, so has no children or grandchildren. Mimi travels to San Francisco twice a year with her husband to visit his 92-year-old mother, who is still going strong! While there she also visits her godson, Steve Cassel, who, along with his brother Tom, lives in the Bay Area. They are the sons of **Joan Banning Cassel**. She has another godson, Peter Rizzo, a doctor in NY, who is the son of **Joan Nichols Rizzo '56**. Mimi says that these 2, along with her other 2 godchildren, are "her" kids, and she loves indulging them in ways that only a wannabe parent can. How lucky

can they be! **Polly Parsons Nash** is another classmate whom Mimi enjoys seeing on occasion. It was wonderful hearing from everyone. Please keep notes, cards, letters, e-mails coming. I know that many of us feel that we've been remiss in keeping our pledges made so many years ago to "keep in touch." Well, this is a great way to do it. I am more than happy to pass along any and all news!

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1956

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Thanks to all you wonderful gals who sent Christmas letters and cards and to those who responded to my e-mail. **Joan Elberfeld Ensor** took a Caribbean cruise in Feb., which the Land Surveyors Workshop had organized. Unfortunately Joan had an arthritic knee, which prevented her from taking advantage of everything offered, although she did go ashore for sightseeing and shopping. The trip took them to Belize, Costa Maya, Cozumel and Nassau. Upon returning via the Miami airport they decided to see their home in Puerto Morelos, which they have had since 1980. There have been many changes in 28 yrs! Joan had a total knee replacement in April and said the recovery was slow. Lots of us can relate to that statement! Joan has a grandson who takes classes online at DeVry Institute but lives and works in Newport News, VA. Joan and Doug celebrated their 52nd anniversary in Oct. with a fun trip to Las Vegas and came home owning a time share at the Tahiti Village! They can use their week at the Village

or any of the many resorts around the world or take a cruise at 2 tickets for the price of one. Sounds like a super deal, Joan—Enjoy! **Barbara Brown Barrett** and Charles have had a good year catching up with their Marine friends at several reunions in MD, VA, and TN. Their oldest son is back with his family after Army reserve duty in TX. **Joan Cochran Pelletier** spent 3 months this winter in CA with her daughter Susan and family (3 grands). While visiting Las Vegas she went to WA State to see her son and his wife. Joan looks forward to returning home to CT to see all her friends and her other son and family (1 grand). **Judith Davis Somers** works one day a week in the sheriff's office in Aiken, SC. She loves working in the records department, the only place she hears real Southern accents! At Halloween they handed out 700 bags of candy to the children who came to the office. It's too bad *Southern Living* doesn't do a story about the great job these ladies do. Judith says she misses CT, her home for so many years, but Aiken is now home and she loves all the South has to offer. Someday I might call you, Judith, as that area is on our list of trips—Ed and I are Civil War buffs and that part of the country is so interesting. Judith has added on to her house and now has 2 master suites so, as they say in the South, come on down! The year after her Sam passed away, **Nancy Morris Adams** traveled the globe visiting family and their many friends. She is back home in NH caring for her daughter, who has severe problems, and trying to help her get her life back on track. In Aug., Nancy, along with family and friends, gathered in UT to celebrate what would have been their 50th anniversary. **Maggie Granger DeLuca** loves retirement

living in CO. They have 7 grandchildren who all live in CO as well, which is great. **Sandy Liberty** writes from the beautiful lake region of NH that her daughter and family (2 grands) are moving back to their home in MA a year after fire destroyed much of the interior. In March Sandy planned a trip to New Zealand to visit her son and family (1 grandson). Last year Sandy and her CJC roommate, **Ann Brown Williams**, spent a wonderful few days in ME and vow to get together more often. If you come near Brunswick, Sandy, give a call! Sandy now works as a home helper for the mother of a friend she grew up with and loves it. She writes, "Life is good and I'm happy and healthy—can't ask for anything more." **Sarah Rudy Terhune** and Frank enjoy their new home of 1 year and keep very busy. They celebrated their 50th anniversary with a trip to Montreal with their children and grandchildren. **Judy Tinsman White's** father recently passed away at the age of 102! He was the oldest living Lafayette grad and was still writing the class notes until none of his class was left. Judy says that I have many class notes left to write! She and I hoped to have lunch this summer and catch up. Last May, Judy had a knee replacement in Miami and her son took such good care of her she is returning for Christmas. **Marsha Smoller Winer** and Nate were off in April for a tour of Jacksonville, the islands off GA, Savannah, Hilton Head, and finally to Charleston, NC. In Oct. they will travel to Egypt where Nate has been on business several times. Nate still has friends in Cairo who look forward to seeing him again and meeting Marsha. She says at one time she would have been worth 3 camels but now maybe only 1! Good news from **Sally Marker Hayward**: her back surgery has been postponed indefinitely. In May she and Don were attending their granddaughter's graduation in CO, and then on a DBH tour of UT, NV, AZ and NM. **Nancy Calder Sege** spends winters in AZ and summers in Marblehead, MA, where her 2 sons and their families also live. Nancy has 3 grandsons and was expecting her first granddaughter in July. Nancy lost her

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Bob in '07 but keeps busy with golf, travel and is enjoying life. She took a wonderful cruise last fall from Barcelona to Monte Carlo, and she loves gambling in Las Vegas! **Ann Boyd Seidel** writes that they visited some friends from Jackson, WY, who have a home in New London adjacent to the college. Can't think of a more beautiful spot for you to visit, Ann! While in New London, Ann had lunch with **Paula Anderson Bothfeld**. I had a wonderful, unexpected call from **Arlene Annan Demoss** bringing me up to date on her traveling life. Imagine her surprise when she and Rich ran into Paula Bothfeld and Hank while on a cruise on the Danube from Budapest to Passau! Arlene says they had such fun catching up. She and Rich love their RV and joined Adventure Caravans at the New Orleans rally during Mardi Gras. They did all the wild activities, saw many parades, and toured Mardi Gras World where the floats are made. Arlene has 11 grandchildren ranging in age from 2–19. She had a nice reunion, via e-mail, with Marsha Winer. She would welcome anyone who comes thru San Jose. **Carol Molander Linsley** was very impressed with the last *Alumni Magazine* with its wonderful, interesting articles and bright colors and graphics. Colby-Sawyer has an excellent Art Dept. and very talented students. In the near future the Sawyer Arts Center will undergo much needed renovations and improvement of space, which will only enhance the arts at Colby-Sawyer. Recently Carol had a nice visit with **Pat Anderson Little**, who is going through some health problems. Carol says

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Pat looks good and is upbeat but needs to regain her strength. Pat lives in Old Saybrook, CT, **Pat Foster Moll** lives nearby in Old Lyme and Carol is in Guilford. When schedules permit the 3 gals like to lunch together. Carol and Ralph were enjoying a 10-day cruise to Belize in March. She said it would be nice to enjoy some warm, sunny weather!

Anyone who lives in New England can relate to that! She had arthroscopic knee surgery in Oct. so it didn't take long for her to be back on the slopes! Another grandchild was due in June for them. Their oldest son and wife were unexpectedly expecting! She says there is a closet full of bags going back to their children so she just pulls out age-appropriate things. Never give such things away! On April 4 Carol was attending a Colby-Sawyer alumni council meeting. She looked forward to seeing **Nancy Morris Adams** and others who have an active interest in our wonderful college. Carol very much enjoys being part of the council and urges other classmates to inquire about serving. Good to hear from **Ellie Kent Chastain** who still is in beautiful Sarasota. Ellie and Jim were hoping to buy a condo but there was a restriction on dogs over 20 lbs and since their beloved "Happy" is over 60 lbs...back to square one. In June they were off to Torrey Pines (Golf Open) and in Sept. to Toronto for their 5th International Film Festival. Ellie met **Judy Oglee Sanders** for lunch and she looks great. **Diane Longmaid Kelly '55** was one class ahead of us at Colby-Sawyer; she's now terminally ill with lung cancer and is in hospice care. Ellie planned to visit her in Norwalk, CT, in late April and hoped to also visit with Diane's daughters. Ellie continues

to be a hospice volunteer and tutors 1st and 5th graders at a local elementary school in Reading. **Ruth Rissland Kreuter** and her husband were taking a cruise from FL through the Panama Canal to L.A., then visiting 2 of their children that live in CA. They do not regret missing the winter weather. Till next time, Nancy.

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Ann Reynolds Smith writes, "I left VT in 1999 and moved to AZ, where I had worked in the '60s during my married days. I ran for office of a guest ranch—a job I managed to get with no experience! Met a cowboy, fell madly in love and about 8 years later divorced him! I returned to VT and worked with Southwicks for 20 years and then a CPA for another 12 years before retiring and returning to AZ, where I was going to stay forever. Never say never! In 2006, I decided I missed the seasons and seeing a little snow. So in Sept. I moved to Eldorado just outside of Santa Fe. Love it! During my VT years I played a lot of golf and some of it was tournament golf. I ran into **Liz Allen Swim** at Stowe at a tournament and she urged me to return to my 35th St. Mary's in the Mountains reunion—I did and as a result I reunited with my 1st year roommate at CJC, **Anne Carty Rogers**." While in AZ Ann also volunteered at the Desert Caballeros Western Museum in Wickenburg and now is in Santa Fe where she works

the "emergency help" at Medicine Man Gallery. She is also on the board of a group known as the Friends of Hubbell. "We run 2 auctions a year at the Hubbell Trading Post in Ganado, AZ, to help raise money for scholarships for deserving Native Americans and to make contributions that will help HTP. At the moment I am trying to set up an 'Adopt a Sheep' program to raise money so that HTP can continue their program of raising churro sheep, which have been reintroduced to the reservation. I love working with the Navajo and Hopi when they bring their rugs, pots, kachinas, etc. in for the auction the week before when I write up their contracts. It is obvious that I have not followed interior design which I majored in after Colby! But I have had a full, fun and happy life meeting many wonderful people and I hope I have contributed something that has helped others in their life. I find that family and friends are more than happy to plan a vacation that brings them to Santa Fe! My guest room is always made up...and many times occupied." **Robin McDougal** writes that she "returned from 18 beautiful days in New Zealand in Feb., where she rode her bike with 18 other hearty souls for a week, then rode independently to Dunedin and Stewart Island to bird watch." **Suzanne Vander Veer** has been recovering from a broken foot since last summer. However, she has put together 2 trips: one in April to Holland and Belgium's "Tulips & Windmills" for 12 women; and a couples' trip to Egypt, The Nile, Jordan and Jerusalem in Oct. She keeps busy with her singing group, Jr. League, and The Cosmopolitan Club, and is also a Stephen Minister. **Eunice Haugan Fly**: "The biggest news in my life these days is that at age 70 I have my 1st grandchild! India Grace Clause was born in London on Jan. 2. Good things are worth waiting for." **Doris Miller Brosius** writes, "Still doing lots of traveling. My husband and I wrote a book, *Hand Me Down*, a travelers' notebook. It's had 2 editions and has kept us busy. I'm still working in the interior design profession." She reminisced about our summers on

Cape Cod and our friendship with **Janice Eaton Atkins**. **Barbara Tucker** writes that she sees **Nancy Hoyt Langbein '56** often at the Bowdoin women's hockey games. "I am recovering from a right knee replacement caused by a ski injury 48 years ago and reinjured hiking a year ago. We'll hike in England in Sept. '08." **Sandy Dennis Allen** is still enjoying FL. She says that Charlie constructed a huge barn in MA this past winter. **Polly Cross D'Arche** writes, "My address hasn't changed for 41 years, but it's nearing time to move on; now I have to wait out the real estate slump, but at least no one's chasing me. My 2 beautiful sons have blessed me with 2 wonderful daughters-in-law who each produced a set of twins. The identical girls in Chicago are 6 and think Grammy Polly is pretty neat. Our newest, a girl and a boy, were one in Dec. and are local. I just wish I were 10 years younger!" I know how you feel, Polly, as an older grandma myself. **Eva Lorange Mitchell** writes, "I am scheduled for deep brain stimulation surgery on March 31, 2008, in Ashville, NC, in hopes of getting relief from symptoms of Parkinson's Disease, which I have had for more than 11 years. The surgery does not cure or slow the progressions of the disease, but does provide relief from some of the most bothersome symptoms." **Mary Gilmore Miller** says, "In our retirement years, Dick and I spend 6 months in Vero Beach, FL, and 6 months at our winter home in Old Lyme, CT. We enjoy 4 grandchildren, from 8 to 13 years." My old pal, **Deborah Kent Springer**, recently returned from a 2-week pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan. She says they visited the usual holy sites and met with Palestinian Christians (even staying in a Palestinian home one night). They met with Elias Chacour, the Israeli Archbishop, plus a member of the Parliament. Deborah writes, "We were saddened by the terrible conflicts among the Jews, Muslims and Christians and how their lives are affected." **Donna Younger MacKay**: "My husband died from cancer 13 years ago. I keep busy volunteering for the Highland Park Hospital. My grandsons

are now 13 and 14 years old, and come here often from Cincinnati. We all like to see places in Chicago, especially Chinatown." **Carolyn Wilson** reports that all is well at the farm and that they took advantage of the snowfall to cross-country ski on their trails. Their last big trip was to the kingdom of Tonga in the South Pacific to visit daughter Jennifer and family, where it was summer below the equator. The people are poor and the beaches are beautiful. Their daughter and son-in-law teach in a Baha'i School. Carolyn was off to Hawaii for 9 days at the end of winter. "My volunteer job, working for the Community Caregivers, driving senior citizens is going well. My spiritual work as a minister is performing marriages, of which I have 10 so far for 2008. I enjoy the new and older wedding couples and sharing their stories and goals." **Ellen Fotter Jamison** writes: "I will be returning to Kenya for the 7th time since my first visit in Sept. 2004, after retiring from 27 years at an investment firm. The last 3 visits I have rented an apartment in Nairobi. As we have heard, there has been trouble in Kenya, but it seems like they are working out their problems. I enjoy getting to know the Kenyans and I am struggling to learn Swahili. Fortunately their English is very good. The climate in Nairobi is perfect, unlike this past ME winter. I've been in contact with **Barbara Chandler Kimm** and **Elizabeth 'Ducky' Malloy Robinson**, and we were surprised to find that we had cataract surgery the same week!" **Emily Shepard Riddell** is living on a houseboat in Sausalito, CA. In the summer, she travels in a 24' motor home, while pursuing her photography career (www.emilyriddell.com). She

has been married to her husband, Stuart, for 48 years and has 2 children and 4 grandchildren. **Susan Wheeler Olson** writes that Ed and she have lived in Sneedville in east TN, where the people are friendly and helpful, for almost 2 years. They have beautiful foliage and 80-90° summers with low humidity. They don't miss the FL heat and hurricane threats. Lots of birds and deer to watch on their property. **Mary Lou Levy** retired from teaching 2 years ago and has traveled quite a bit in the contiguous USA. Last summer she traveled with 3 friends to China and then to Thailand, and was even able to squeeze a 10-day cruise to AK. **Bobbie Soutelle Stewart** has 4 grandchildren and planned a family reunion trip to Ireland this summer. For 10 years she has been on the Bridgewater, NJ, County Mental Health Board and works as a guidance counselor in an alternative high school. She still sees **Marion Morse Nichols** and **Carol McMahon Ehnat**. As for me, **Jill Booth Macdonell**: I forgot to mention last time that President Woodman's father was our family physician in Franklin, NH, for 3 generations. I've recently been e-mailing **Judy Abbe Madden** in the Denver area—she's such a good writer and so funny. I visited my dear friend, **Janice Eaton Atkins**, and Court in San Antonio in Dec. We went to their weekend place, all built by Courtney and their son, Parker, and decorated so artfully by Janice. Their daughter, Andrea, entertained us at their Texas style ranch. I'm infatuated with that TX! It's a great privilege to write this newsletter and I thank you all for sending your news.

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Judy Cameron Barwood lives in White River Junction, VT, with husband Wendell. They have 3 children: Jonathan, who lives in Phoenix, AZ, is a tattoo artist who owns Sacred Skin Studio; Justin is married with 3 children, lives next door in White River Junction, and is an executive in Kinney-Pike Insurance Agency; Sarah is married with 2 daughters (one named Colby!), lives in Louisville, KY, and is a horse trainer/riding instructor. Judy enjoys riding horseback and owns 2 Morgan horses. She also likes golfing, paddle tennis, quilting, genealogy and spending time with the grandchildren. She returned to CSC in Jan. 2006 as a part-time student in the History, Society, Culture program working towards her BA and hopes to graduate (again!) in 2009. **Joyce Robinson Bridgman** writes, "We are excited that our youngest daughter will be getting married in Oct. Wedding plans are coming along nicely. Our other 2 children have presented us with 3 granddaughters, 2 of which are Master Jugglers (grades 7 and 5). The 3rd is in the 1st grade. I retired from Med Teching several years ago and continue giving beginning piano lessons. Jim has recently retired from full-time teaching and is now tutoring at 2 high schools in the vicinity and has a few private ones as well. We have enjoyed traveling to various places in Europe over the years but lately have been hiking in different parts of New England—mostly in CT. We have decided that CT is one big rock pile and although her hills aren't especially high, they can be very steep! We are actively involved in our church and directing the handbell choir has been a rewarding challenge." **Nancy Wiesner Conkling** and husband John live in New Hampton, NH, and have 3 sons: Cas, 43, Sam, 40, and Robert, 37. All 3 sons and their families,

including 6 grandchildren, live within 5 miles. Nancy and John like to ski, camp, fish, play tennis, canoe, kayak, and travel. Last summer they spent 3 weeks camping in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. Nancy serves on the New Hampton Conservation Commission and is a permanent Trustee of the Chocorua Chapel Association on Squam Lake. She was secretary of Lakes Region Chapter of Audubon Society of NH for over 25 years, and has been a director of both the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center and the Squam Conservation Society. **Joan Karl Kelley** writes, "Jack and I have been coming to FL for the past 12 years for the winter months, where we reside in Vero Beach. We are active volunteers at the Indian River Medical Center in the Emergency Dept. Jack golfs while I belong to the Garden Club, where I've been the secretary for the past 2 years. In CT for 6 months, Jack golfs and helps me in our large perennial gardens. I also belong to the Goshen Garden Club and do horticulture therapy. Kayaking on the lake we live on is a favorite pastime. Also visiting our kids and grandkids in CO and CT and one more will be coming in NY City." **Sandy McBeth** is very busy. She has been a realtor with Maxfield Real Estate since 1989, and is currently on the Board of Trustees for Huggins Hospital in her home of Wolfeboro, NH. She says digging has begun for the new hospital, which will take 2-3 yrs. to complete and is a big challenge all round. She is also involved in the reconstruction of the town hall, and her church recently completed the most "green" building in the whole town—The All Saints Outreach Building. Sandy is on the Board of "The Friends Of Music," a group that has brought in 8-10 performances to the town each year since 1936. She enjoys traveling to visit her 2 sons and their families, in Portland, OR, and Jacksonville, FL. Her 3 grandchildren are in FL, just a bit far, she says, for all the baseball games. **Carol Diem Recht** enjoys her lovely home in Newtown, CT, with a huge garden, Christmas tree farm, and large deck to watch the sunsets over the Berkshire Hills. She retired in

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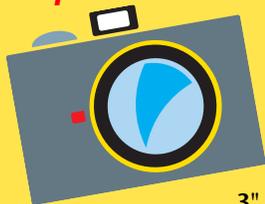
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2006, the same year that, sadly, she lost her dear husband, Richard. She has a rich reservoir of friends and neighbors, and belongs to Walnut Hill Community Church in Bethel, but is contemplating moving to FL. Carol writes, "My main goal at present is downscaling 30 years of accumulation. When I am settled, I hope to travel, visit grandchildren, take some college courses, garden, write stories, ride my bike to the beach, read by the pool, play bridge, join a book club, quilt, knit, play some tennis, study the Scriptures, live by them if I can, tutor a child, and teach somebody English." **Judy Martin Royce** lives in Reading, MA, where she is active in the Garden Club. She is a member of Masterworks Chorale, a musical organization in the Boston area, and has toured with them in concerts globally. Judy loves to travel or simply relaxing by a beautiful lake. She plays golf and is in a league but insists she's no athlete!

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Three days from the official start of spring, we still have 3 feet of snow in our front yard. Living in New London, you either learn to love snow and enjoy winter sports or leave for a winter vacation in warmer regions. Bruce and I have lived in New London full time for 6 years now.

We have a midweek pass at Sunapee and enjoy cross country skiing. Six of our grandchildren live in MA and 2 others in NM. Our oldest grandchild is off to college next year—now that really makes me feel old. We travel often: to Tanzania this June for a safari with our oldest 2 grandchildren; last July to the Grand Canyon on an intergenerational Elder Hostel trip with an 11- and 12-year-old grandchild. I'm involved with Habitat, John Hay Historical site, a mentoring program for new mothers and as a "host" family to a young woman at CSC from Lithuania. Summers I can be found in my garden, kayaking and hiking. Life is good. Thanks to all who took the time to respond to my e-mails. I don't have e-mails for all of our classmates. If you would care to send me yours, I would love to have it, and will make sure it gets to the Alumni Office. **Priscilla Tufts Bartle** reports that she has 6 grandchildren, and has been married 45 years. She still works 30 hours a week at an Early Intervention/Developmental Day School in Andover, MA, where she has been for 30 years. "Guess I will have to retire at some point, but I love being around 2 and 3 year olds and we have a super staff of teachers, nurses and therapists." She had a big surprise last fall when **Judy Anderson** called late one Sat. afternoon. She and Jack were in downtown Andover for a game their granddaughter was in at Phillips Academy. They had a wonderful visit. She sees **Marilyn Winn Goodwin** a couple of times a year. She plans to return for our 50th. **Marion "Pinty" Henshaw Hauck** also plans to come to our 50th. Pinty fills her life with as much as she can—Treasurer of the Littleton, MA, Historical Society, developing a real interest in history and attending 2 sessions of "One-day University" in MA. She attended an Elderhostel service trip to Belize for dolphin research followed by a 3 day extension into the mainland to visit the jungle. The Amalfi coast, Kiawah, SC, vacation home on Kingswood Lake in NH, an Elderhostel trip to FL to canoe 3 rivers, Hawaii, and a visit to CA to visit her son rounded out the year for travelling. She says meeting lots

of nice widows on these trips is great. **Cate Gold Hubbard** is another resident of New London when the weather is nice—and Scottsdale, AZ, when it isn't. They drive back and forth varying their routes with each trip. She and her husband did a sea and land cruise of AK last fall. She spends a lot of time making quilts for various grand nieces and nephews. Another yes for our reunion. **Denise Ribert Praz** says she is one of those women who keeps reinventing herself. In 1961 she graduated from Wheelock College, married Richard Praz, Harvard MBA. Family includes 3 children and 4 grandchildren. She has been a kindergarten and 2nd grade teacher, training manager at Philadelphia National Bank, and training director for CBS and Sheraton. In retirement she works as a sales associate for Coldwell Banker in Bonita Springs/Estero, FL. Because of Dick's Parkinson's they are unable to travel anymore. They live in a continuous care retirement facility. **Carole Hamell Wenthen** was planning a trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, to meet some friends. In preparation she is taking Spanish at a senior enrichment program. She also volunteers at the Gage House, a historic home in Fayetteville. She and **Marilyn Winn Goodwin** are still in touch via e-mail and discuss family, Colby connections and the books they've read. They both plan to be at our 50th. **Becky Stout Hennigan** writes that she and her husband, Warren, moved to Sequim, WA, in 2007 from Bandon, OR, putting them closer to some of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The rest of the family lives in TX and AR. Having already travelled the USA

many times over, they are staying put and enjoying the beauty of the Olympic Peninsula. They keep healthy and walk their pups every day at various parks in the area. They have 10 grandchildren and 3 greats through blended families. Hobbies include walking, photography, painting in all mediums, reading, bowling and playing cards. Unfortunately, they will not be able to attend the 50th. **Carolyn Farrand Hager** reports they have lived in New London for 25 years. Husband Peter is still an investment counselor working with son Andrew, who lives next door with family. On the other side lives daughter Linda and family, currently residing in CA where Linda's husband is head of the ROTC program at Cal Poly Tech. They will return in a year and a half. Daughter Pam and family live in MA. Carolyn's many activities include responsibilities at the Baptist Church; Garden Club, for which she just sponsored CSC President Galligan's wife, Susan, as a new member; bridge; golf; and her biggest love, gardening. She has had garden tours which keep her on her toes. I, Marsha, can attest to the fact that her gardens are a thing of beauty—worthy of a garden magazine's publication. Last winter they went to AZ with **Gina Tupper Anderson** and husband for a golf week. She keeps in touch with roommate **Penny Doyle Donius** who lives in NY City and **Kitty Maxwell Caley**. **Ellen Waldron Lewicki** writes that Amy, her youngest of 4 children, has finally returned from her 2nd tour of duty in Iraq. Amy is a Lt. in the army, stationed at Ft. Bragg in NC. Last year **Ann Darracq Graham** and husband Roger traveled by RV to AK for 2 months, then to Quincy, MA, for

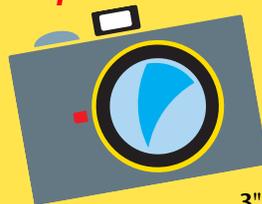
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her 50th high school reunion. She writes, "I got to see **Linda Rowell Hallen** at the reunion. She's the only other QHS graduate in my class who went to Colby." Ann enjoys traveling and returning home to play with her 8 grandchildren—all in San Diego—including 6-year-old triplet granddaughters! **Shirley Noakes** retired from teaching 8 years ago and lives in CA. Her mother passed away suddenly this Jan. She had been living in an assisted facility and doing very well, but fell leaving the dining room with her walker, hit her head and died within 24 hours. Such a shock. Shirley's mom lived in New Hampton, a town very close to New London, so she was back several times last winter and observed that she had not seen snow like we had since the day we were all snowed in with no classes and unable to go out of the dorm. She enjoys digital photography and has joined a book club. Now, she says, "I'm trying to decide what I'm going to do when I grow up." She would be interested in getting together with some other like-minded gals and figure out what to do or join a workable plan! Shirley plans to go to the 50th. **Jane Bruns Lenher** writes, "This has been an uneventful year for us here in AZ. John had his knees replaced and I broke a hip. So to celebrate our 'newness' we left for Egypt, Jordan, and Israel on March 25. Daughter Michelle has retired from foster care and will move to TX with her family. This is a great promotion for her husband with 7-11, Inc. Now we have another place to visit. Talked to **Marybeth Lutz Dawson** last year. She lives in southern AZ and we will get together in the near future it is hoped." **Joanie Nelson** writes that after moving from West Hartford, CT, to Sugar Hill, NH, where she lived 5 years while working in the ER at Littleton Regional Hospital, she finally fully retired and moved to Cape Cod. She lives in Harwich, loves the ocean and walking her cream colored yellow Lab, Maisey, on the beach twice a day. She says, "Life at the Cape is wonderful. I have become involved in the Hospital Auxiliary, the Senior Center, and have met many new friends and some old. (When my

parents were alive they retired to the Cape and I spent most of the children's growing years summering here, so in a way it is like coming home again. I've always been a sailor and water lover, so I am truly looking forward to spending life here.) So many years have passed since our Colby Days. I have nothing but good memories, from Colby Chapel Sessions on Mon. and Wed. mornings to Mountain Day! If there are any Colby alumni out here I would love to get together with them. By the way...if anyone knows where my old Elvis-loving roommate, **Sheila Emslie Carrassi**, lives now, please let me know...I'd love to talk to her!" **Pat Bowker Lach** and her husband still spend 8 months in Aiken, SC, where there is golf and tennis and lots of fun stuff to keep them busy. They travel to the Canadian shores not far from Niagara Falls for the 4 summer months and feel blessed to have access to both. They have 6 children and 14 grandchildren and enjoy visits from some of them during the summer months. Gardening and reading are their summer hobbies. Her husband has encountered some bad health in the last year, so he has had to slow down, but Pat says she is still going strong! **Susie Gurney Buckley** writes, "We moved from Richmond, VA, 3 years ago to Ponte Vedra, FL, a place we have come to for 40 years so a natural for us to retire to. Our children are all over the map. Rob, our oldest, lives in Jacksonville, FL, not far from us. Our daughter Nancy and her husband, Jack, live in Cleveland with their 5-year old twins, Sarah and Jake. Our daughter Lisa and husband Chris live in Winnetka, IL, with son John, age 1. Our youngest, John, lives in Napa, CA, and is married to Lauren; both are in the wine business and love it." Susie sold her ladies clothing store in Richmond, VA, in Aug. 2007, after 22 wonderful years. Now in FL she plays lots of golf and heads the Ponte Vedra Women's Golf Assoc. She also started The Pink Ribbon Golf Classic for Breast Cancer. They raised \$37,140 for The Mayo Breast Cancer Research and hope to raise \$100,000 this year. She finishes her note by saying,



Susan Barto Monks '60 and Advancement Officer Beth Bryant Camp '92 enjoy a day of lobstering near Sue's family home on Rogue Island off the coast of Maine.

"We are happy here in Ponte Vedra...that is all you have to say." **Bobbie Herring Worman** sent a note to the Alumni Office stating that she recently enjoyed a trip to visit her sister, **Georgia Herring Teich '57**, in Aiken, SC. During the visit she was pleased to have lunch with **Pat Bowker Lach**. Bobbie knew Pat lived in the area from reading the class notes in the *Alumni Magazine*.

1960

Class Correspondent Needed

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Judith Butler Shea's son, Jimmy, is engaged to an emergency room doctor, Dr. Kelly Reed. She practices in Orlando, FL. A March wedding was planned (middle of ski season!).

1961

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Had a nice telephone chat with **Ann Hoar Floyd**, who lives in Martha's Vineyard. She has 4

children and 5 grandchildren and is engaged to be married to Thomas Barrett. Both Ann and Tom grew up on Chappaquiddick Island and never knew each other. How interesting! Ann owns and works part-time at Sandcastle Realty, which is a vacation rental company. It was fun talking with you, Ann, and best wishes upon your engagement. Thought my roommate **Martha Clark** had retired, but not so! She still works part-time at the United Nations. She has an apartment in NYC and a condo in Hanover, NH. I note with sadness the passing of our literature professor, Richard E. Crockford. Mr. Crockford died last Sept. at his home in MA after a short battle with cancer. Mr. Crockford's daughter, Beth, serves as academic dean and associate professor of business administration at Colby-Sawyer. Our condolences to the Crockford family. On Dec. 4, the Colby-Sawyer alumni in the New London area celebrated the season with a holiday open house at Wheeler Hall in the Ware Campus Center. It was a lovely party and one that we area alums look forward to every year. Had a nice chat with our former professor, Hillary Cleveland, and with President Tom Galligan.

Want to find out if other Colby-Sawyer alumni live in your area? Get in The Loop!



1962

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Karen Loder Davis wrote that as many our age are starting to relax after their careers, she continues to gear up being a "very late bloomer." Until late 2006 she worked at a local human services coalition on Cape Cod involved in self-empowerment programs, health care issues awareness, home sharing, and ran training courses for healthcare and human services professionals who work with the elderly until government funding ran out. She then did background research for a friend who was doing a software startup and also spent a lot of time as executrix of her step-father's estate. She has been living with her brother and his daughter the last 4 years, having been divorced since 1991, and has elected to develop a relationship with herself many of the years since. She said she would be traveling to Thailand in early 2008 and then maybe a long RV trip. Let us know about your travels, Karen. **Ellen Forbes** has 3 daughters, 5 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild. For the past few years she has been semi-retired and has spent her time exploring different kinds of meditation techniques and traveling to see family members. Her spiritual journey has occupied more of her time and energy than any "outward" activities. She loves to do workshops and seminars centered on personal growth, and her meditation practice continues to bring much happiness and peace into her life. **Judy Park Kukk** feels blessed to be living in Naples, FL, with her children and grandchildren. She plays lots of

golf and bridge and also gets in some fishing. Last summer she and her husband traveled to Estonia, her husband's birthplace, went sailing in Croatia, and visited Costa Rica. Classmates **Sally Mollenberg Lawlor**, **Judy Smith McCracken** and **Carol Earley Adams** come to Naples every May for their annual visit. She also sees a lot of **Judith Bodwell Mulholland**. Speaking of Judith, she has resided in Naples since 1991, and says life there is golf, bridge, travel, and projects with pictures and music created on her computer. She and Bob have been married for 17 years, and life is good. She has 3 children and 5 grandchildren, while Bob's son is married with 1 child. Her career as a publishing and printing executive included a position as vice president of technology for *US News & World Report*, and in 1993 she retired as president of The Courier Connection. Currently she is on the board of Baldwin Technology, a publicly traded company on the AMEX. She was the 1st woman to be inducted into The Printing Hall of Fame in Rochester, NY. **Gail Constantinides Morrison's** oil landscape and still life paintings exude a vibrancy and color characteristic of her life and personality. A world traveler with exploration on all 7 continents, she fell in love with Italy and the Italian way of life on her 1st extended stay in 1989, returning to live and study language in Florence. Proficient in Italian and marketing, Gail lived on the Ligurian coast fulfilling a year-long contract with the Acquairo di Genova before joining an international group of artists in Tuscany. She also began painting in Italy. Gaia is the Italian translation for her 1st name and is the signature of all of her work. Since switching careers in 1992, she has been the recipient of numerous awards

and solo shows. Her work, shown in the USA, France, and Italy, hangs in private and corporate collections around the world, and can be seen at www.artgaia.com. As for yours truly, I had a 3rd lung cancer removed in Jan. but am alive, well, and back on the golf course. My partner, Dick, and I headed to Cape Cod for the summer, and we hope to take a Hawaiian cruise in Sept. Hope you will e-mail me with some news that your classmates would enjoy.

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1963

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Hi, everyone! Greetings from sunny southwest FL. It's been a good winter for me. I got a new job as a licensed real estate assistant. The market's somewhat depressed down here but picking up every day. I heard from a few classmates via e-mail but would like to hear from the rest of you. Send me an e-mail at the address listed above. **Sandy Newbert Fitts** and her husband, Jeff, are golfing, and Jeff loves to fish. They love winters in FL, as do we. **Nancy Burgess True** says her winter in Chicago was the worst in almost 20 years. They often come south to FL and says **Cindy Childs Over** lives around this area, too. **Beverly Holbrook Treen** writes that nothing is new with her. For **Susan Pinkerton Clarke**, nothing very new with her either. But she did lose track of **Rae Verrengia Kirkpatrick**, her roommate during her 2nd year. Does anyone know where Rae is? Susan thinks she married a guy named Roger, an airline pilot. **Patricia "Monie" Cunningham Sullivan** is in real estate in Stamford, CT. She says that a group from the same floor in Best gets together every year. She's saddened to say that they lost one of their group last year, **Bonnie Whitney Burton**, their peerless dorm leader. Monie reunited with **Katharine Latham Butler**, who has a fabulous art gallery in Sarasota, FL.

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1964 Reunion

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Hi, classmates! I hope this finds you all well. I heard from a few of you with lots of news, but it is only a minute portion of our class. **Cathy Conathan Reardon** wrote asking about the dates for our 45th reunion. She has been in contact with **Ann Franklin Ewig** and **Hedy Ruth Gunther**. Wouldn't it be fun to have a large group back on campus after 45 years! **Beth Austin Jester** writes, "My husband Leven and I are still working as avocado farmers and continuing to travel for our import/wholesale business. Our normal travels take us to Spain and No. Africa and Latin America. In Oct. we went to SE Asia (Thailand, Cambodia and Myanmar/Burma) for the 1st time to see what we could find, which included everything from rough rubies, jade, faceted tourmaline, opium weights and shipwreck concretions of coins. It was a fabulous experience. We took a side trip to Angkor Wat. We didn't know if they would honor our visas to get into Myanmar and at the last minute they let us in. The protests began again the day we left since the UN envoy was making a 2nd trip to Yangon. While we were in SE Asia our hometown was evacuated and the hills and our road burned. Due to the heroic efforts of the fire fighters only one house on our road was lost (we live on the side of a mountain). Neighbors lost many hundreds of avocado trees, but ours were saved despite a large fire on our property. Thanksgiving had a true meaning this year. In May we headed to New England for my nephew's wedding in RI. We're hoping to see **Cindy Hayes** in New London after the wedding. I've recently been back in touch with my Colby roommate **Betsy Stanton Stockdale** (she found me via e-mail while we were doing a 3-week trade show in Tucson) and we're hoping to get to No. CA after Leven returns from Morocco and Spain. This is the

1st time in 18 years I didn't make the March trip, as business, the avocado grove, taxes and an elderly ME Coon cat are keeping me at home." **Sarah Caldwell Anderson** writes, "Winter sure was long here in New England. Should be used to it by now though, I guess. We have been busy upgrading our 1670s house, getting ready for the Historical House Tour here in June. It will be a feature house since the little girl who lived here was one of the little girls who accused others of witchcraft during the Salem Witch hysteria. Danvers was then known as Salem Village and was where the trials actually took place. I have my 3-year-old twin granddaughters (Whitney & Skyler) every week for a few days. It's not often that there is someone who throws themselves at you with a giant smile. Something to treasure!" **Mimi Rand Jost** writes, "I finally retired from Phillips Exeter Academy in Sept. after working there for 20 years, so am no longer commuting 62 miles a day. I went from work to babysitting for my grandson 3 days a week. My daughter, Molly, had just returned to teaching 2nd grade in Sept. (in

a job-share position), and Wesley (18 months) would not adjust to the daycare where he and his brother were placed. So, I became a granny nanny. Having raised 2 girls, little boys are very different and a lot of fun. I'm learning to identify all sorts of trucks and construction vehicles. Wes is going to try daycare again in a few weeks, and I'm hoping it will take this time, as I will want to spend all my time in the garden. Chick is building a barn for the sheep, goats, chickens, ducks and whatever else catches my eye. We have been clearing trees from overgrown pastures and restoring them for the animals. We have fences to erect and water lines and electricity to put in. Lots more to do. I've become an avid 'greenie' and recycle, reuse, and compost whenever possible trying to diminish our carbon footprint. I joined the Strafford Energy Committee and have been busy attending meetings and selling compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) to townspeople so they can reduce their electric bills and, more important, their carbon footprint. I really worry about the world our grandchildren will inherit and am doing everything I can think of to

encourage people to be aware of global warming." **Nancy Bland Wadhams** and her husband, Dave, split their time between Simsbury, CT, where 2 of their 3 children live with their families, and Meredith, NH, where they have a cabin on Bear Island on Lake Winnepesaukee. She writes, "We only have walking paths on the island and use our boat to get back and forth to the mainland. It's a great way to relax! We have 5 grandsons between the ages of 4 and 9. Our 3rd child lives in Beverly, MA, with her husband of 1 1/2 yrs. They are hoping to add a girl to the crew eventually! In our spare time we love to travel, read and do just about any activity out doors. We get together with **Alice Lawton Lehmann** and her husband, Bill, a couple of times each year and seem to talk nonstop just like we did years ago at Colby. We are going to a wedding in New London in Sept. and a reception at Pleasant Lake, so it should be fun to be back at our old stomping grounds." **Alice Lawton Lehmann** writes, "Bill and I continue to enjoy our 6-month old grandson, Gus, who resides just 5 miles from us, so we are fortunate to see him often! We are still very active

with our son, Fred, in Lehmann Infomediaries, our outsource business development company of 5 years. Our daughter, Heidi, is moving right along creating another start-up after the sale of her company, Third Screen Media, to AOL a year ago. Bill and I had a delightful x-country ski holiday in early March at the Inn at Pleasant Lake, where we have stayed several times. The spring skiing right on the lake was magnificent, and it was a perfect culmination to an incredible x-country ski season for us." Lastly, I, **Lee Norris Gray**, have become the wife of a retired husband...finally. Three weeks after Rick retired we drove south to spend 3 months in the Naples area. It was a good year to choose to leave New England! We spend our time golfing, reading, visiting friends and some volunteer work for our church. We now plan to do some traveling, especially with our 3 sons (and 6 grandchildren) living in the 3 corners of the country—NH, Seattle and FL. I still get together with **Cathy Wood Hallsworth '65** and **Ellen Terhune Schauff** for lunch at least 2 times during the year. This past luncheon included my roommate **Liz Ridley Mills**. It is always fun catching up with longtime friends. Anyone in the central NH area wanting to join us, please e-mail me and we'll put it together.

1965

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Judith Emery Schoolwerth has lived in Spofford, NH, for the past 5 years. Her husband works 3 days a week at Dartmouth Medical School. Her son, Pieter, is 37 and is an artist in NY. Her daughter, Sara Donahue, is 34 and a social worker in an elementary school. She and her husband live nearby in Brattleboro, VT. Youngest daughter Katie is 29 and a 3rd year medical student at MCV in Richmond, VA. She will be married in 2009. Judith moved to NH from VA for retirement, but that has not happened yet. She lives on Spofford Lake, as



Colby-Sawyer Flashback: After the photo above ran on page 60 of the winter issue of the Alumni Magazine, we were able to identify the students working in the lab as Susan Lindquist '66, Midge Herlihy Tilney '66 and Carolyn Snow Redington '65.

does **Nancy Woodring Hansen '64**, whom I see frequently. I love to see anyone passing through or who lives in the area. **Sharon Tatlock McGovern** writes, "I'm living in Hilton Head, SC, from Oct. until June and spend summers at our house on the southern ME Coast. Scott and I have been married 41 years and have 3 wonderful married kids and 2 (one more due soon) delightful grandkids. We love tennis and golf and are blessed with many friends and good health. I don't have any news of classmates, but would love to hear from old friends. Our son, **Kevin McGovern '95**, was in the entering class of men and loved Colby-Sawyer as much as I did!"

1966

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1967

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Here's what I heard from **Jan Moore Canavan**: "We've been in CA 18 years now, and although we'll always be New Englanders at heart, the western Sierra foothills are definitely home for us. We share our home with 3 horses, 2 dogs and 2 cats. Life is very busy with the animals, gardens, and whatever happens to be the project of the month! One of our dogs is a certified therapy dog (Therapy Dogs International) and we make weekly visits to local nursing and care homes and schools. We're involved in the Title 1 reading program at our elementary school, where kids with reading difficulties read to the dogs, one-on-one. I've been a hospice volunteer for 12 years and I connected our local therapy dog chapter with hospice. I also help out with a local special needs horseback riding program. In between I do a little

writing and try to keep our own horses tuned up! I've had several horse and dog stories published in the *Horse Tales for the Soul* series. Our daughter Robin is a speech-language pathologist. We are blessed to have her living locally with her husband. Our son, Jay, is a woodworker/furniture builder/cabinet maker and has a shop in Bozeman, MT. My husband, Bob, retired last fall after 30 years as a pilot with American Airlines. We're enjoying our new freedom and looking forward to some travel."

1968

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Happy summer to the classes of '68 and '69 MT from **Kelly McWilliams Dvareckas**, your class correspondent! I enjoyed the summer break before beginning my 5th year of teaching 2nd grade English Language Learners in Manchester, NH. My own kids are now 25 and 23. Casey is finishing his final semester at Northeastern, and Jill is working in NY. **Margery "Margi" Tichnor Bialeck** wrote to say, "My 2nd year of retirement has been another good one. Last Oct. my daughter, Alison, was married. Her husband, Craig, is originally from England so we had several international guests who traveled from as far as Australia and the UK. **Kristina Carlson Fletcher** and her husband, Bruce, attended the wedding. We spent another wonderful winter in Bonita Springs, FL. We stayed for 3 months in a gated golfing community, which is fairly close to several Gulf of Mexico beaches. Our children and their spouses spent a week with us. Alison's father-in-law visited with us at the same time. Craig celebrated his 30th birthday while they were all here, so we had arranged for his father (Pete) to join us as a surprise for Craig's birthday. Needless to say, it was fantastic having everyone here. One of these days, I'd still like to plan a get-together for our 'Page' group. In the meantime, please keep in touch." **Meredith Dodd**



Margi Tichnor Bialeck '68 at her daughter's wedding last Oct.

Taylor '69 MT reported, "It was a busy winter despite being semi-retired. I led 3 National Geographic Expedition winter wildlife trips in Yellowstone National Park this year. The highlight was in Lamar Valley, where we watched the most amazing spectacle. Even though I've watched a lot of wolves since the recovery in 1995, I have rarely witnessed such a dramatic wolf predation sequence right before our eyes. We arrived in Soda Butte Valley just after dawn when the Druids chased some 6-point bull elk right towards the amazed wolf watchers in the pull-out. All 16 Druids had been bedded on a little knoll just west of us when they suddenly jumped up and took off after 4 big bull elk in a draw opposite us. I'll never forget the sight of those 8 antlers waving around in a mass of confusion just over the rise as the wolves attacked. One bull elk split out of the group and ran down off the bench, which was a bad mistake. The wolves swarmed all over him as he ran somewhat slowly through the 2-3 feet of snow. He kept struggling to rise and put on a valiant defense, but 16 wolves and the deep snow were just too much for him. The whole scene had a surreal quality, almost like it was a film on half speed. No one wished for the demise of the elk, but rather it was just the call

of the wild and nature in action from a front row seat. It was a great trip all around—good folks, good weather, and wonderful wildlife sightings, like the otter family we watched playing on the Yellowstone River ice above the falls. It was the trip of a lifetime with bison and elk galore and lots of snow for skiing and snowshoeing. Since then I went out skiing quite a bit and caught



Anne Wadsworth Markle '68 at a picnic hosted by the NSCDA/PA Dames on July 8, 2007. She is a member of the Dames, and as chairman of the "Larks" was able to volunteer her singing group as entertainment for the soldiers and their families.



Kathy Jones Nixon '68 with her family at her daughter's wedding. Pictured are (l to r) daughter-in-law Mary Ellen Nixon holding grandson Matt Nixon, son Erik Nixon, Kathy Jones Nixon '68 holding grandson Jack, Steve Moore (groom), Jessica Nixon Moore (bride), Kathy's husband Ted, granddaughter Melissa, Ben Nixon and Kathy's mom, Marilyn Jones.

the lunar eclipse and a full moon ski with friends. Now I'm working on seeing that wolves aren't decimated by being delisted from the Endangered Species Act this year as 'predators' that can be killed anytime anywhere outside Yellowstone, Grand Teton, and contiguous wilderness areas. Tory and I headed to our adobe in Montezuma, NM, for March and April. The spring is so beautiful there with miles of flowering trees. We went exploring in the nearby Pecos and Gila Wilderness areas. These areas have world-class hot springs in the wild. The Land of Enchantment is *my simpatico* and a good place to enjoy south-of-the-border burritos and brush up on our Spanish while the north country wallowed in the mud and rain of springtime. Come visit, you'd love it." I would love to visit you, MT. I do prefer to go skiing or spend time soaking in the hot springs and will pass on a wolf-watching expedition. Cynthia "Cindi" Pappas Shanley was pleased to share that she has

reconnected with her former roommate, **Adrienne Broggini Lindquist**, after 40 years. It must have been a wonderful reunion. It's easier than ever to send your news for inclusion in the Winter 2008 *Alumni Magazine*. Do it online through the CSC Web site or contact me directly. Peace.

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1969 Reunion

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I love e-mail, and apparently you do, too! I was finally able to raise some of our classmates. If you would like to connect with some of your old CJC friends, you can do so at www.colby-sawyer.edu and click on the alumni section. From there, sign in and register on The Loop. The more people who sign up, the more classmates will be available for old friends

to find. **Susan Baroni Hilbert** recently changed jobs after working 10 years for Computer Science Corporation, which had her flying all over the country every week. Deciding to get off the road and stay at home, Sue is now the PeopleSoft Technical Manager at Cornell U. in Ithaca, NY, where she has lived since leaving CJC. It keeps her busy! Her son, Michael, married Julia Bergson-Shilcock and they are living in Haverford, PA. Son Matthew received his MBA from the Simon School at U Rochester and is now working in Rochester. Husband Steve is still a professor at Ithaca College, but is thinking of retiring in the next few years. Sue hopes that any classmates who are near Ithaca or Eagles Mere, PA (where they have a summer home) can stop by and visit. **Meredith Bennett '70** writes that her life is always so crazy that she hesitates sharing it with people! She lives near the Shenandoah NP in Free Union, VA, close to the U. of VA, Charlottesville. Mostly she helps her mother, has a huge vegetable garden, does some textile design (sometimes even makes money at it!) and travels, mostly for hiking and snorkeling. Her husband, Tom, works as the VP for Research and Graduate Studies at the U. and provides the disposable income for which she is abjectly grateful, because her company went offshore almost 5 years ago. **Mary Louise Fite** is happy and has wonderful memories of CJC. She would love to

hook up with **Frances "Frosty" Smithwick Perkins**, **Christina Nicholson Eaton**, **Emily "Bunny" Apthorp Goodwin**, **Terry Hessler Randlett**, **Rosa "Toni" Townsend Blankin**, **Muffy Page** and **Anne Laverack Gallivan**. Sounds like the perfect time for all of you to get online and sign up for The Loop! **Marni Fowler Most** (my beloved freshman roommate) has found **Barbara Siferd Sunshine** living within 10 miles of her in South FL. They are characteristically bad about regular contact, but when they do get together they have a great time reminiscing about Shepard days and dreaming of getting the whole crew together again. Marni lives in Pembroke Pines, a burb west of Ft. Lauderdale. She moved there with her husband, Art, from CT 5 years ago and she still isn't used to it. She keeps waiting for winter to arrive. She's enjoyed being retired since they moved there. **Anne Laverack Gallivan** sympathizes with me about the difficulties of getting you all to resurface. She writes, "Your task is indeed challenging because we were a class that marked the beginnings of rejection of all things institutional. Instead of departing with a rah-rah sense of bonding, students were starting to question all those traditional celebratory groupings, from sororities to football games, to varsity-style clothing. By the time my class was ready to graduate from George Washington U. 2 years later, graduation ceremonies were cancelled due to student unrest and anti-war demonstrations and activities. Maybe we'll regain a sense of belonging related to those school years when we find ourselves with time to reflect and reframe all of those experiences." Anne writes that life remains relatively unchanged for her in VT. Her 3 sons live in different locations—Bend, OR; Washington, DC; and Burlington, VT. They love traveling to visit them, as well as welcoming them home for holidays or summer. Her husband enjoys a blend of practicing dentistry and developing patient education software with a New Zealand partner. Anne continues to work at their local K-8 public school as the library media specialist, enjoying involvement in the

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state organization of school librarians. She's been enjoying some great visits with her 93-year-old dad, who still lives independently in NH and who enriches their lives in surprising ways. **Roberta A. Maxfield** visited her daughter, Josie, in Peru last Oct. and went to Cusco, the Sacred Valley, and Machu Picchu as well as many other ruins. She said it was the trip of a lifetime. Josie teaches English at a private boys' school and she and her husband live in Mira Flores, Peru. Roberta just returned from Tucson where her son, Jamie, married Amanda, whose family lives in Tucson. She's a dentist in the Army and Jamie is a director at Fidelity Investments. Josie came from Lima, so they had a fabulous reunion and a week of enjoying the desert and each other's company. Her job of managing condominium and homeowner associations was insane this past winter. Her portfolio is huge and each winter she questions her career choice. Roberta loves it though and has been doing this in FL for 14 years. She's looking forward to the warmer weather

for her kayaking and biking outings. **Margo McVinney Marvin** has just started her 5th year as superintendent of schools in Putnam, CT. She loves her job, but hates the political budget battles every year. "Education is so important, but we can't continue to support it with local property taxes." Her family is doing well. Son Jeff, his wife, Maggie, and 2 grandchildren live in Williston, VT. Her son Keith and his wife, Edith, and 2 grandchildren live in Coppell, TX. Margo and her husband, Dave, are preparing for retirement not too far in the future. Two years ago they purchased a house on Lake Champlain in Bridport, VT, and are busy with renovations. They also have a house in Gold Canyon, AZ, that they currently rent to snowbirds for 3 months each winter. They are looking forward to spending summers in VT and winters in AZ when they retire. Margo hopes to see everyone at our 40th in 2009! **Barbara "Bari" Podmaniczky Edmondson** and her husband, John, have been living in Haddam, CT, since 1972. "We bought land and built our home in the woods board by board and collected the stones for our fireplace in the living area." Bari has 3 kids, 2 of whom are now married with their own kids. The 3rd lives in Portland, ME, and apprentices with a finish carpenter, learning so much about furniture making. He and John made a cradle for their daughter's new baby boy. John was a 7th and 8th grade teacher in the local district for 33 years and is now retired. Bari still works at a daycare center. She works long hours, but loves seeing the kids



Roberta Maxfield '69 and daughter Josie in Peru.

develop and grow. When Bari sent me her note they were sugaring. Hopefully she's enjoying that syrup on her summer morning pancakes. **Theresa "Terri" Reynolds McKeon** is very busy. She is treasurer of the Assistance League of Minneapolis/St. Paul (which puts her on the board and several other committees), as well as a WAMSO Board member-at-large (supporting the MN orchestra). She's been traveling all around the world, including walking the Camino de Santiago in Spain this spring and China next fall. She's the proud mom of 3 sons: Steve is working towards his Ph.D. in finance at Purdue, Mike for his MBA at St. Thomas U., and Dan is a junior at Boston College. She is proud grandmother to Kylie (5) and Kaitlyn (1 1/2), Steve's daughters, and proud wife to Jack (who is semi-retired, now doing consulting) for almost 35 years! Terri likes to volunteer, golf, read, cross country ski, and spend time at their cabin in northern MN. **Julia Stoddart Strimenos** still lives in small town Castle Rock, CO. With her husband working in Houston, she spends some time there; the big city life is sometimes a nice change. Her older son, Orion (25), is a LT in the Army and is stationed in Iraq. Her younger son, Ford (22), is in pre-med at CO State U. Julie went to her 40th high school reunion last fall and had the best time. She's looking forward to our 40th in 2009. As for the **Debi Adams Johnston** clan, we are still growing. Oldest son, Ian, and his Italian wife, Simona, have 2 boys, Ferdinando and Federico. Ian still works with NATO out

of Naples, Italy, but next winter will come back stateside to take command of a flight squadron in FL. We look forward to having our grandsons closer to home (and learning more English). Second son, Garth, will have just returned from deployment as this goes to print. He's the submarine liaison officer on the USS Nimitz. Fred and I are looking forward to our 1st Tiger Cruise. We'll ride the aircraft carrier from Seattle to San Diego, a 3-day trip. The opportunity of a lifetime! Garth's family—wife, Konstance, daughters Charlotte and Brianna, and son, Devon—live in San Diego. Both Ian and Garth are LCDR's in the Navy. Our youngest son, Alec, is a LTJG on the Topeka, a submarine out of San Diego. I love to go and visit there—amazing weather, but boring compared to New England. Our daughter, Emily, has just been made a director with Spink, the oldest auction house in the world in Bloomsbury, London. She is global head of client services and public relations for them, with offices in London, Dallas, NY and Singapore. She loves London and is working on her dual citizenship. I miss her terribly! Fred and I are working towards retirement; we will probably end up on Bow Lake in NH, taking over the caretaking responsibilities for Camp Idlepines. The camp hasn't been open for almost 20 years now (my mother, **Jan Cooper Adams '45** and her sister, my aunt, **Jane Cooper Fall '44** were the directors) but we still have old campers dropping by every summer (this Aug. was the 1st reunion, which was lots of fun).



Debi Adams Johnston '69 with her granddaughters, Charlotte and Brianna.

Susan Adams Swann '71, my sister, will be there, too! Lots of campers went to CJC—now CSC; if you are one, write me for more information. We'd love to see you there. See you all in 2009 for our 40th reunion. Meanwhile, e-mail me some news and don't forget to join The Loop so your old college friends can find you. Thank you, Orion Strimenos, for your service to our country. God bless our troops!

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1970

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Mary Pat Desmond Cox and her husband are new grandparents to Emma Virginia, born to their oldest daughter, Megan. Their younger daughter will graduate from VA Tech in Dec. My best wishes to you, Mary Pat, on your grandchild, as they are so special. I surely treasure my 2. What a great chance to go to NM and be involved with such an organization as Transverse Myelitis. I don't know much about this illness, but it sounds as though you are working hard at combating it and I was so happy to hear it is not an illness that will kill you. It must be hard though...kudos to you for such a good attitude! I love your ending, Mary Pat, that you still had wonderful memories of our days in New London and our friends made from those cherished experiences. **Sarah Haskell** is busy as a community artist/healer/weaver and working in schools, hospitals and communities with her community art project, *Woven Voices, Messages from the Heart*. Her vision is to collect positive messages of hope, dreams, wishes or prayers from people all over the world. These messages will be written on pieces of paper, which she will cut into strips and weave into brightly colored prayer flags. Her dream is that messages from Iraq will be woven with dreams from IA and hopes from AZ with prayers from Pakistan, etc. The more messages she receives, the more flags she can create. As a series of flags is completed, Sarah



Anne Pouch '71, Mira Fish Coleman '71, Marguerite Woodworth Seefeld '71 and Anne Alger Hayward '71 enjoyed their Skidmore class of '73 reunion in Saratoga Springs, NY, in May.

will send them out and they will be hung outside in a variety of communities to allow the messages to be released to the universe. As the seasons go by, the flags will fade and unravel to release the messages of hope, peace and renewal. Please send Sarah your positive messages of hope, renewal, dreams, wishes or prayers, hand written on paper of any size, color and weight, and she will cut fold and weave it. In return, she will send you a flag or series of flags to hang in your hard, your town, your school or your city. You can e-mail her at sarah@sarahaskell.com. I had to write what you were doing, Sarah, as it is so fantastic that I hope all will e-mail you. Best of luck.

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1971

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Helen "Tippy" Ginnel O'Reilly would love to hear from her old friends from Best basement. She writes, "I am a garden designer living outside Boston. My daughter Katie was recently accepted to the 'other' Colby. I used my Colby ID for good luck! I have a son who graduated from Middlebury in 2005, and he works in Boston. I live with 2 French Bulldogs in an old antique house that I renovated!"

Eileen Morey MacIntosh writes, "I've lived in TX for 5 years now, and my husband and I moved

back to coastal New England in May. In fact, we spent a week—and drove over 1,500 miles around the northeast—looking at possible locations, especially in ME. During July and Aug. I'll be showing my art (mostly landscape paintings) at the York Harbor, ME, Bank of America. I'm also looking forward to seeing **Sarah Haskell '70**, another artist (and friend) who is living in York, ME." **Sue Moe-Raposo** would like to thank everyone who gave to the Susan Bonnano Book Fund and remind everyone that they can still give to this wonderful fund. She writes, "Everything else in my life is still about the same. My hypnosis business is doing well and I have another contract with AT&T working with their employees on stress and weight loss. My husband and I are off to FL for a few weeks and are looking forward to the warm weather and spending time relaxing at the beach." **Ellie**

Goodwin Cochran writes, "You are good to be the class correspondent! I am trying to survive this crazy NH winter, but let me give you a quick update on my life. Last year my husband, daughter and I moved back to Manchester, NH, after 28 years in Bedford, NH. Four years ago I left the Derryfield School, where I held a variety of development positions over a 17-year period, and took a job in Concord, NH, at the NH Charitable Foundation, so the move gives me an extra hour a day. I have been serving as the senior foundation officer for the Manchester and Nashua regions, and was recently promoted to director of regional philanthropy. The foundation is one of the largest in the country and it is a privilege to work with people who understand the importance of philanthropy. Last summer I had foot surgery to fuse my ankle and it required that I was in a cast and on crutches for 13 weeks. I had a great time relaxing and reading while my husband discovered that he had been in assisted living for 34 years! We both survived and are looking forward to a more active pace this summer." **Janet Baynes Benzie** writes, "Hi from England, where I have resided for the last 25 years after getting married and settling here! I am heavily involved in the PTO at ACS International School where Lora, my daughter (14½), attends and studies the IB programme. I am secretary to the PTO, publisher of a school magazine and help on the welcome committee. I still cook, decorate cakes and do lots of hand-crafts,



Janet Baynes Benzie '71 and a senior intern at the New London Barn Playhouse pose in the box office. To the left is Janet's daughter as Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Laurie Cameron Carson '74

Often we hear the words "find your passion" as a directive to live a fulfilled life. For Laurie Cameron Carson '74, that passion is science, and there is little question that finding it has brought her a fulfilled, if unexpected, life.

Graduating from Colby-Sawyer as a medical technology major, Laurie began a career in biochemistry. Her love of science, nurtured at college, flourished with a move to New York City, where she worked at both New York Cornell Hospital and The Hospital for Special Surgery. Encouraged by this experience and her ever-growing interest in science, Laurie crossed the avenue of hospitals on 68th and York to enter the doors of the world famous Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. In 1992 she joined the Administrative Board of The Society of Memorial-Sloan Kettering, ultimately serving in numerous capacities, including president. Her time on the Board educated Laurie about the immeasurable value of scientific research and education programs intrinsic to finding a cure for cancer. She could not have known in 1992 that the steps she took to walk across 68th Street in New York City would forever influence the direction of her life.

In 1999, lung cancer claimed two people close to Laurie: her brother, who had never smoked, and an uncle, who had quit smoking 20 years earlier. Their deaths shocked her into action. Not until then had she realized that research money for lung cancer was relatively scarce, in part because the public tended to "blame the victim." She quickly understood that educating people was as critical as fighting for increased funding in support of lung cancer programs. Armed with her passion, Laurie created a fund-raising initiative titled "Steps for Breath" to raise money for lung cancer research programs at Memorial Sloan-Kettering. This event, a three mile walk/run held in the summer in Southampton, New York, was the first of its kind in the country in support of lung cancer research. The success of this early initiative informed Laurie's next steps and changed her life.

In 2005, Laurie founded the Lung Cancer Research Foundation to raise awareness of the disease and to secure support for national lung cancer research and education programs. With the formation and creation of the foundation came a new and expanded fund-raising event, also held each summer in Southampton, titled "Strides for Life." It is no coincidence that Laurie has gone from "Steps" to "Strides" in her effort to raise awareness and vital funding for lung cancer research. What was first begun at Colby-Sawyer College has transformed into the life passion of Laurie Cameron Carson. It is this passion which has dictated her unexpected life.

If you would like to learn more about the passion of Laurie Cameron Carson, please visit her Foundation website at www.lungcancerresearchfoundation.org.

—Trudy O'Hagan, Lung Cancer Research Foundation



Laurie Cameron Carson '74, founder of the Lung Cancer Research Foundation.

along with keeping up with my daughter's hectic routine of dance schedules, ice-skating and voice lessons, supported by my husband, Rod, when I seem to overbook myself! Somewhere amongst all of that I help with the school, dance and ice-skating shows, chaperoning and making costumes. Although I live in the UK, I think of New London as my 2nd home where my daughter and I return, without fail, every summer. New London is a community filled with friends and nearby family with whom we keep in contact throughout the year and most of who know me as "Sam." Last summer was one of the most exciting and rewarding we have spent there. We were involved with the New London Barn Playhouse. I volunteered my time in helping with costumes and props with other mums for the junior intern program while my daughter participated in the junior intern shows. It was a full 8 weeks of drama and hard work, but well worth every minute in gaining the experience from such wonderful theatrical people like John Baker, junior intern director. My last few weeks I helped in the box office while Lora prepared to play the lead role, Dorothy, in *The Wizard of Oz*, the last show of the season for the juniors. She also had roles in 3 of the other junior shows, worked backstage on *Cabaret* and stood in a couple of times in the senior show of *Cats*. Nancy Barry, former artistic director of the New London Barn Playhouse, has created a marvelous junior intern program for the locals, and we felt very privileged to be a part of such a wonderful scheme. We excitedly look forward to this summer to see our old and newly found friends, and hopefully again being involved in The Barn."

1972

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I got a nice note from Susan Erhard Todd, who has lived in Ann Arbor, MI, with her husband, Robert, for the past 24

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years. They have 2 sons, one in NYC who teaches at Riverdale Country Day School, and the other who graduated from business school in May and has a job taking him to the Chicago area. Susan has worked in nursing at U. of MI over the past 24 years, on and off, and has spent many years volunteering for her boys' sports teams and fundraising for the cancer center. Susan's husband is the interim chair of medicine at his hospital, after being chief of hematology/oncology for 14 years. Susan would love to hear from Chris Armbrust Rooks, Betsy Monagan Heitz, and anyone close to Ann Arbor! Lindsay Stewart is still in Chicago with both children in college. Lindsay is enjoying her 2nd career as a downtown/northside of Chicago realtor. As a fun project, she just used part of her IRA to buy a beachfront lot in Belize and would love to touch base with anyone who also owns some property there! Tobi Olson Nason is still on the coast of OR and bought a game store last July and is having a great time with that. She is still a counselor part time and does mediations for the county courts. Tobi's daughter lives in Portland, OR, and her son, 17, is living with Tobi and helping out in the store. Carole Hall lives in Alexandria, VA, and works in Washington, DC, at the Brookings Institute (a think tank). She is an executive assistant to the president of the Institute and enjoys spending her free time with friends, reading or traveling. My fun news is the safe return of my son from Iraq on March 16. He will be stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC, with his wife, who is also an Army 2nd Lt and an Army nurse (like me) for the foreseeable future. Karen Schell Murphy writes, "I am doing well in Northford, CT, and have for the past 34 years. My son, Timothy

(29) lives in San Diego, CA, and my daughter, Leslie (26), lives in the Knoxville, TN, area. I am a busy travel agent and travel at every opportunity. The family owns a vacation home in the Smoky National Park and we hope to spend time there more often. Would love to hear from anyone who remembers me!" Hope all of you are well. Thanks to those who took the time to e-mail me with some news. Now the rest of you, get busy!

1973

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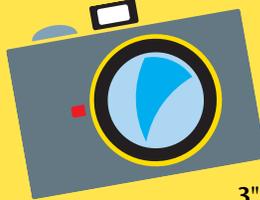
1974

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Hi, everyone. I hope all is well. **Missy Steers Wilich** tells us she is living in New Castle, NH, and feels fortunate every day to be on the seacoast with family nearby. She started Seacoast Concierge (www.seacoastconcierge.com) 2 years ago and it's thriving. She sums it up this way: "Great clients, fun jobs, flexibility and money in the bank." Missy has stayed connected to Colby-Sawyer through her involvement with the President's Alumni Advisory Council and says it's been great to be back on campus. **Susan Smart Ferguson** and her husband, George, still live in Kansas City and just celebrated 33 years of marriage. She's proud to report

that her oldest son, Geoff (28), and his wife, Shannon, are expecting Susan and George's 1st grandchild in June. Her younger son, Andy (26), is still in college (after taking a couple of years off) studying English, and is expected to graduate this Dec. Daughter Sarah (22), is a student who also works full time. George owns his own consulting business and teaches full time at Rockhurst University. Susan is in her 9th year working at a local elementary school. She enjoys playing USTA tennis and golf, and still keeps in touch with her Colby Dorm friends **Pam Moe Bonneville**, **Holly Hurd DiMauro**, **Debbie Lawrence Forman** and **Ann Flanders Eaton**. **Sue Brown Holtham** and her husband, Bill, recently celebrated their 10th anniversary and Bill's retirement from federal service with a trip to Tuscany. Next on the travel circuit is Ireland. Sue is still working at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and hopes to retire soon. **Laurel Najarian Doghramji** and her husband, Karl, live in Berwyn, PA, with their 2 children. Mark (18) will be attending Franklin and Marshall College in the fall, and Leah (15) is a high school sophomore. Laurie is working at the U. of PA of School of Medicine as a clinical research nurse and coordinator for the rhinology division of the Otorhinolaryngology Dept., where she is part of a team seeking ways to cure the common sinus cold. She has published, which was one of her goals. Karl, a physician, has been the director of the Sleep Center at Thomas Jefferson Medical Center for the past 25 years. Laurie has become very passionate about community service and is proud to say that it has rubbed off on her family. Four years ago she traveled with her brother to Armenia, where her grandparents were from, on a Habitat for Humanity build. She says it is quite different to read about the destruction of a country from a devastating earthquake and then the loss of their infrastructure with the fall of the Soviet Union than it is to actually witness it. She convinced her husband, who is half Armenian, to join her on a 2nd trip, and her children joined on a 3rd trip. Since then, Laurie's son has decided to continue his service

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to others by tutoring his peers at school and going to Ecuador to help build homes for the locals. Most recently, he traveled to Belize to work at the Mayan Mountain Research Farm. As for me, **Susan Brown Warner**, I started a new job at the beginning of the year, working as head of communications for a division of Terex Corporation, a global equipment manufacturer, in Westport, CT. Terex competes with Caterpillar and operates mostly in Europe and Asia. It's been great to trade the Manhattan train commute after 6 years for a 20-minute reverse commute drive through the suburbs. I had a once-in-a-lifetime experience soon after joining the company when the entire leadership team dined at the Palace of Versailles! What a thrill! Needless to say, I am really enjoying this new position, the people, and the challenges and excitement of an international organization. Please keep in touch!

1975

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Laurie Ferguson reports that she has a son in college and a son at Proctor Academy in nearby Andover, NH. She continues to promote NH-made products. For those looking for a little piece of NH to remember college days, check out www.nhmade.com. I, **Nancy Eaton Welch**, have reconnected with **Carolyn Williams Van Vleck**, "the great." We met in junior high, graduated from Middlebury Union High School, and spent our 1st year at Colby-Sawyer. I transferred at the

end of that year and Carolyn remained. Carolyn is currently planning our 35th high school reunion! We got together this fall at Simon Pearce in Quechee, VT, and laughed until we cried. She hasn't changed a bit!

1976

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Janet Spurr's 1st book, *Beach Chair Diaries, Summer Tales from Maine to Maui*, can bring the reader summertime, any time, even while reading it in the midst of winter. From the cool waters of ME to the warm waves of Maui, you can read about walking the beach in Nantucket or eating lobster in ME. I'll be independently publishing. My Web site is www.janetspurr.com. **Hannah Bryant Brown** is currently living in Raymond, NH, with her husband Gary and their 4 cats. She has a family marketing business, which also employs



Donna Bourque Mohan '76 and Dorothy "Dar" Rush Sullivan '76 ran into each other at the Martha's Vineyard Annual Chowder contest on December 8, 2007. They enjoyed seeing each other after 31 years and hope to run into each other again!

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Colby-Sawyer Flashback: Do you recognize these gals? If you can identify the alumnae in this photo, please contact Tracey Austin in the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving at (603) 526-3886 or taustin@colby-sawyer.edu.

her stepson, who will be married at the end of the month in AZ. She is a member of Soka Gakkai International, a Buddhist organization which promotes peace through culture and education.

1977

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Hello, everyone! My thanks to those who sent their news! **Andrea "Andy" Clifton Harper** writes, "My husband, Gary, and I spent last summer remodeling our cabin near Flagstaff, AZ. With a temperature difference of 30° cooler than Phoenix, it was a great escape for me to spend the

summer there. I'm playing in several golf leagues, both in Phoenix during the fall and spring and in the mountains during the summer. I enjoyed several weeks in Italy last fall with my parents. I saw **Sally Funk Barratt** for dinner during her trip to Tucson for a family wedding; it was great to catch up with her. I'd like to locate **Martha Everett Savery** and **Nancy Black Mallett**. **Charlotte Pattison Mann** and I exchange holiday cards, so have been kept up to date with her family." So where are you Martha and Nancy? Drop me a line and we can connect with Andy, too. From **Deborah Rogers Pratt**: "I was so excited this past month to have reconnected with **Anne Delaporte Smith**, my 'partner in crime' back at CSC. Although

we haven't seen each other, she sounds great, and I hope we'll get together soon." **Suzanne Michaud Diddel** writes, "I have been working with my husband for a few years now. Our business focuses on wealth accumulation strategies and mortgage opportunities. I have 3 teenage sons, ages 18, 16 and 14." My news is that I traveled to India in March for 10 days on business. It was an amazing trip, the 1st for me to that part of the world. Traveling to the opposite side of the globe was fascinating, learning about their culture, climate, and caste system. They still have arranged marriages! I was fortunate to travel with 3 other women from North America and Europe, and we learned what it feels like to be a star (people tended to stare at us). We visited the Taj Mahal (disappointing) and several temples (breathtaking) in the Delhi area. Though India was not on my "must see" travel destinations prior to this trip, the experience was incredible, leaving me thinking about my next trip abroad. Best wishes to all of you.

1978

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All is well with **Laurie Russell Title** who writes us from Waterford, CT, where she lives with her husband, David, 4 children (Russell, Sarah, Jack and Robin) and their 2 dogs Fenway and Wrigley (sound like baseball fans to me). They live about a 1/2 mile from the beach, which they love. David is a superintendent of schools and Laurie is a stay-at-home mom, or as she puts it "whatever the current

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appropriate title is called." She has no college bound kids yet but will next year. **Linda Miller** is an associate practice manager in the pediatrics department at CHaD at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC) in Lebanon, NH. In May she received her M.S. in organization and management from Antioch U. in Keene, NH, nearly 30 years to the day from her graduation from CSC. Linda's former roommate, **Jane Venie Earls '79**, bought a very quaint house in Wolfeboro, NH, so **Diane Guilbault Debiasi '79** and Linda met up with Jane in Dec. to see the house, have lunch and browse the shops in town. They had a lovely visit and hope to meet up again in the summer. Linda and her husband are well on their way with their new cheesemaking business, Jericho Hill Farm, and are busy making "Jericho Jack" and "Dothan Colby" cheese. Currently they only sell it locally at the White River Junction, VT, Food Co-op, as well as at Dan & Whit's and King Arthur Flour in Norwich, VT, but will soon be in the Hanover and Lebanon, NH Food Co-ops. Linda says it has been quite an experience trying to fit marketing cheese in with her job at DHMC, and husband George working as a full-time dairy farmer. Their son Alex helps them when home from Sacred

Colby-Sawyer may be coming to an area near you!

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Patty Collins Duffey '78 at a mini-reunion she had with fellow Burpee friends (l to r) Debra Bray Mitchell '79, Cindy White Asadorian '76, Patty Collins Duffey '78 and Maureen Bertone '77.

Heart University in Fairfield, CT. **Brenda Davis McCoy** is an investment team associate at American Century Investment Management. She just passed the Level I CFA exam in 2008 and will be taking Level II in 2009. Congrats to Brenda! She also "volunteers extensively, particularly with organizations aiding the homeless. She writes that while she fought the typing requirement for a BS in business administration, she has been grateful ever since. "Computers, who knew?" she said. If you "find yourself on a 1st time visit to NYC and need help, Brenda invites you to contact her at (917) 664-3949 or by e-mail at bmccoy725@aol.com. **Susan Baker Atwater** recently celebrated her 25th anniversary at The Hartford Insurance Group, where she is currently a database administrator. Susan has 2 daughters: Lauren, who is at Bay Path College in Longmeadow, MA, studying forensic science; and Meredith, who attends Metropolitan Learning Center, a "magnet" high school. Meredith went on a trip to China in April. **Allison Fraser Cordeiro** writes up from her home in Saunterstown, RI, where she is married and has 2 stepchildren, both in their 20s. After graduating from Colby-Sawyer, Allison attended Bryant College (now U.), where she received her bachelor's. For the last 10 years, Allison has been managing the Hamilton Village Inn located just south of Wickford, RI, while her husband manages the Sea View Station

restaurant located on the same property. Most of their time is spent working, but any free time they have they spend boating in the summer. As for me, **Jody Hambley Cooper**, there's nothing really new to report. I still split my time freelancing between New London and NYC and am in my 9th year serving on the Board of the New London Historical Society. My son, Josh (26 in Aug.), has been living in Philadelphia, PA, since his 2005 graduation from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA, and works as an accountant in Wilmington, DE. I want to thank those who took the time to send news and hope to hear from more of you for the next edition of the *Alumni Magazine*.

1979 Reunion

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Nothing like waiting until the last minute. I knew my deadline for this column was April 1, yet here I sit March 31st looking across the Thames at Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey. Big Ben has struck 10:00 a.m. and I am in my 1st full day of England summer time. That makes twice this year I have lost an hour due to the clock changes, forget all the travel time. Hence, the theme of our class notes: Where has all the time gone? As we spring forward

toward our 30th reunion from Colby-Sawyer College, many classmates have been making incredible use of their time. I was thrilled to have heard from such a diverse and interesting group. **Lisa "Li" Retus** left New London as a child studies major and continued on to earn a master's in child development and her teaching certificate. With these degrees in hand she was off to an Alaskan village as their teacher.

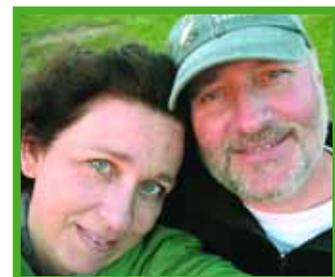
After some time, Li moved to Anchorage, where she still is today. She's married, has 2 teen-aged children and is teaching in the public school system there. **Dr. Lisa Vitti** spent a lot of her time in graduate school and is a clinical psychologist in a psycho-analytic/psychodynamic oriented private practice in Los Angeles. She works with both adults and adolescents. (Let's hope she makes it back to reunion!) Two of her 3 children (Basil and Dimitri) attend the U. of CO, allowing mom some free time to keep up with her love of skiing. Fourteen-year-old Nikolai is still at home with mom. **Deanna Dow Wachsmuth** spends her time with her husband of 20 years, Scott, their son Shane and grandson, Tyler. They all enjoy watching Tyler grow from their home in Newfields, NH. Deanna and family often visit her mom on Pleasant Lake in New London. Deanna majored in psychology at Wellesley College after leaving CSC, which led her to begin her career in computer sales and marketing. She has worked for New London Trust (11 years), Harcourt Group Ltd. of New England (7 years), Wolf & Company, and now she is the New England regional director for Sheshunoff Management Services, LP. Deanna is responsible for the overall delivery and market development of the firm's risk management services. **Heidi Caswell Zander** has spent much of the last 30 years following her passion for art and teaching. She earned her BFA in painting and a MAT in art education from the RI School of Design. Heidi has taught in NY (The Masters School), Berlin (The JFK Schule), and in Beverly, MA, (The Waring School). She met Erik, her husband, while in Germany. Heidi now spends her time running her own gallery in Rockport, MA,

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called the Tidal Edge Gallery. It is filled with her paintings, jewelry and hand painted bowls (www.TidalEdgeGallery.com). **Paula Magnanti**, MT (ASCP) has not let any time slip away from her. She earned her BS degree in medical laboratory sciences with honors from Northeastern U. She is a registered medical technologist and board certified by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. She is the founder and managing principal of Strategic Healthcare Solutions, which is a consulting firm providing services for clients in health information management, healthcare IT, physician practices, etc. Take a look at her website: www.strategichealthsolution.com. Paula lives in Marblehead, MA, when she's not at the office in Wellesley, MA. **Gerry Surette Rogers** didn't take much time at all to return to New London. She and her husband, Geoff, 19-year-old daughter Susan, and 17-year-old son Chad have spent their summers on Lake Sunapee since 1981. She marvels at all the exciting changes to the campus of CSC. She attended our 25th reunion and still keeps in touch with her roommate, **Edith Safe Devnew '78**. Gerry is a full-time mom and part-time bookkeeper and administrator in Ipswich, MA. As with Gerry, I never really left New London either. After graduating with my BS in busi-



Heidi Caswell Zander '79 and her husband.

Barbara Livingston '82

We think of psychology as being concerned with the mind, while questions of spirituality and the soul are addressed by religion. But can psychology and religion be applied together in a course of healing? Barbara Livingston '82 would certainly say yes. As a pastoral psychotherapist, she successfully incorporates issues of faith and belief in the treatment of her patients.

A spiritual person with a background in the United Church of Christ, Barbara felt drawn to ministry from an early age. Just as strong, though, was her interest in psychology. After being charmed by New London during a visit from her native Greenwich, Conn., Barbara enrolled at Colby-Sawyer, majoring in Child Psychology. Her senior year internship at Children's Hospital led her to Boston, and she has lived in the area ever since.

Barbara received her Master of Divinity from Boston University School of Theology, training to become a parish minister, but it wasn't to be. "Chaplaincy really wasn't where my heart was," she recalls. "I wanted to integrate the pastoral and spiritual into treating people who were suffering." To that end, Barbara completed her Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Psychology, followed by post-doctoral training at the Boston Institute for Psychotherapy. She credits her decision to pursue a doctorate to the encouraging influence of several Colby-Sawyer faculty, including professors Jean Wyld and Donald Robar, and former dean of students Virginia Johnson. "Colby-Sawyer gave me a great springboard," she says.

Now in private practice, Barbara says she is living the dream that started at Colby-Sawyer—to help people make positive and lasting change in their lives. About 60 percent of her patients are interested in exploring ideas of spirituality or faith in their treatment. Often it is a result of dealing with a loss—the death of a loved one, say—which leads to that most difficult of questions: How could God let this happen?

For the last several years, Barbara has also been part of a group seeking to assess the psychological fitness of candidates for the clergy. Fueled in large part by the sex abuse scandals of the past decade, the group has developed a new method to gauge the mental health of ministers. The pilot program, which involves intensive supervision over the course of an academic year, is on the cutting edge. "In mainline denominations," explains Barbara, "no one else in the country is doing this." An article on the group's findings is slated for publication in 2009 in the "Journal of Pastoral Care & Counseling."

In her work, Barbara is committed to exploring the connections between mind and soul. Her diverse training, in matters of the psyche and the spirit, has given her a unique insight into helping others. "You have to treat a person holistically," she insists. "I work with those who want to get well, who don't simply want a band aid." For her patients wrestling with emotional and faith issues, Barbara Livingston is truly a godsend.

—Mike Gregory



daughter Kara is at CSC and loving it! They are planning a trip to AK some time to try out rafting. Ellen continues to be hard at work at UVM in the lab, doing clinical trials. **Stahley Herndon Szebenyi** loves life in upstate NY, where she and husband Steve are enjoying their growing family. They have daughter Emma, (4) and son Juan Pablo (Jack), who is almost 1 year. He was recently adopted from Guatemala. She would love to hear from any adoptive families on their experiences. You can e-mail her at Stahley@berk.com.

Patricia Joy Stewart celebrated turning 50 and opening her own counseling business in Amesbury, MA. She is excited and shares her Web site for others to check out: www.millyardhealth.com. Good luck with your great endeavor!

Sara Reid Campbell writes to say she has a 16-year-old daughter, Julia, and a son, Brian, who graduated this May from CSC.

How great to continue the tradition. **Donna Ward Johansen** is a fellow Floridian with me. She comes from the Atlantic coast town of Tequesta. She and husband Shawn, have 3 sons: Andy, who is 22, graduated this spring from FSU; Will is 18, and will start at St. Leo's in the fall; and Tim, who is still in high school. Donna has been busy with the boys, booster clubs and dance class, but would love to say hi and hear from friends **Martha Vincent Flanigan** and **Cathy Katsoulakos Rossi**. **Trish Rufo Hiscoe** is happily married to Pete, who is a cross-country driver, with a grown family of 5.

She helps out in a flower shop, along with work at the Concord YMCA. She is also busy as an EMT and cares for her many pets and extended family. She loves to garden in her free time and is enjoying life's journey! She sends a hello to **Mona Mitris '78** from RI and **Donna Fox Manginelli**. **Maureen Dunn** from Abbey is doing well and sends word that her son Dan is a freshman at ME Maritime Academy. She lives and works in Stamford, CT, for KWB, a financial service business. She hopes to make it back to a CSC reunion soon. **Jodi Potter Goliber** hails from Essex, VT, with hubby of 26 years, Don. They have 2 sons, Craig (20) and Troy (16). She enjoys family

ness management from CSC and much to Dr. Kurtz' chagrin, I married my college sweetheart, Billy Mitchell, and became a mom. Billy's family has a compound in Elkins, NH, on Pleasant Lake, where we have spent the last 31 summers, 27 and counting married, enjoying all that NH has to offer. At this printing our firstborn, James, should have his degree in hand from Northeastern U., our son John should have returned home from his term abroad in Spain as a rising senior at Goucher College, and our daughter, Betsy, will have moved into our basement with 3 girlfriends to finish off their sophomore summer

term at Dartmouth College. Billy and I have also parented several other children over the years as foster parents and Fresh Air Fund sponsors. Geoffrey, our greatest joy, (FAF program) is now a college graduate and a chef on Nantucket. Billy and I spend a lot of our time commuting between our apartment in Newark, NJ, and home in Hanover, NH, always trying to keep in touch with our many friends and family. My many thanks to everyone who took the time to let us know what you have been doing for the last 3 decades. Keep in mind our reunion in 2009. I'm off for a pint (or 2)!

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Hello, class of 1980. Have we got some news for you! Here are the updates from our fellow classmates. **Mary Ellen Blatchford Walker** is doing well in VT. Cheers to her husband, who came back safely from a 2nd tour in Iraq with the VT Air Guard. Their oldest daughter, Erin, graduated in May with a civil engineering degree, while

golfing trips, gardening, skiing and walking the family golden retriever, Buddy. Life is good. Thank you all for sending me your updates; you're the best!

1981

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I would love to hear from any of my classmates. Please send along your news!

1982

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I haven't heard from many of you. If you don't write to me, I cannot report. I did hear from **Carol Engan Borrelli**, she has recently published an organic cookbook. For information go to www.cinagrofarm.com. We wish her good luck with her new adventure. **Kathy Bernardi Crosby** wrote me a handwritten letter. Why don't you e-mail me, Kathy? Her dad passed away last May. I remember him; he was such a wonderful man and is greatly missed. She is very busy with her family, which includes 3 busy boys, Billy (15), Ben (12) and Richie (10). They all play hockey, baseball and attend 3 different schools. She is working full time as the regional (Boston) sales rep. for an artisan bread company, Biga. They produce a variety of Italian breads, brioche and much more. My family and I recently returned from a wonderful ski trip in France this year over the Easter holidays. We had great weather and perfect snow. It was so fantastic we have booked again for next year. This summer we visited family in NJ for a family reunion, and then returned to France in Aug. to explore the southern Provence and go shopping in the local markets. Hope to hear from more of you next time. Ciao, ciao!

1983

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I received a great note from **Pati Woodburn Cloutier**, who sent a photo of herself with **Dyan deNapoli '81**. This photo was taken last summer at Plum Island Beach in Newburyport, MA. Dyan and Pati had a great time that day catching up. Pati is still running a dance studio, the Monadnock Performing Arts Academy (www.mpaabiz.com) in Peterborough, NH. Dyan can be seen at www.thepenguinlady.com, where she offers educational programs about penguin behavior. I received a lovely letter from **Cheryl Wilson Loo**, who is happily residing in Fraser River Valley, CO, with her husband, Steve, her daughter Kaylene, 13, and son Theo, 8. Both kids are accomplished skiers, which is no surprise because Cheryl worked as a professional ski instructor at Winter Park Ski Resort for 14 years. During the summer months, Cheryl and her family spend a lot of time in Grand Lake, as both kids are involved in the Rocky Mountain Repertory Theatre Youth Program. Cheryl credits fellow CSC alumna **Margo Thompson '54** with convincing her mother, **Noel Roe Wilson '53**, to get her grandchildren involved in this wonderful theatre program. Cheryl and her family really love CO and all that it has to offer. Currently her husband, Steve Wilson, works at the Devil's Thumb Ranch, which is renowned for its catered weddings, events and awesome Nordic skiing, while Cheryl



Pati Woodburn Cloutier '83 and Dyan DeNapoli '82 at Plum Island, Newburyport, Mass., last August.



Colby-Sawyer Flashback: Do you recognize these gals gathering for a protest? If you can identify any of the alumnae in the photo, please contact Tracey Austin in the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving at (603) 526-3886 or taustin@colby-sawyer.edu.

works part time at the US Postal Service. As a regular reader of our *Alumni Magazine*, Cheryl also wanted us to know that she was deeply moved by Kimberly Swick Slover's article "Nature As Classroom—Exploring Western Communities," which appeared in the Winter 2008 issue. In her letter, she states, "How lucky the students of CSC are to have Professor Baer and this course offered to them. In a couple of years, it will be an interesting study to see how the death of the lodgepole pine forests affect the water supply on the Colorado River and Front Range." Cheryl also shared some of her own unique experiences in CO: "The past couple of years, our valley

has been hit with a pine beetle epidemic. This small beetle introduces a fungus to its host tree. Research has shown that this fungus, in conjunction with the beetle's larvae galleries, disrupts the trees ability to take in water and nutrients. Due to the increasing number of dead trees, the fear of catastrophic fire is on everyone's minds. We have spent much time and money to remove trees from our land as a fire break and to prevent blow-down from damaging nearby structures. On the brighter side, we obtained a wonderful view of the Continental Divide. Now, we receive more sunlight and our yard is full of wildflowers and native grasses."



Beth Haverty Burns '85 and her daughter, Quinn Elizabeth, who was born Sept. 29, 2006.

1984

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Lauren Smith Hoffer ran the Boston Marathon on April 21, 2008. It was her 3rd, but the 1st one where she was raising money for a cause. She writes, "Because of the lack of research funding for pediatric low grade astrocytoma (an affliction I'm familiar with because of a cousin's daughter) I'm raising money for Dana Farber's program. I've written this up on my Dana Farber page here: <http://tinyurl.com/2tnpcw>. Please read it, contribute if you can, and pass it along. Thank you so much!"

1985

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I would first like to thank **Amy Carrier Lyon** for inspiring so many of you to share your lives since we graduated almost 25 years ago (yikes!) It was terrific receiving so many updates and it is my sincere hope that the class of '85 takes up an entire page of the *Alumni Magazine*! Check out what our classmates have been up to! I think Amy captured some of my issues with the college going co-ed and I'm so pleased that she has offered a peek at life at CSC today. Amy writes, "Oh, didn't we have good memories from our days at CSC! I think it is different now that the boys are here, and it's not

good or bad, just different. And yet, some things are the same, like the small school feel. There are more than double the students now than when we were here. I don't think they made such great changes (pool, great athletic center, library, etc.) for the boys per se, I think those changes were needed to make the college better in general. I do think that letting in boys is what saved the college financially, so if it was a choice of shutting down, or becoming co-ed, I pick co-ed. (Even though I fought like hell in the early '90s when they were considering it!)" Amy has been teaching in the public school system for 23 years, and is currently teaching 5th grade in a small school in the Kearsarge District. She is, however, thinking about what it would be like to teach at the college level. To that end, she is teaching a course at the Foundations of Education for 13 sophomores and juniors at CSC. Amy interviewed with professors Joe Carroll and Randy Hanson. She says it was great to meet with Joe and to go back to campus in an entirely different role. Amy's been married to Jay for 7 years, but they apparently wanted to make sure they were right for each other and were together for 18! Jay is fire chief in New London. Amy and **Jen Ellis** have been volunteer firefighters for the town for about 20 years. Amy lives on Kearsarge Mountain—remember Mountain Day? They still do it. Amy and Jay have 2 horses, 10 hens, 2 dogs and 2 cats, but no kids! **Alice Wright Goodrich** writes that life is very busy in CT. She and Brian have been married for 11½ years and have 2 children. Alice's stepdaughter, Breanna, just turned 16 years and son Joseph will soon turn 9. Joseph is currently working on his Bear Badge for cub scouts and enjoyed a camping trip at the Museum of Science in Boston with 600 others. Alice's husband Brian has "rocket fever" and the rockets are very creative. It's a great thing to do as a family. Alice has been working in manufacturing for 16 years as a senior sales representative and distribution coordinator for Sorenson Lighted Controls, Inc. and has an ever growing international account base. Alice wishes she had continued

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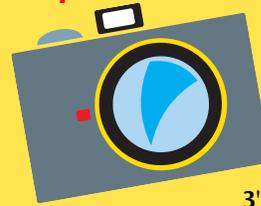
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languages at CSC and strongly encourages incoming students to take a 2nd language. Alice was nominated to Deacon at her church, where her family is very active. **Tracy Shipman Thompson** meets with Amy and Jen every summer in DE for a fun week on the beach. She lives in Vienna, VA, and works for the National Confectioners Association, which is "a very sweet job." Tracy has a 13-year-old son, 2 dogs and one husband. She is looking for a good fruity concoction drink and I'm sure women in our class will be able to provide her (and the rest of us—hint, hint) with something delicious. **Julie Gregory Vogan** graduated from the 1st nursing class from Colby-Sawyer and got married to Jon (an ENT doc) right away. Julie worked as a nurse for 2 years, then her 1st son, Andrew, was born. Andrew is now 21 and a junior communications major at Houghton College. Julie and her husband have 2 more sons, both in high school in Orchard Park, NY, and a 10-year-old daughter, Emma. Julie has been a full-time mom and loves having the flexibility to care for the home and family as well as involvement in various volunteer activities. She and Jon are on the Adult Committee for Young Life, a nationwide Christian outreach organization for teens. Julie and Jon traveled the country with the Navy and Julie is happy to be "civilians again to grow some roots around family." **Sandra Beattie Hand** lives in Fair Haven, NJ, where she grew up. Sandra and her husband, Mike, have been married for over 16 years and have 3 children: David is 14 and twins Jennifer and Steven are 12. Sandy shows and breeds Golden Retrievers and will be at many shows this spring and summer.

She writes, "Our dogs are like our kids, but with 4 legs!" Sandy has a real estate license and works for Prudential New Jersey Properties. In their spare time, the family enjoys skiing, boating, traveling and watching the Red Sox and Patriots. The family will be visiting ID on a weeklong white water rafting trip. **Shelly Biester Wright** has moved around quite a bit since CSC, living in CO, NYC, PA and finally San Diego, where she's resided for the last 10 years. Shelly and Jerry, her high school sweetheart, have been married for 16 years and have 2 wonderful sons, John (9) and Ben (7). In 1996, Shelly earned her master's in art in drawing and painting. After graduate school, she started teaching drawing and painting for the extended education program at Cal State Fullerton. Shelly writes that she hasn't done any artwork since John was born, but not too long ago she got the painting bug and can't wait to get all messy again. She is also starting her own home-based travel agency. Shelly's boys are involved in a whole host of activities, including soccer, legos, swimming, gymnastics, hiking, art and swimming, and just being silly boys! Jerry works for DJO Orthopedics and travels around the globe coaching DJO locations on product and process improvement. One of his clients lives in New London! Shelly and her family live near the coast and love the sunny days and warm winters. Unfortunately, we all saw Shelly's neighborhood as it was all over the news during the tragic fires in San Diego. Luckily, her family was not affected and she is delighted to be a part of such a caring neighborhood. I still keep in touch with **Kara Sumner '86**, who is living on Cape Cod and operates her own

book-keeping business and is part owner of a house cleaning service. Let's just say that some of Kara's clients are in the entertainment industry, and she made me promise not to mention any names! Okay classmates, I bet you enjoyed catching up, so now it's your turn! You can reach me at byerssaab@comcast.net. I'm still at Smith College in Northampton, MA, and while I enjoy working for a single-sex institute, CSC is still tops in my heart!

1986

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Hi ladies. We would like to thank our 6 classmates who responded to our plea for info. Gosh, you'd think we were looking for money! Here's what we've got: **Beth Haverty Burns** tells us that her family has moved back to CT to be closer to her daughter's grandparents. Her daughter, Quinn Elizabeth, is 17 months old. Beth has gone back to work part time for a probate judge in Farmington as an assistant clerk. She also tells us that she has monthly visits with **Jane Barhaff Ypsilantis '90**. Hear Ye, Hear Ye! **Karen Craffey Eldred** had a baby girl, Samantha Andromeda Eldred, born Feb. 1, 2008. You go, Girl! Congrats! Karen and Dave are building a house in Fairfax, VA, and were in New London in May for the Board of Trustee meeting and graduation. She mentioned getting together

for ice cream and we're holding her to it! They spent an afternoon in Annapolis, MD, with **Susan "Bermie" Gibbons Gray**, and we can guarantee they had a blast! Segue to Bermie: The Gray family completed "Americas Great Loop" on 12/8/07. They left FL in March '07 aboard their 56' Jefferson Rivana "Graycious" and traveled to FL, to NY, then up the Hudson River, across the Erie Canal, across Lake Ontario, through the Trent-Severn, through the Georgian Bay, North Channel and to Lake Michigan. Then they headed down the East Coast of Lake Michigan crossed to Chicago, down to Illinois, Mississippi, Tombigee Rivers and into the Gulf of Mexico, and then back to FL. Wow! What an amazing trip and a great way to meet fabulous new friends! During the trip, Bermie home schooled Emily (8th grade), and Annabelle (junior at Proctor Academy) joined them on school holidays. Somehow she found time to visit with **Christine "Cricket" Palmer '87** and **Karen Craffey Eldred** in Annapolis. Sounds like "The Amazing Race"! **Marnee Ennis Saltalamacchia**, better known as marneesalt@yahoo.com (please feel free to e-mail her) tells us she has 2 awesome sons, a freshman at Keene State and an 8-year-old genius in 2nd grade! Her husband has his own business waterproofing basements and she is working at New London Hospital as a data base coordinator. She claims she missed the 20th reunion due to surgery, but took a job at the hospital to get everyone there to cover up for her! She says the best part of relocating back to NH is the CSC faces that bring back such great memories. **Sarah Wardner** tells us that she works full time for High Peaks Hospice. When she is not working she enjoys spending time with her husband, Dave, curling at the Lake



Colby-Sawyer Flashback: Many of you recognized the gal frolicking in the leaves who was pictured in the Colby-Sawyer Flashback photo on page 66 of the winter 2008 Alumni Magazine. It's Elizabeth "Whitney" Holloway '87!

Placid Curling Club, telemark skiing and spending time at camp. Sarah works with a woman who went to Colby Junior College, **Darsie Putnam Townsend '69**—what a small world! **Karen Williams Jason**, one of only a few art majors in our class, was interested to learn of John Bott's retirement this year, as he made a tremendous impression on her. Although she majored in ceramics, to this day she wished she had chosen painting. A painting she did her senior year hangs in her office today! She is still the director of planning and construction at Bridgewater State College and is going to pursue a doctoral degree. Her children are now 16 (Selbie) and 11 (Jesse). They enjoy traveling as a family and recently went to Turks and Caicos. They also enjoy Burke Mountain in VT. She can't believe she is at the point where her daughter will be starting her college search! She is an awesome rower, and hopes to find a seat on a D1 or D2 college crew team. Saving the best for last...Left to our own devices, we are enjoying the Lake Sunapee area and the

155.8 inches of snow as of today! April 1, 2008 —no joke ladies! What a winter! Things are changing in New London. Can you believe Jiffy Mart is gone? Mesa has come and gone and we actually have a Dunkin' Donuts. What's next? So, will that be enough to get everyone back for the next big reunion? We hope so. Dust off your flannels and get ready for some late night cafeteria raids and bell ringing. It will be here (2011) before we know it! As for me, **Molly O'Shea Piercy**, I am still in sales and I love it. I recently rescued a Jack Russell terrier, so my husband and I have our hands full, but it's all good! I ran into **Reva Bailey** and **Sally McDermott Morse** the other day. What fun it was to chat after so many years. They both look great and had me laughing as always! I heard from my big sister, **Elizabeth "Lelie" Carroll '83**, recently—what a blast from the past! Sally Mac on the other hand, is a busy woman! Her daughter, Sarah, is deciding on a prep school for next year and her son, Jackson, is busy playing

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football and has become a professional dog walker for his buddy Otis! Sally keeps in touch with **Laura Gidman Powers '89** and would love to hear from **Rose Randall-Hicks '86** and **Laura Dewing Carlson '86**. So would I! Drop us a line, ladies! Thanks to those who sent great info.

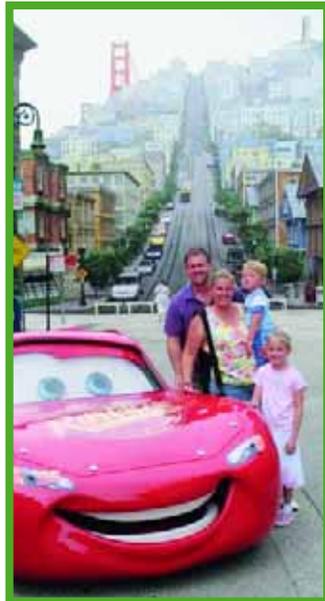
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Hello, class of 1988. This is **Letticia Kelly Brown-Gambino** reporting from Plymouth, CT. I have been in CT since graduating from Colby-Sawyer and have an M.S. in Counseling, and practice as a licensed professional counselor. I have a consulting business and work with non-profits in finding innovative ways to house homeless families and individuals. I have 2 fabulous children: Cassandra (12) enjoys dancing and playing the flute, and Collin (11) plays the drums and is on a little league team. Both are honor roll students and work very hard in school. We live in a 100-plus-year-old house located in Historic Plymouth Village. I look forward to being your class correspondent for



Judi Damiano '88 and her family enjoyed a trip to Hollywood Disney in Jan.

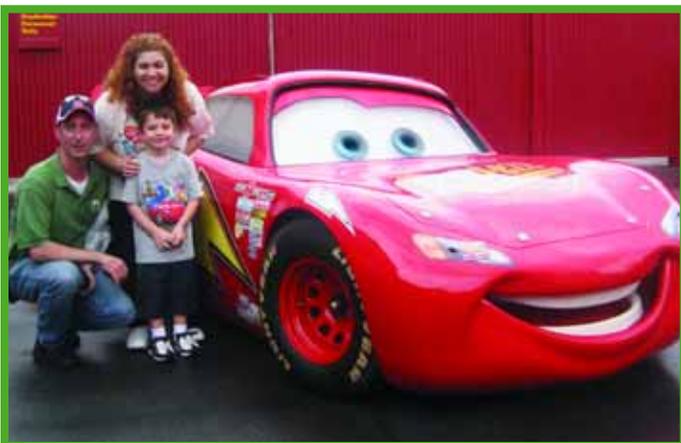
many years to come. **Catherine Hood-Pittenger** reports after graduating from CSC she went to graduate school from 1989–1991, earning an M.A. in the counseling field from Emmanuel College in Boston. She has worked primarily in social services with individuals and families who face challenges with low income, basic needs, education, and parenting. She has relied on her degree from CSC to understand the physical needs of clients and her graduate degree has helped her assist with their mental, emotional, and spiritual needs. Currently, Cathy and her family live in Chapin, SC, and she works for the Diocese of Charleston at Catholic Charities of the Midlands, where she is a client advocate. She also works part-time at Curves. Cathy and her husband have 3 children



Karen Roche Smith '89 with her husband, Paul, and their children, 6-year-old Samantha and 1-year-old Steele.

—Matthew is 15, Melanie is 13, and Timothy is 5. Cathy has kept in touch over the years with **Melissa Clemons Russell, Sue Drozdick Fish and Margaret Thorp**. Cathy says it is hard to believe 20 years have passed since we all graduated! She sends best wishes to everyone! **Lisa Kilborn Rollins** really looked forward to our 20th reunion and wonders how can it be? She reports that she, **Katey Long Holtgrave, Jennifer Wilkinson Bussey and Dale Thurber O'Leary** were attending and staying at a local B&B. Lisa is still living in Burlington, VT, and working as a financial analyst at Chittenden Bank. Lisa and her husband, Peter, have 2 boys—Eli (8) and Wyatt (6)—who keep them very busy between soccer and baseball. Lisa finds time to run in local races and proudly completed a marathon last Oct., her 3rd one, but 1st since becoming a mom. **Judi Damiano** would like to let her classmates know what's been going on with her life in Southern NJ. She lives in Marlton, NJ, with her fiancé, Lars Shaffer. She has a step-son, Aiden, who will be 5 in April. Lars and Judi will be married May 16, 2009. They both own a massage therapy company called JL Massage Company, LLC. Judi would love to hear back from her Colby-Sawyer friends. Judi says they can contact her by e-mail judidamiano@hotmail.com or phone 856-810-8908 (home/business). **Margaret Thorp** lives in CA, down the street from

her brother, his wife, and her 2 adorable nieces. Mía is almost 5 and Zoe will be 2. Margaret was a preschool teacher for many years and preschool director for a while in MA. She is now an administrative assistant at an elementary school in Oakland, CA. **Mary-Ellen McConkey Devine** is currently on an extended hiatus from advertising. She was the VP/Director of Print Services for Arnold Worldwide in Boston. She is currently working part time at the Apple store in Hingham, MA. Mary-Ellen says it is close to home and Annie's school. Annie is in 3rd grade and Jack will be starting pre-school in the fall. Annie loves figure skating, jumping rope, crafts and soccer. Mary-Ellen is the assistant coach of her soccer team. Jack loves teasing his big sister, music and basketball. Mary-Ellen will be married to Mike for 14 years in Aug. Mike works for John Hancock in Boston. To all that are reading this we are looking for performing arts alum **Kim Wright**. If you are aware of her whereabouts and



Mary Ellen McConkey-Devine '88 and her family at MGM Studios.

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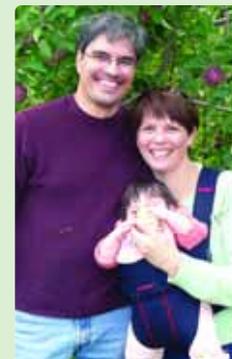
In Sept., members of the class of 1989 and their families enjoyed a mini-reunion at the apple orchard. Pictured are (back row, l to r) Laurel, Mark and Abigail Haines, Emily Promise, Reeve Nicholson, (middle row, l to r) Nancy Misner Haines '89, Tara Levin Nicholson '89, Lily Nicholson, Allison Tetreault Promise '89, Allison Cunningham Abreu '89, Paul Abreu, Lilly Abreu and (front row, l to r) Grace and John Promise.



Tara Levin Nicholson '89 with her daughters, Lily and Reeve.



Allison Tetreault Promise '89 with her daughters, Grace and Emily.



Allison Cunningham Abreu '89, with her husband, Paul, and their daughter Lilly.

would like to report in yourself please give me a call, send a note or an e-mail. I'm looking forward to hearing from all of you.

1989 Reunion

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After seeing our class notes empty for several years, I decided to volunteer to be class correspondent. Our 20 year class reunion will soon be upon us in Sept. 2009. I encourage everyone to make the trip to New London. If you cannot, I would love to hear what everyone has been doing. A great deal can happen in 20 years so fill us in on what is new in your lives. For the last 7 years I have been happily married in Highlands Ranch, CO. I could

not have asked for a better place to live and raise our 3-year-old son, Joseph Patrick. I am currently a project engineer with Jordy Construction Company at Lockheed Martin. Construction seems to suit me best after being with Merrill Lynch for 7 years. I enjoy the daily changes and struggles in completing a project. Nothing is more satisfying than being able to walk by a project knowing you're an integral part in getting it completed. I heard from **Karen Roche Smith**, who is currently a stay-at-home mom living in Quincy, MA, with her husband, Paul, and 2 children, Samantha 6, and Steele 1. She sees **Debbie Harmoning Clements '88** about once or twice a year. Debbie is an administrative assistant at the University of ME graduate school. She lives in Newburgh, ME, and is married with a 6-year-old daughter, Lindsay. **Allison Cunningham Abreu** wrote, "I live in Norton, MA, with my

husband, Paul and our daughter, Lillian Kay, born March 16, 2007. She is so much fun and we are really enjoying our new family. My custom picture framing business, The Swallow's Nest, is located in our 19th century barn. I've been framing for 14 years and opened my shop in 2006. I love working from home and being a stay-at-home mom. My husband, Paul, also has his law office in Norton, where he practices real estate law. Last Sept. we went apple picking with **Nancy Misner Haines, Tara Levin Nicholson, Allison Tetreault Promise** and their families. Nancy and Mark hosted at their home in Ashby, MA, where we had a great dinner. Nancy, Tara, Allison and I keep in contact and get together at least once a year. It was great fun to have our 7 children (all girls) together! I talk to **Angela Hall Balmes '88** and visit her family on their farm in Middleboro where she and her husband, Jim, board horses."

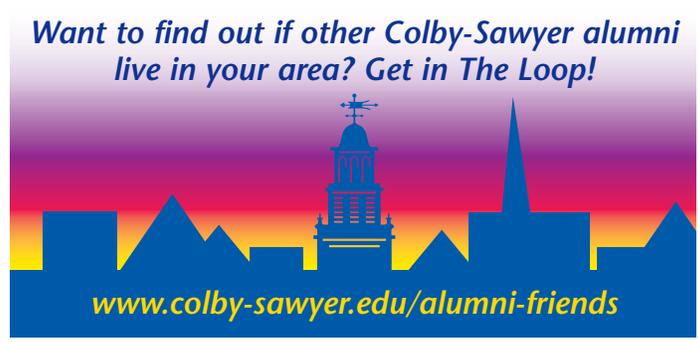
Thanks to everyone who wrote in with updates. I encourage everyone to send something in for the next class notes.

1990

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Hi, everyone. I hope you are well. I enjoyed hearing from so many classmates and getting updated. I get to see **Jill Dean** and **Jane Barhoff Ypsilantis** 4 times a year. We get together for dinner and drinks, and it's a nice tradition that I look forward to. Both Jane and Jill are doing well. **Greta Sanborn Shepard** says her boys are growing like weeds! She still works a little in antique restoration, but spends most of her time working for an educa-

tional consultant nearby. She is putting a garage and a mud room on her home. Greta still stays in touch with **Carla Gordon Russell**, **Erin Kelley-Ernst** and **Blair Talcott Orloff**. Carla's husband, Andrew, is in a fabulous band called The Molenes. Greta and her husband, Steve, go to see him play whenever they can. **Lauren Vivian Douglas** moved into a new home recently with her husband, Bill, their 2 children, Ben (4) and Ali (1), 3 dogs and a cat. Lauren left her position at Polaroid in 2006 to be an at-home mom. **Wendy Johnstone Collins** is still on the North Shore (Manchester-by-the-Sea). She went back to teaching in the fall at a small private school in her town. Her girls are growing fast, as Sophia is 8 and Emalia is 4. **Becki Brown Lucarelli** is still living in Chatham, and has been working at the Candy Manor for over 12 years. Becki and her husband, Sam, have 4 children: Max (14), Madison (12), Peter (9), and Michael (2). Last summer Becki saw **Heather Cutting Chard '91** at the Candy Manor with her 2 children. Becki also saw **Kim "Schroeder" Steward '91** in NH when they went camping together. **Darnel Toomey Brown** had a job change at UPS. She is now the safety and compliance supervisor. She has 3 children. In the fall she will have a kindergarten, a 4th grader and a 5th grader. **Leslie Vail Britton** has switched careers. Leslie has been living in Houston, TX, since 2004, and teaches special education. She has been married to her husband, Gene, since 2000. Their daughter Nora is 6 and attends John Paul II Catholic School. They get back to MA for visits as often as they can. They are "usual attendees" at the Rodeos in Houston during rodeo season. **Tracy Howe Chiaverini '89** was busy in 2007! She was engaged in late Jan., bought her 1st home in Feb., started a new job in March with Sepracor Pharmaceuticals, and was married to Paul Chiaverini in July. The beautiful ceremony and reception, held in northern RI, was attended by CSC alumna **Kristen Maloney Cormier '91**. The couple had a short honeymoon on Martha's Vineyard, where they ran into old friend and CSC alumna



Candace Fitzgerald Quackenbos '89 on the ferry ride home. **Janice Johnson Madden** moved to Athens, GA! They were living in MI and they are excited to be back where it is warm and sunny most of the year. There were several days last winter that her children missed school because it was -35 degrees, so she will not miss that. Her husband was promoted to director of marketing and operations for the southern region of his company. **Lisa McIntyre Matschner** lives in FL with her husband, Rob, and their 3 children, Wyatt (10), Hope (6) and Trey (3). Wyatt swims, plays golf and runs; Hope plays soccer and Trey does gymnastics. In the fall they did a Disney Cruise and visited Boston to attend the National Convention for Speech Pathologists, which is what Lisa does for a living. Lisa keeps in touch with **Amanda Thorndike-Landry '91**, **Deirdre "Dee" Meredith Busse** and **Katherine Cooley Ring '91**. Lisa got to see Dee when she was in Boston last Nov. Please contact me with new information about you. Your classmates would love to hear from you.

1991

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Tammy Hoyt Wysocki and her husband, **Marc Wysocki '94**, still live at the Berkshire School in Western, MA. Marc is the house head of a dorm of 44 boys. They have a 3-year-old son, Keenan, who loves living with a lot of "big brothers." Tammy teaches preschool at the child-care center on campus and Keenan is one of her students! Tammy writes that Keenan loves

hockey and will join a team next year when he turns 4. **Dawn LeBreck Bruneau** has a son, Shea, who is now 9, and a daughter, Taylor, who is 6. They love their school and are looking forward to baseball season. Dawn and her husband, Randy, currently run Performance Lifestyles Physical Therapy in Burlington, MA. They are broadening the clinic's horizons by adding sports motion analysis with high-speed camera action, nutritional supplements, and transition lifestyles weight management programs. The company's Web site is www.performancelifestyles.com. Check it out! **Theresa Sombric Westgard** has moved back to the States and is living in FL. She is working at a sports medicine clinic as a hand therapist. She keeps in touch with **Kristen Weber**, who runs her own business as a chiropractor on Cape Cod, and **Gatia Abbott-McChesney**, who is a nurse at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. **Kelli Murray Kelley** is employed with the MA State Police as a research analyst. Kelli and her husband built a house in Nottingham, NH, and they have a 19-month-old son, Patrick Martin. She is in contact with **Chrissy Lyons '92**, **Beatriz Hotz Diaz '93** and **Laura Ann Timmins '94**. **Elizabeth Marcello** writes, "Surrounded by the natural beauty of NH, inspired by a unique perspective in which even the smallest detail is celebrated, I embrace my passion for the natural world through expressive photography. I have numerous private clients and am just branching out into the commercial arena. Check out my work at www.openairphoto.com." As for me, **Gretchen Garceau-Kragh**, I am still in San Antonio, TX. I work as the donor relations officer at Seton Home, a residential facility for homeless pregnant

and parenting teenage girls. My husband, John, and I have restored a Victorian home, originally built in 1888. John is an orthopedic surgeon in the Army at Fort Sam Houston.

1992

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Editor's Note: Special thanks to Kelly Lynch Collins who served as '92 class correspondent from 2002-2007.

Karen Pillsbury Baravalle writes she is happily married with 2 beautiful children. She is working at Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital in Lebanon, NH. The latest addition to **Amy Koskey Kurja's** family is Jacob. Amy, Ed and sisters Olivia and Claire are thrilled and all doing very well. Plans are in the works for a visit to the east coast from the legendary **Jeni Pond '91**! Hopefully, she'll be here in a late July for an overdue visit.

1993

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Marcy Bronzino Bettencourt writes, "**Jennifer D'Orazio Hollingsworth '94** and I had an exciting weekend Dec. 22, 2007. We traveled to Worcester with our girls, Mason and Hope, and went to see Hannah Montana/Miley Cyrus in concert! We had a blast. The girls were in awe and Jen and I had so much fun. We

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Chris Audet '94

Which dorm(s) did you live in?

Austin, Colby, Best and Page.

You got around. Any favorite memories of Colby-Sawyer?

Playing in the first-ever men's soccer game in school history.

How do you think your classmates remember you?

I shudder to think about it. Probably as a fun loving guy.

Where do you live these days?

Searsport, Maine.

What are you up to?

I just accepted a teaching/training position at the high school in Camden, Maine. I am also a sea kayaking guide and instructor. The most fun thing I do, though, is singing lead in a Van Halen Tribute Band called Balance.

Tell us more. I'm guessing there's a Myspace page?

Yup—check us out at <http://www.myspace.com/balancevtribute>. The guys in the band are some of my best friends from childhood. The drummer and I have been friends since kindergarten.

The debate always rages: David Lee Roth vs. Sammy Hagar. Which era of Van Halen is your favorite?

I love them both. In fact we pride ourselves on being the only band that tributes both eras. I just happen to look more like Sammy than Dave.

And what about the short-lived Gary Cherone era? Vastly underrated or best forgotten forever?

It's all a part of their history and they made some good tunes. The best thing about the Cherone era is that on that tour they played some great old Dave-era tunes like "Romeos Delight."

Did you have the chance to see their recent tour?

My drummer and I saw them this May at the Verizon Center in Manchester. The music was amazing, but I don't think Roth has the voice anymore to pull it off.



(L to R) Chris Audet and Sammy Hagar at Meadowbrook Farm, Gilford, NH.

So how does Balance compare to today's Van Halen?

Right now we stack up pretty good because we play it all. People who like Van Halen love us because we play a different set all the time and everybody takes a solo during the

show and my bandmates are amazing. Plus we have so much fun on stage that it's contagious to the crowd. It really is a blast.

Favorite Van Halen album?

Tough question. Right now I will say "5150" and "Van Halen II."

Favorite VH song?

VERY tough one. It depends on the day. Right now it is "Dance the Night Away."

Favorite quote?

From David Lee Roth: "After all these years of partying and carrying on and abusing myself I still don't need glasses...I drink straight from the bottle!" And from Sammy Hagar it has to be "Catch that magic moment, do it right here and now it means everything."

Any secrets from your college days that can finally be revealed?

I don't keep secrets.

Any last words for your fellow alumni?

I hope all is well, and, if you're ever on the coast of Maine, stop by. And if Balance has a gig near your town, come on out and see us. I promise you'll have a great time.

Final question: Who do you think the next Van Halen singer will be?

I think If Eddie can stay sober then Sammy will come back. But in a perfect world I would be the next lead singer for Van Halen.

hadn't seen each other since my Caroline was born 2 years ago. But it was as if no time had passed." Carolyn Norris Atkins writes, "Happily, my news is that I'm married! On May 3, Christopher Atkins and I were married in a sunset ceremony on Santorini Island, Greece. The wedding took place on a terrace that overlooked the Aegean Sea, volcano and neighboring islands. It was a small, intimate ceremony with our family. After the ceremony, we all did some Greek dancing (or tried to!) and had an amazing dinner of local dishes. I guess you could say this was a 'weddingmoon,' as we stayed in Greece for 10 days to honeymoon on Santorini and in Athens. We're back home in England now, enjoying life as

newlyweds and looking forward to the summer."

1994 Reunion

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Editor's Note: Welcome and special thank you to **Matthew Reed**, who has agreed to serve as class of 1994 correspondent.

Hello, class of '94. I want to start by thanking Rene and Tracy on the great job they did over the last 7 years. I hope I can live up to such large footsteps. One of the pleasant surprises I had was hearing from more than a few

folks I haven't spoken to since graduation. **Ben Zeiser** fired off an e-mail letting me know that he is married with a 6-year-old girl and a 3-year-old boy. They're out in Oak Park, IL, and doing well. **Dana Healy Comness** lives on the South Shore in MA. She works full-time for a recruiting firm and teaches part-time at UMass Boston. Dana has been trying to connect with old friends and classmates since returning back to the east coast and had lunch with **Tony Librot** a couple months ago. But the big news is that Dana was married last summer and is expecting a little one on the way late summer. **Marc Wysocki** is in his 7th year at Berkshire School, in the southwest corner of MA near the borders of CT and NY. He is



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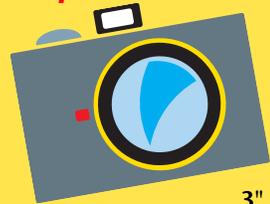
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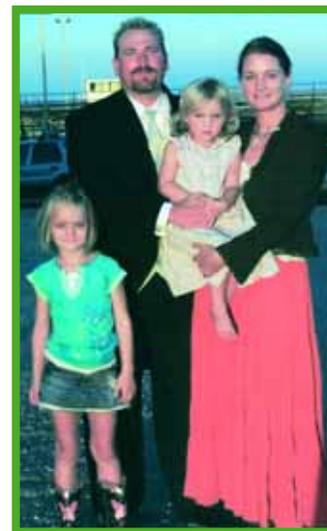
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enjoying his work as the head athletic trainer. Marc is also in charge of an all boys dorm of 44 teenagers. Quite a challenge. His wife, **Tammy Hoyt Wysocki '91**, works as a preschool teacher on campus at the daycare where their 3-year-old son Keenan attends. Marc also has a bulldog named for what he calls the greatest place on earth: Fenway! The Berkshire School is currently building a dual ice hockey rink. They have put Marc in charge of designing the new athletic training room and fitness center. He says that it has been very fun and challenging. Marc also keeps in contact with **Chris Audet**. Speaking of whom...Chris wrote in from Searsport, ME. His wife, Jeannine Timchak, is a senior credit analyst for Bank of America. Chris is still at a Belfast area high school, teaching in the day treatment behavior program and handling all the athletic training. He mentions that job is basically just what he does to kill time between guiding seasons. Chris is a sea kayaking guide off the coast of ME. And finally, when he is not doing any of that, Chris plays in a Van Halen tribute band called Balance. Check him out at www.myspace.com/balancevhtribute. **Dawn Reid** lives in Framingham, MA, and has been working at Monster.com in Maynard, MA, for 2½ years. She is currently the manager of special incentives for the North American sales force. Dawn has also been keeping busy attending school full time at Mass Art. In May she finished her degree in graphic design. Congratulations, Dawn! She considers the thought of starting a new career scary, but incredibly exciting. Dawn still finds time to get together with Hillary Waldbaum about once a month and keeps in e-mail contact with **Holly Long Maturo**.

She even manages to find her way back to New London every few months to see friends who live up there, including her old neighbor of almost 10 years, "Marriot Mike" Heffernan. **Tracy Sutherland Fitch** wrote that her son, Chase, turned 1 on March 31! She can't believe how time has flown, and those of us with kids understand that sentiment. She is still teaching 3rd grade in Winchester and is doing well. Maybe soon she'll be teaching **Maura Sinacola Galvin's** children, since Maura, her husband, Patrick, their girls Bella (6), Charmie (4½) and their son Pady (3) recently moved to Winchester, MA. She writes that Patrick works for Oracle Corp. in Burlington and she stays home with the kids—a big job that keeps her plenty busy. She sees **Amy Goldstein Carey '96** quite a bit and plays phone tag with **Donna Smith Thurau**. Maura is excited for the wedding of **Amy Cheney '96** down at the Cape. Over the years, I have been in e-mail contact with **Chris Gasparro**, **Jack Tremblay**, **Erik Macenas**, and **David Morin** and his wife, **Sara Hodgkins Morin '95**. (Although Sara usually ignores us when the subject matter gets bizarre, which is most of the time.) All are doing well. **Dave Morin** checks in with a note, reading, "After 10 years at my previous job, I have taken a new position as senior web designer for the Human Capital Institute in Wilder, VT. HCI is a membership organization for human resources professionals working to redefine the role of HR in the new global economy. My position is in charge of planning and executing the redesign of HCI's current Web presence as well as working to launch our non-profit and social media endeavors. It's been an

invigorating challenge after so long in my last job and I'm having a blast." **Maria Sinacola** and I still manage a few e-mails, letters and calls every once in awhile. She just got back from a week in Key West, and is living in Waltham, MA. I also see **Christine Bucharowski '97** frequently as our daughters are classmates, and she and my wife will be leading a brownie troop together. As for myself, I've been busy since my last update. Corey, Jamie (10), Aly (8) and I just got back from San Diego and Anaheim and had a great time bike riding along Coronado, revisiting Old Town and doing the Disney thing. We've also made trips to Orlando, Niagara, Hershey, Baltimore, Philadelphia and ME. We've had lots of fun trekking around the country with the kids and seeing things through their eyes. I'm still involved with the Cub Scouts and coaching softball. Corey and I have also gotten involved with autism awareness. For a while we wanted to get more involved with this cause. Over the last year, we found ourselves answering questions from other parents and becoming more comfortable with our own personal situation. So we jumped right in and had a very successful first year fundraising campaign. Between that and being able to offer advice or support to other families dealing with this problem, Corey and I felt we have started to make a difference. That is all for this edition. I hope to hear from more members of the class of '94 for next time. I've enjoyed renewing acquaintances and look forward to speaking to even more of you.



Derek Hosgood '95 and Allison Latham Hosgood '95, with daughters Hope and Page, celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary this year.

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Hello, everyone! Greetings from our new home in Portland, OR. My husband, children (Gunnar and Brooks 2½-year-old twins), dog and I, **Wendy Mansson**



Robyn Ryan Packouz '95 and Britt Packouz were married Sept. 22, 2007 in Carmel, Calif.



In Oct. 2007 in the cold and rain, Allison Latham Hosgood '95 ran her first half-marathon (13.1 miles) in Denver, Col.

Olsen, moved to Portland last summer and are really enjoying the Pacific Northwest. We welcomed our 3rd—and last—child, Elise Stephenson Olsen, into the world right after Christmas. Our first visitor in the hospital was **Robyn Ryan Packouz**, who flew up for the day from San Francisco to meet her goddaughter, Elise. She came equipped with good gossip magazines, candy, flowers and entertainment for me all day long! Talk about the perfect roommate! I also got to see Robyn last fall at her wedding. Robyn and Britt Packouz were married on Sept. 22 in Carmel, CA, and then left on a surprise honeymoon to Capri, Italy. Robyn says, "It was an incredibly fun and special weekend in Carmel with our family and friends, and it meant the world to me to have **Wendy Mansson Olsen**, **Maura Higgins Semmes** and **Jessica Dacey Van Olst** and their husbands all there to celebrate with us!" Robyn and Britt live in San Francisco, CA. **Matt Godbout** is settling into his new position as director of sales with the Indianapolis Colts. Matt and his wife, Denise, went out to the Super Bowl as the Colts took a handful of their corporate partners out for the game. Matt will catch up with some fellow CSC alum in FL this May for **Bob Mello's** wedding. **Josh Morse** and **Dave Martinelli '97** went out to visit back in Nov. to see the Colts vs. Patriots and play a

little golf. Matt and Denise visited CSC for the alumni basketball game in Feb.—Matt happily watched from the sideline (happily, as he watched **Dave Martinelli '97**, **Jay Correia '97**, and **Jim McGilvery '96** try to walk after playing in the game). Matt writes, "Gabrielle will be 5 in April and Andrew will be 2 in May. They're growing up too fast. They say and do new things everyday that make you wonder where they learn this stuff. It's amazing what they pick up. I've learned very quickly to choose my words carefully." **Chris Kozlowski**, otherwise known as Koz, reports in from NH that he and his wife, **Christen Wallingford Kozlowski '96**, were expecting baby #2 around the end of April! They found out it will be another boy. Way to keep the Kozlowski name going, Koz! They are very excited and are getting the 2nd room together for him now. Also in the works, Koz is getting ready to build a new outside deck at the Chop Shop for the summer called "The Terrace." There will be an extra 26 seats outside for your drinking and dining pleasure. Besides that, it's back to fighting with lawmakers in Concord over a few new outrageous bills that they are attempting to push through. Never a dull moment on the legislative front for Koz. **Pat Desmond** is happy to announce his engagement to his girlfriend, Heather, with a fall wedding on Cape Cod planned. Congratulations, Pat! **Elizabeth Ford Breton** reports that 2007 was a great year for her and her husband. In Aug. they purchased their 1st house. They live in Campton, not too far from Blair Bridge. They celebrated their 5th wedding anniversary in Nov. Elizabeth keeps in touch with **Rita Jope** and **Carol Signorelli** and would love to hear from more of our classmates. Elizabeth works for a company that owns 9 camp-resorts located mostly in the Northeast, doing marketing, administrative duties and keeping the president of the company organized. During the summer you can find her running the Ben & Jerry's scoop shop located in Meredith, NH. Dr. **Rob Peaslee** graduated in Dec. with his Ph.D. from the School of Journalism

and Mass Communication at the University of CO. He and his wife, Katie, remained in Boulder for the spring while Rob worked as a post-doctoral research associate with the Center for Media, Religion and Culture at CU. In June, they moved to Lubbock, TX, where Rob accepted a position as assistant professor in the College of Mass Communication at Texas Tech University (Guns Up!). **Lynn Hart Cutting** reports that it has been an exciting year. Her husband was recently promoted to captain for the Hampton Fire Department. Lynn's community is moving to full day kindergarten, so she has been busy preparing curriculum for this exciting adventure. She is very excited about it and truly hopes that everyone is supportive. Lynn's children turned 8 and 6 at the end of Jan. I received a full report from **Allison Latham Hosgood** and **Derek Hosgood** from CO. Derek & Allison celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary this year. I can remember when they just started dating and it feels like just yesterday! In Oct. Allison ran her first 1/2 marathon (the Denver Marathon and 1/2 Marathon). It was cold and wet but totally worth it. Derek and their girls cheered her on at 9 miles and less than .5 miles to go! Derek is teaching elementary physical education at Arrowhead Elementary School in Aurora, CO. He has been teaching elementary PE for more than 10 years. He is involved with coaching the school's jump rope team and various before and after school programs such as basketball. Their daughter, Hope, is a 1st grader (6 years going on 16). During Hope's kindergarten year she performed in her kindergarten extravaganza "The Serengeti Mile." All 6 of the

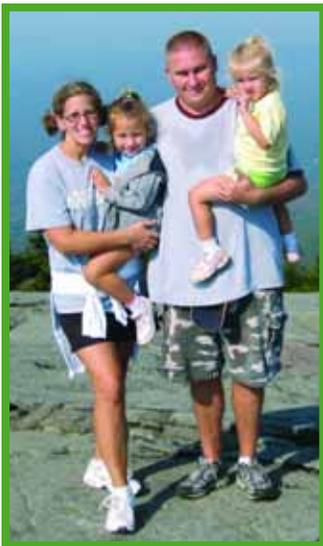
kindergarten classes performed together and Hope sang the final duet called "Ever After." Every detail of the performance was incredible! Allison was honored with making 4 ostrich costumes (from paper mache and feathers) and 1 flamingo costume. Hope has incredible stage and camera presence and a beautiful singing voice! She is involved in her school choir and the Hosgoods are looking into state youth choirs as well. Page, their youngest, is 3 1/2 years old. She loves to copy her sister, but is a ball player! Go Rockies! During the Rockies' incredible run last fall she would cheer for "Toddie," Todd Helton. She is Derek's mini-me like Hope is Allison's mini-me. Allison has been a human resource generalist with Chipotle Mexican Grill for about 6 years. She feels extremely lucky to be able to have a successful career and balance that with a beautiful family. **Jill Rivers** has exciting things coming up in her life. She is moving to Athens, Greece, to teach grade 3 or 4 at an International American School. It is called American Community Schools of Athens—www.acs.gr. It is an international school which follows the American curriculum. It is an IB school (International Baccalaureate) school, so Jill will be using the PYP (Primary Years Program). Children who attend this school are from all over the world, but a large percentage of them are Americans. Jill writes, "Visitors encouraged. If anyone is looking into checking out the Greek islands or Athens, please let me know, I will be there for 2 years!" E-mail her at jinglesrivers@yahoo.com.

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Donelle Mozzier Bowers '96 recently relived her Mountain Day memories by hiking Mt. Kearsarge with her husband, Damon, and their daughters, Sydney and Molly.

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Hi, class of 1996! This entry will be short and sweet. Most of our class seemed to be in winter hibernation mode when we sent out the e-mail/postcards because we didn't hear from many of you. We were, however, happy to hear from some people. **Amy Cheney Spirito** writes that she got married in Feb. to a great guy named Jared. She was lucky enough to have a lot of her CSC friends there celebrating with her. She says that everyone looks great and is doing well. Right now Amy and Jared are living in Medford, MA, but hope to move to the South Shore in a couple of years. **Jeff Hall** and his wife, **Angelica Mikols Hall '97**, are doing great. Their son, Jakob, is 3 and eagerly awaiting the arrival of his new sibling. Jeff has been working at Sellers Publishing in Portland as a PR/marketing specialist for the past 2 years. In his

spare time he caught a Celtics game with **Eric Lacombe**, where they were able to meet up with **Steve Camerano** afterwards. The 3 of them had lots of fun reminiscing about the old CSC days. Jeff also hears from the infamous **Mike O'Gara '97** from time to time. All of them seem to be doing great and adjusting to adulthood. **Jim McGilver** has had a fun-filled 6 months. He got engaged, brought home a new bulldog puppy, and started a new job...phew! Jim is now working for POWERade as the district marketing manager for Philly. He was able to attend the alumni basketball game and tried out the new wood floor, though he says the floor sadly didn't help his diminishing game. He wants to send a shout out to Coach Foti for his 300th career win! Jim has also found time in his busy schedule to take up playing the Great Highland Bagpipe. His goal is to march in a parade by 2010. Let us know when and where, Jim, and maybe we can have some CSC fans there cheering you on! And on a final note, my husband, **Josh Mulready**, and I, **Kristin Sneider Mulready**, enjoy having a fellow CSC alum for our neighbor! **Kelly Pfann Heitman '95**, her husband, Chris, and their beautiful 3-year-old daughter, Ava, live just up the road from us! We hope to hear from more of you in the next issue!

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Hi, class of 1997! Hope you are all well! We love to hear from everyone, so keep up with the updates! The Loop has been a great resource for keeping in touch. If you know anyone who has not joined, encourage them to do so. We wanted to apologize for the absence of class notes in the previous issue. There was



Blushing bride Tawnya Gannon Lopez '97 is supported by her alumni friends (l to r) Sarah Rawson Mann '97, Michelle Dodier Deming '97, Michelle Souriolle Boucher '97, Catherine Yarbrow Walgren '97 and Elena Hammond Lopez-Camacho '97 on her wedding day.

some confusion between us and the alumni staff that has now been resolved and should not occur again. My husband, Roland, and I, **Regan Loati Baringer**, have been keeping busy with our 2 little girls, Camryn and Audrey. Camryn keeps us busy with her social calendar of preschool, dance and soccer. She'll be starting full day kindergarten in the fall, and I'm pretty sure she's more ready for it than I am! Audrey keeps us busy by just being 2 years old. Our big plans for the summer include having lots of visitors to help out with our newest addition to the family. I'll update you on that in the next issue of the *Alumni Magazine*. I, **Amy Sichler Baringer '97**, and my husband, Mike, are still living in Saratoga Springs, NY. We are contemplating building a new house, but nothing is definite yet. Janie has just started toddling around and is too cute! Luke is finishing up his last year of preschool and headed to kindergarten in the fall! He was able to ski quite a bit this winter and may be a future ski racer at CSC. We have several trips planned for spring and sum-

mer, including Disneyworld with the kids and MD to see our new nephew. Amy and I, Regan, along with **Erica Wells Leighton**, were very excited to have heard from **Julie Sullivan Murray '98**. She lives in the Boston area with her husband and their newest addition, Brenden Jr. She still works as a nurse and enjoys her job, but definitely loves being a mom. Erica Wells Leighton still lives in Exeter, NH, and recently started as a design consultant at an Ethan Allen store in Portsmouth. She said it's going to be a lot of hard work, but she's ready for the challenge. If any of you need help with new design ideas for your home make sure you stop in and see Erica! **Alan Handlir** also has a new job, with a big computer company, Reynolds & Reynolds, that works with auto dealerships. He recently bought a new house very close to work. In his spare time he enjoys baseball games and spending time with his nieces. **Jeremy Casson '98** and his wife, Anne, live in South Boston with their 6-month-old son, John Morgan Casson. Jeremy works at Northeastern U. as an academic advisor in the College

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of Arts and Sciences. Along with his full-time job he also is a sport psychology consultant to local athletes. **Sarah Rawson Mann** and her husband, Jarrod, welcomed a new baby girl in Feb. Their daughter, Cadence, was just 15 minutes away from being a leap year baby! Sarah still works for **Jill Firstbrook '91** at Mt. Sunapee for the USSA Olympic Development Alpine Program. She says her first priority right now is working on being a mom. Sarah attended the wedding of **Tawnya Gannon Lopez** this past June, along with fellow CSC alumni **Michelle Dodier Deming**, **Michelle Souriolle Boucher** and **Mark Boucher '96**, **Catherine Yarbro Walgren** and **Elena Hammond Lopez-Camacho**. Tawnya lives in Boston where she is a critical care RN and just got accepted into graduate school to become a nurse anesthetist starting in Sept. Another nurse, **Rachel Anderson Dodge**, is still working at Florida Hospital on the rapid response team and in cardiac ICU. She and her husband, Eric, celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary this summer. They are also enjoying life with their 11-month-old son, Little Eric. **Aaron Sherman** is staying busy in RI, still working as a teacher in Newport. He switched from teaching the 3rd grade the past 10 years to teaching 1st grade, but still loves it! Aaron and Steve keep busy with their 2 sons, ages 9 and 11, and are busy getting things ready at home for number 3 to arrive within the next year. Thanks to The Loop, we heard from the elusive **Linc Baker** this winter. Linc has been busy to say the least! He spent a number of years out west as an adventure guide and is now settling down in Chicago with his girlfriend. **Amy Egan** is enjoying a successful career in real estate in CT. Her little girl, Abigail, is adorable and getting big! **Chris House** is still traveling, golfing and skiing all over the world. Lucky him! We also heard from **Kevin Slattery**, who works in West Hartford in advanced insurance products and says life is good. Sadly, he told us that **Nat Cole** lost his brother, who was close with many CSC grads. Our thoughts and prayers are with Nat and his family.

Kyle Houghton writes that he and his wife, Melissa, had a baby girl, Adelaide Ruby Trecoske Houghton, born March 11. They are still adjusting to their new schedule, but love being parents! Kyle will be returning to his job of teaching 2nd grade in CO after having 6 weeks off after the birth of his new daughter. If anyone would like to get more news or pictures of Kyle and his family you can go to his blog at <http://milehighhoughtons.blogspot.com>. Keep the updates coming!

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Hey, everyone! As of right now, I've been really busy working on my new condo and studying to be a Doula. I'm also working as a massage therapist in CT. In April, I met up with **Lisa Lachesky** for dinner in Boston. She continues to work for Northwest Airlines as a flight attendant. She also recently accepted a position as an exercise physiologist with cardiac rehab patients. Lisa is loving the new challenges. **Chris Quint** still loves his job as director of public affairs for Planned Parenthood of Northern New England. He recently joined the board of DemCorps, a group dedicated to community values and service in Southern ME. He and his wife, Kim, continue to work on their old farm house and hope to be done with all of the restoration work by the end of the summer. We didn't get as many updates as we would have liked, but there were a few of you who have kept in touch. **Kim-Laura Boyle** lives in New London and is teaching at CSC! She teaches one course a semester while working as a physical therapist. "I still keep in touch with my roommates from senior year and recently had dinner with Meesh, Lisa and Mere in Boston," she writes.

Jill Bishop Avery stays in close contact with **Nat Novak '99** and **Rachel Woodbury Novak**, **Colleen Shea Taylor**, and **Sarah Prescott Mills**. They all got together in Feb. at Rachel's to catch up, as they try to do several times a year. Jill continues to live in ME and work at an adoption agency. **Kevin Webster** writes, "Good to hear from you. All is well here in Dartmouth, MA. **Beth Ferreira Webster**, Brayden and I welcomed another boy, Owen Patrick, to the family on Nov. 7, 2007. He is doing well and getting big. I'm still with Baystate Appraisal Service, writing estimates for the insurance companies. Beth is still with Mentor and was promoted to head of quality control for MA, RI and NH. We spent a few days last summer on the Cape with **Kory Galuski '99**, his wife, Steph, and their daughter, Addyson. It was fun hanging out and catching up." **Ann Preston** received her master's in nursing from the U of VA in May '06. She is now a board certified acute care nurse practitioner managing post-operative cardiac surgery patients. She loves it! She is happy to announce that she and her fiancé, Keith, are expecting their 1st child at the end of July and are busy planning their wedding! **Rachel Woodbury Novak** writes, "We recently had a great visit from **Jill Bishop Avery**



Ashlee Willis '08 and Kim-Laura Boyle '98 at Choice Physical Therapy, where Kim-Laura works as a physical therapist and Ashlee completed her internship.

and her son Henry, **Colleen Shea Taylor**, and her son Alex, and **Sarah Prescott Mills**. It was fun to have all the kids together! They had never met my daughter, Catherine, who was born in Sept. Nothing else too new. We have been enjoying our 2 kids and life in Kingston. We are thinking of buying a house on the Cape to rent for the summer, but that is just in the planning process!" **Jud Cleveland** kept in contact with Chris. He was looking forward to joining all of us at Reunion, but he and his wife, Patience, were expecting their new baby within a couple of days of Reunion. Over the summer they bought a house in Falmouth, ME. **Lauren Bodkin**



Kyle Houghton '98, his wife Melissa and newborn baby girl, Adelaide Ruby Trecoske Houghton.

Hunter writes that she and her husband had a baby boy, William Thadeus Hunter, on Dec. 16, 2007. She still teaches at Brewster Academy in NH while living on campus for the school year.

Jodi Lambert Meader writes, "Greetings from the great state of ME. My husband, Larry, our daughter, Lillian (4) and baby girl # 2 (due May 17), are still living in Farmingdale. We bought our house 4 years ago and have done some renovations of windows, doors, paint on the outside and this year looking to renovate our downstairs bathroom. I am still working at CMMC in Lewiston, ME., as a RN in the outpatient medical oncology/infusion center. We have just added 2 docs to our practice so work has been busy, and getting busier as I get ready to go out on maternity leave...yahoo! We have been busy with family events these past few years. My dad passed away in Oct. '06, so last year was spent dealing with his estate and selling his house. Last summer, Larry, Lilli and I went to Monhegan Island to spread his ashes. Then this past June Larry's brother got married, so we were busy with wedding plans and wedding events. So family has kept us busy this past year and a half. We have also touched base with a few CSC alums. I heard from **Corenna Reeves** at Christmastime. She is still at Maine Medical Center on the pediatric floor, and has a very cute 4-year-old son, Finn. I have also heard from **Sarah Lidstone**, who now lives in TN. Christine Lombardi who works at Talbots and graduated from graduate school last spring. The person



Devin Healy '99 and his son Daryn.



Michele Grodzicki Frenkiewich '99 and Brian Frenkiewich '99 enjoy some fun in the snow with their daughters Ayla and Kylin.

I see most from CSC is **Rachel Bratter-Gronblom** and her husband, Josh. They have a very adorable active 3-year-old son, Cyrus, and a baby girl is due in July. We usually get together for a weekend 2 to 3 times a year." Please keep the updates coming. Whether it's a marriage, new job, new house, or you just want to say hello, Chris and I look forward to hearing from all of you. Also, check out the alumni section of the CSC Web site called The Loop. It's a great way to keep in touch with CSC friends!

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Jennifer Mitchell Buckler writes that her boys are getting so big! Her son Ryan is 4, Nicholas is 2½ and Reed is 5 months. They enjoyed a 2-week vacation in Naples, FL, in Feb. **Beth Freeman** spent one week with Jennie and the kids. Jennie said it was awesome and that they had perfect weather. **Ali Jesser** writes, "Both of my sisters, **Leisa Jesser Tripp '01** and **Susanna Jesser McGown '02**, got married last summer, so

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now has his master's in social work. He writes, "I have a wonderful job at a neuro-rehab facility in Lowell, MA. My wife, **Andrea Lemire St. Onge**, and I bought a house in Manchester, NH, and we love home ownership." Andrea continues to work as an athletic trainer at Pinkerton Academy. **Kim Kogut Cote** and her husband, Adam, purchased a home in Gilford, NH. They are very excited and only plan a few simple do-it-yourself renovations. **Devin Healy** writes, "I have been busy being a single father, raising an amazing 6-year-old son, Daryn Connor Healy, and just came back from a skiing trip in MA and seeing the Rockettes in NYC. I did a lot of traveling last summer and was able to hike in Denver, CO, see a football game in Niagara Falls and take Daryn swimming with dolphins in the Gulf of Mexico." **Brian Carriere** wrote the Alumni Office to announce the birth of his 1st child, Liam Joseph Carriere. He was born on Feb. 1. He has a full head of dark hair like his dad, and from his mother, Nicole Shevenell Carriere, he got his eyes, smile and heart. **Chris Carriere** is living in Bristol, CT, and is engaged to Michelle Scavone. **Chuck Morrison** is alive and well, living in Milford, NH, with his wife **Sophie Reist Morrison '00**. **Dan O'Connell** is down in the gulf as a diver while **Shirah Sinclair**

I now have 2 amazing brothers! My artistic ventures have been exciting. I've had a bunch of fairs showing and selling my photography. I recently met my life-mate, which feels incredible. And by the time this gets published I will have had the experience of heli-skiing in British Columbia." Congrats, Ali! **Sara LeRoy** was engaged in Dec., and she and her fiancé, Sean, were planning a Labor Day weekend wedding on Cape Cod. **Marc Harding** and his wife, **Giselle Beauchemin Harding**, both changed jobs. Giselle is still an EMT and is working with a new start-up ambulance company. She is one of 3 key employees there to help build and promote the new company. Marc now works for a company that manufactures medical devices and manufactures surgical knee and hip implants. His company has been sending him to training over the past 3 months to obtain his Six Sigma Black Belt, which he will complete by the end of the spring. **Eric St. Onge** finished graduate school and he

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Svoboda Wedding



Kurt Svoboda '00 and his wife, Joanna Goldstein, were married at the Castle in the Clouds in Moultonborough, N.H., in Oct.



(L to r) Jason Frew '00, Chris Cabe '00, Justin Hauser '99, Eric St. Onge '99, Kurt Svoboda '00, Ryan Willey '00, Chris Lindquist '99, Ryan Smith '99, George Sylvester '00 (best man).

O'Connell '00 is working toward a nursing degree. **Paul LaClair** and his wife, **Kate Nevins LaClair '01**, live in Henniker and are expecting their 1st child. GO LITO. **Dan Darcy '00** is in Portsmouth, NH, where he is busy ice climbing, mountaineering and skiing. **Michele Grodzicki Frenkiewich** has been keeping busy with her daughters, Ayla (4) and Kylin (2). She has been able to work a little at Concord Hospital in pediatrics, but will probably take some more time off, as she and her husband, **Brian Frenkiewich**, expected their 3rd child in April. They are in the process of looking for another home, in the Bangor, ME, area. Brian graduated from the U. of New England Medical School in June and will be a family practice doctor. He will be starting his residency at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor, ME, and will possibly pursue a fellowship in sports medicine. Congrats! **Greg Hooven** writes, "My son is a year old and is now running all around the house. It's getting hard to keep up with him. Last week I was promoted to the director of the marketing agency that I work for, managing the HP and Microsoft alliance program, so I've been going non stop." **Jennifer James Ensign** welcomed Everett White Ensign to her family in May 2007. She graduated from a master's program at Wheelock College in Aug. 2007. **Beth Freeman** writes, "Everything is great with me.

I enjoyed a trip to Naples, FL, with **Jennie Mitchell Buckler** in Jan. A week of fun in the sun is just what the doctor ordered. Jennie's kids are the cutest things on earth, and it was awesome to spend some time with my new godson, Reed!" **Holly Brooks** has lived in Boulder, CO, for 11 years. She plans to marry a great guy from NH on Sept. 20, 2008, in Lions, CO. **Katie Walsh Cyr** and **Abby Hamlin Sehnert** will be in the wedding. Holly writes, "I'm going into my 3rd year teaching 2 year olds, and I have my own landscaping business in the spring/summer. I keep busy on the weekends skiing and snowshoeing in the wintertime. Life is treating me well!" **Jayson Thyng** writes, "I am still with Market Basket as deli manager, but recently was relocated to the Portsmouth, NH, store. I'm currently in the process of looking for my 1st home with my wife, Tricia. Hopefully once we have purchased our house, I will be



Cindy Bailey Mace '00 and Michelle Berger Lefebvre '00 got together in April in Mass.



Tara Schirm Campanella '00 with daughters Gianna and Sofia.

able to have all my CSC friends over." **Kelley Healey Blake** writes, "My handsome son Colin turned 2 years old in March and is certainly keeping us busy. We enjoy meeting up with the Ribbon Juniors, children of **Suzanne Blake Gerety**, **Cara Falconi**, **Ari Lombardi Willey** and **Melissa Eckman Binette**. I am a special education teacher in Canton, MA, and a wedding photographer. Every year I look forward to traveling to baseball parks with my sister." As for me, **Suzanne Blake Gerety**, last Thanksgiving I celebrated my grandmother's 75th birthday with my 2 children, Ryan (3) and Shannon (1), husband Ed, and my entire extended family on a cruise to the Caribbean and South America. It was special to have 4 generations of our family together. Thank you everyone for staying in touch; it means so much!

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Hey, all. I hope this update finds everyone well. By the time you read this I, **Jen Prudden**, will have completed (hopefully!) my 4th Boston Marathon on April 21. I ran again this year as a member of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge Team in memory of **Nicole Lafitte '99**. It was an amazing experience and a great way to raise funds to help find a cure for cancer. I am still teaching 3rd grade in Andover, MA, and living in the North

Young Wedding



Jason Young '00 married Rebecca Young in Canmore, Alberta, Canada, in Oct. 2007.



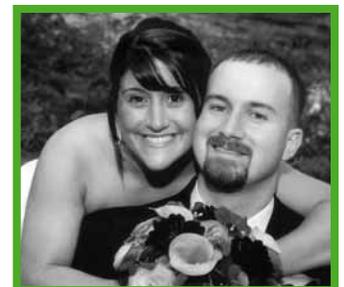
Alumni friends (l to r) Ariana Rork Grant '00, Damon Grant '99 and Jason Vargo '00 joined Jason on his special day.

End of Boston. I heard from a fair amount of people for this update, but if you didn't get your information to either Tara or me, please make sure to send us an update soon. **Rachel Bratter-Gronblom** reports, "My husband and I are expecting our 2nd child, a little girl, around July 30." **Jenna Speer** is living in Hilton Head, SC, working as a copy editor for a publishing company. She's happy to be living less than 5 minutes from the ocean, and doesn't miss snow a single bit! **Zac Pinard** got his MBA from Georgetown U. in May, and then moved to NYC to start a new job with Citigroup. **Sara Burman** currently lives in Coolidge Corner in Brookline with her fiancé. They will be married on Sept. 14 with a honeymoon in Greece. Some CSC girls who will be attending the wedding are **Kara Crane '99**, **Adrienne Shrekast '99**, **Heather Gardiner Shupenko '99** and **Katie Reagan '99**. Sara is a preschool teacher and varsity lacrosse coach at Medfield High School. **Cheryl Carr** wrote to say,

"**Michelle Dailey '99** and I welcomed our twin sons, Matthew Sawyer and Joshua Miller, to the world on Valentine's Day this year. Although Joshua was born with a congenital heart defect, thanks to the care at Children's Hospital Boston, we are looking forward to a happy reunion for Matthew and Joshua soon." Tara Strand still teaches 1st grade in Spencer, MA, and is working part-time towards her Ed.D. at UMASS-Amherst. This is her last semester of course work and then she will begin to work on her comps. She and her boyfriend recently purchased a house in Sturbridge, MA. **Patrice Shutts Pello** wrote, "In April, my husband and I had a beautiful baby girl we named Amelia. We bought a brand new house in NY in Sept. I work as a vascular technologist performing vascular ultrasounds at Albany Medical Center in Albany, NY." **Steve Drozell** moved back to Cape Cod in Jan. 2007. He's been working as a crew foreman for Quivett Creek Landscaping in East Dennis, MA since Aug. They were

off for the winter, which allowed him the opportunity to do quite a bit of skiing. In fact, he was up at Sunapee at one point. The sister of one of his high school friends is being recruited by the track coach at CSC, so they dropped her off on a Mon. evening and she spent Tues. getting the tour of the school. She seemed pretty impressed but wasn't a big fan of the food at Marriott, but then again who was! He spoke to **Dan Darcy** while they were driving back from skiing and he had just finished a long weekend of climbing Mt. Washington. He's up to his usual antics of ice climbing and skiing every chance he gets, and is still branch manager at Enterprise Rent-a-Car in Rochester, NH. **Mike Vroom**, who was at CSC our freshman year, Dan, and Steve traveled to Windham, NY, to visit **Cindy Bailey Mace** and do some skiing at Windham Mountain resort, where she works. While they didn't get the chance to ski due to lousy weather, they had an absolute blast hanging out with her. While they were in Windham **Dave Urban** came down for a night to visit. Dave is doing well, working as a pharmaceutical rep and living in Glens Falls, NY, where he bought a house about 2 years ago. He's still in the process of getting it just the way he wants it. **Rachael Jones Burrell** wrote to say, "**Craig Burrell '99** and I are about to celebrate 8 years of

marriage. We live in Hopkinton, NH. We welcomed our 2nd son, Owen, in Oct. and have a 2 1/2-year-old son, Eli. I am very blessed and am able to stay home with the boys. Craig owns his own interior and exterior painting company." It was great to hear from my old classmate **Kurt Svoboda**. He says, "I was married to Joanna Goldstein in Oct. at the Castle in the Clouds in Moultonborough, NH. I also got promoted to director of athletic communications for Harvard U. It was very exciting because Harvard has the nation's largest Division I athletic program. I am the dept. spokesperson and oversee the publicity and media relations efforts for our 41 varsity sports and 1,500 student-athletes. Joanna is a classical flutist and her group, Vento Chiaro, debuts their 1st CD next month." Congratulations, Kurt and Joanna! **Melissa Labrie Ashley** celebrated her 1-year anniversary on Valentine's Day. She and her husband, Jason, live in San Diego, CA, where she is a proud Navy wife. She is still teaching, working in a toddler classroom at the Navy Child Development Center. It is a big change from preschool and kindergarten, and she finds it a great growing experience as a teacher. They are enjoying the sunny weather and local sights. They were moving to FL this June, and Melissa says it will be great to be closer to family on the east coast. **Chile Eng** has been in Boston since graduation and runs the Boys & Girls Clubs of Middlesex County in Somerville, Medford and Cambridge, MA. Her kids there basically consume her life, but she's proud to say she loves every second of it. **Katie Sykes Follis** and **Matt Follis '99** welcomed a



Shannon Rowell Pine '00 and her new husband, Timothy Pine, on their wedding day.

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daughter, Caroline Follis, on Feb 19. Katie reports, "She is the best baby in the world." **Brooke Haley Kimball** is working as a special educator at a school for students with emotional and behavioral disabilities. She has been married to her husband, Adam, for almost 4½ years. They have 2 beautiful children, Treyton, who turned 4 on June 1, and Brookelyn, who was 2½ in May. They also expected their 3rd child in June. They have been told they are having a boy and are very excited! **Justin Hersh** wrote to say, "Leslie and I moved to RI this past summer. The downside was leaving Park City; however the upside is that I am halfway through my 1st year in law school. Leslie is working in Middletown for Vetrix Corporation. I finally got my act together and proposed this month on top of Monument Mountain in Stockbridge, MA. No date as of yet!" **Kate Lovell** lives in South Boston and works at Emerson College. She continues to pursue acting and has been in 3 movies this year that were filmed in Boston. She is also involved in local theater and has been auditioning for further acting work. **Jessica Dannecker** has spent much time in Asia for work. **Zanna Campbell Blaney** has been doing her internship towards her master's degree in school psychology. Hi all, **Tara Schirm Campanella** here. Since the last update I have been very busy. My daughter Sofia Grace is now 6 months old and she is entertained daily by big sis Gianna Rose. My husband and I are looking forward to this summer when my folks come to Newport for their annual summer trip and we can get out and utilize the free 'nana' sitter! **Shannon Rowell Pine** writes, "I was married to Timothy Pine on Sept. 29, 2007, in West

Greenwich, RI. It was a beautiful day with family and friends. **Kerry Fleming** stood as a bridesmaid." Shannon lives here on the "island" with me. I actually ran into her in Shaws and then **Jen Pesare '01** in Stop and Shop. Two CSC alums who live in my town; what a small world! My old Rooke roomie, **Sandy Weirs Haggerty**, had a baby boy, Colby, on Sept. 2, 2007. Proud daddy is **Sean Haggerty '98**. I love the name reference, Colby, since they met at Colby-Sawyer! We will have to get together for a play date with our Sept. babies! I have seen my other 2 roomies, **Maryellen Skulski Mitrano** and **Michele Stantial Miller**, and both love married life in Boston. My other Rooke roomie, **Melissa Labrie Ashley**, has joined my big Navy family. See her news above. More wedding news from **Jason Young**, who had those breathtaking proposal pictures a few issues back. Jason wrote to say, "I married my lovely wife, Rebecca, in Oct. 2007. We were married in Canmore, Alberta, Canada, where we live and run ForeverYoung Chiropractic. We are both chiropractic doctors.

Ariana Rork Grant, Damon Grant '99 and **Jason Vargo** attended. Damon and Jason were my best men. It was the perfect day with the wedding on a lake and the beautiful mountains as the backdrop. Becca and I are doing great. We live in the most spectacular town in the Canadian Rockies with a great practice and the best news is we are expecting our 1st child(ren) in Oct. this year." My favorite updates always come from **Jenn Wallerstein '01**. She writes, "Instead of traveling the world to keep up with my Australian boyfriend Ben, we decided life would be a lot easier and happier if we got married! I got him back on US soil and we had a civil service on a beautiful SoCal day in June. We are planning the real deal wedding for 2009 on O'ahu now. We reluctantly moved from San Diego to the burbs in Phoenix. I work from home as a contractor for a full service marketing company called Moxie. I'm finally in the right field and am actually using my degrees. I am the resident writer. Never thought that would happen. Working from home is great, as you can imagine! My day to day wardrobe consists of a lot of leisure wear. Life has continued to be mellow and happy since I last checked in. I'm married, I have a job I actually like, and I am an aunt to a gorgeous little girl named Alice. I'm also planning a trip for the spring with my girls, including **Danielle Dobson**." Hope everyone is well and finds the time to check in



Heather Cole Thomayer '01.

next time around. It's been awful quiet from class of '00 as of late. Keep the updates coming and if anyone is interested in being our class officer for fundraising let me know; CSC really needs someone from 2000 to help out!

2001

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Hello, everyone! I hope these notes find you well. Things have certainly been busy for me. I recently started a new job with the U. of ME Cooperative Extension. I am now an extension educator in 4H Youth and Family Development. It is certainly a new adventure and I am very excited. I had the pleasure of attending CSC graduation in



Chris Roofe '01 and his wife, Katie, hosted a holiday dinner for their Colby-Sawyer friends at their home in Wilmington, Mass. The revelers included (l to r) Michele Grodzicki Frenkiewich '99 and her two daughters, Ayla and Kylin, Grace Gravelle '01, Chris Roofe '01, Cheryl Lecesse '02 and Heather Thomson Arrighi '01.

Brian Kerkhoven '01

Which dorm(s) did you live in?

Austin and Rooke.

What do you remember most about Colby-Sawyer?

Undoubtedly, seeing a moose a few days before graduation.

Which staff or faculty member had the biggest impact on you?

Definitely, Ann Page Stecker. She opened my eyes to seeing the world from a different viewpoint while allowing me to voice my opinions—which often differed from hers.

How do you think your classmates remember you?

Probably not as someone who would be working for a congressman.

Which bring us to our next question. What are you up to these days?

I'm a regional representative to Congressman James T. Walsh (R-NY 25th District), running his Rochester District Office. I do a fair amount of constituent casework—you know, when you call your congressman with a problem. My job also involves a lot of outreach and coordinating appropriation requests—earmarks—from local municipalities, businesses, and non-governmental organizations.

Earmarks—always a popular topic.

Well as long as they aren't for "bridges to nowhere" they are actually pretty integral to local economies and the betterment of our communities. Mr. Walsh grants a lot of earmarks to local colleges and universities. I hope Colby-Sawyer is on the bandwagon.

How did you get into politics in the first place?

I was a summer intern for Senator Roth from Delaware between my junior and senior years of college. After graduation, I moved to Washington, D.C., and started working as a Capitol Hill staffer for Congressman Walsh. As his legislative assistant, I handled energy and environment policy, transportation and homeland security issues.

How does political life in Rochester compare to D.C.?

I was a Hill staffer for 5 years before I moved back up here. D.C. has a ton of egos, a lot of

money and most of the people are lawyers or lobbyists. I read somewhere there are 70+ lobbyists in D.C. for every member of Congress. Here in Rochester, N.Y., no one really lobbies you like the special interests on Capitol Hill. Simply put, here it's local grassroots efforts while down there it is all about policy and fundraising.

James Walsh has planned to retire at the end of 2008. What will that mean for you?

It means I don't have to work another election, worry about fundraising, knock on doors or go to any campaign events for my boss. If there is anyone reading this looking for a seasoned political consultant or a VP for Government Relations, please call.

Last book read?

Netherlands 2006. My uncle who lives in Amsterdam mailed it to me about a year ago. It is about the increasing Muslim population in Holland and how the country's government is responding with strict new immigration laws and controversial entrance tests.

Favorite TV show?

"The Big Bang Theory."

Favorite movie?

"Days of Thunder."

Anything you'd like to say to your fellow alumni?

It's very easy to paint a pretty picture with campaign rhetoric.

Care to tell us who you think will be our next President?

As a former Hill staffer, I love hearing Obama and his notion of being able to change "inside-the-beltway" D.C. politics. Good luck, Barack. Honestly, what is he going to say to Hamas, North Korea, and Mahmoud Ahmadinejad? New Hampshire likes McCain. He may not be a libertarian who likes to Live Free or Die, but at least you can rest assured someone with actual leadership and political experience will be in the Oval Office.



pletes an internship in veterinary medicine. **Sarah Outten** writes, "I'm living in Hoboken, NJ, with my Greater Swiss Mt. Dog, Hudson. I work as an operations manager for a law firm in NYC. I recently took a trip to MI to visit **Courtney Norris Francisco** and her new baby, Parker, as well as her sister, Barbi. I've also kept in touch with **Melissa Bregani** who is living in Boston." **Rebecca McKinnon** is staying on the East Coast while her husband Ben is deployed to Iraq again. Their son, Gunnar, is 2 and their daughter, Kayper, is 5 months old. Becky sees **Julie Tyrrell Olsen** and her son, Gavin, often. **Kristin Ozana Doyle** is still teaching history at Raymond High School and living in Pembroke with her husband. Kristin recently wrote a book on her hometown of Raymond which was released May 26. She explains, "It's a history of the town through pictures and captions. The book and graduate school have been keeping me busy, but I've been able to spend a lot of time with **Jennie Cocchiaro LaBranche** and I've been keeping in touch with **Michelle Miller**. We met up in NYC in Dec. and she's doing really well, living right outside the city with her boyfriend, Chris, and their dog, Blanche." **Kimberly Morrison Miller** writes, "Jay took a new job as of March 1, 2008. It requires us to temporarily relocate, but we will be home in Raleigh by Sept. '08. Peyton is great; he's 19 months old now. I have been busy keeping up with Peyton and continuing to volunteer for the local golden retriever rescue." **Danica Letarte Medeiros** and her husband, Mark, are enjoying baby Natalie and life in Arlington, MA. She is currently VP of marketing and public relations at an environmental company in central NH, but fortunately gets to work from the comfort of her home. **Erik Rocheford** writes, "My wife, **Katie Lynch Rocheford '02**, and I love our new life as a married couple and have been spending lots of energy with our new dog, Cooper. We are very busy visiting friends, going skiing, and continuing the never-ending task of working on our house in Billerica, MA. We have been back to the slopes at Sunapee a few

May. My sister **Meggan Meisner '08** graduated this year and it was nice to be back on campus. I have also been putting the finishing touches on my June 7, 2008, wedding. **Jennifer Pesare** is one of my bridesmaids, so

we've been spending lots of time together. Jen has been really busy, too. She was engaged in Jan. and has been working on planning her July 2009 wedding, which I have the pleasure to be in. Jen finished her 1st year of

teaching. Jen and her fiancé have moved into their 1st place and are sharing it with Adam Kane, husband of **Melissa "Missy" Brown Kane**. Brian and I are excited to be spending time with Adam and Missy as Adam com-

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times this winter and skied with **Brendan Carney '02**, **Jenny Buck '02** and my sister **Kate Rocheford '04** and her boyfriend **Matt Ferguson '03**. We were also back in the area with **Bob Behn '02** for Chris Reed's reverse surprise 40th birthday party. It was great seeing all of the old (now older!) rugby crew. The usual suspects were there, but a surprise visit by **D.J. Palmer '99** all the way from FL topped it off."

Grace Gravelle was home in NH for Christmas and got to spend an entire week visiting with family and nearby friends! In March she accepted a project coordinator position for the risk management dept. in the corporate office of her current employer, CBS Personnel (a staffing company). **Sara Hammond** still lives and works in Salem, MA, as an attorney. She is busy planning a Nov. 2008 wedding. Sara sees **Amy Callahan '02** all the time, as she lives down the street.

Krissi Dyer writes, "I have estab-

lished my own DJ and karaoke company (Dyeroke, to be exact) and have been learning the trade of sound and light production for events and concerts at the mountain and in the surrounding areas. I also function as a booking agent for several bands in ME and am doing a little waitressing and bartending. I'm keeping busy, but not rich yet. Look me up at Gepetto's restaurant if you're in the area."

Katrina Ryan received a promotion at the RBC Center in Sept. She is now the catering and restaurant manager. She is enjoying it. Katrina writes, "It keeps me very busy and I can truly say that is challenging as well. While I never set out to work in food and beverage, most of what I do is meeting and event planning." **Travis Dunbar** writes, "My wife, Carrie, and I had a baby girl in Dec., Emily Joy Dunbar. Our son turned 3 in Dec. and he is my biggest fan. On the racing front I am still looking for more sponsors and was invited by Nascar to participate in the Race of Champions in Jennerstown, PA, on Memorial Day Weekend. The race was on May 31 and was televised on ESPN and SpeedVision. I raced against the best racers in the country, including Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt Jr. I am looking for folks with businesses and even personal finances to help me defray the costs of getting



Cassie Doran Koslosky '02 with her children, 4-year-old Lily and 2 1/2-year-old Sam.

down to the race and back, as the gas prices are through the roof. As always, any sponsorship or donation is tax deductible." **Heather Cole Thomayer** is still working for the Animal Hospital but has put most of her time into being an assistant horse trainer. She has about 4 in training right now, so things are busy. She planned some travel with her own horse this summer, including a 10-day trip to NC and VA to visit friends, and a 3-week cross-country trip in July to MT and WY. She and her husband got a new boxer puppy, Diego. He has been a lot of fun, but a lot of work too.

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Hello, everyone! I hope you all are doing well. I can't believe how fast 2008 is flying by! As for me, **Cheryl Lecesse**, I'm still working for Community Newspaper Co. in Concord, MA, as editor of *The Concord Journal*. I moved back to my hometown, Wilmington, MA, in Jan., and am renting a house. It's my first time living by myself, but I love it! In April I had the chance to travel to Los Angeles and Malibu, CA, which was a much needed break from the crazy New England weather we had this winter! I'm still in touch with **Christine Symmes Lucius**, who loves her job as an athletic trainer at Timberlane High School in NH. She and her husband, Rich, still live in Boxford, MA, and recently had the chance to travel to Italy, Corsica and England. **Mitch Leet** has been working for his family's business since graduation selling building products in the New England market. In 2004 he built a house on a mountain in Chesterfield, NH. "Driving up the hill everyday makes me think of Mountain Day," he says. He



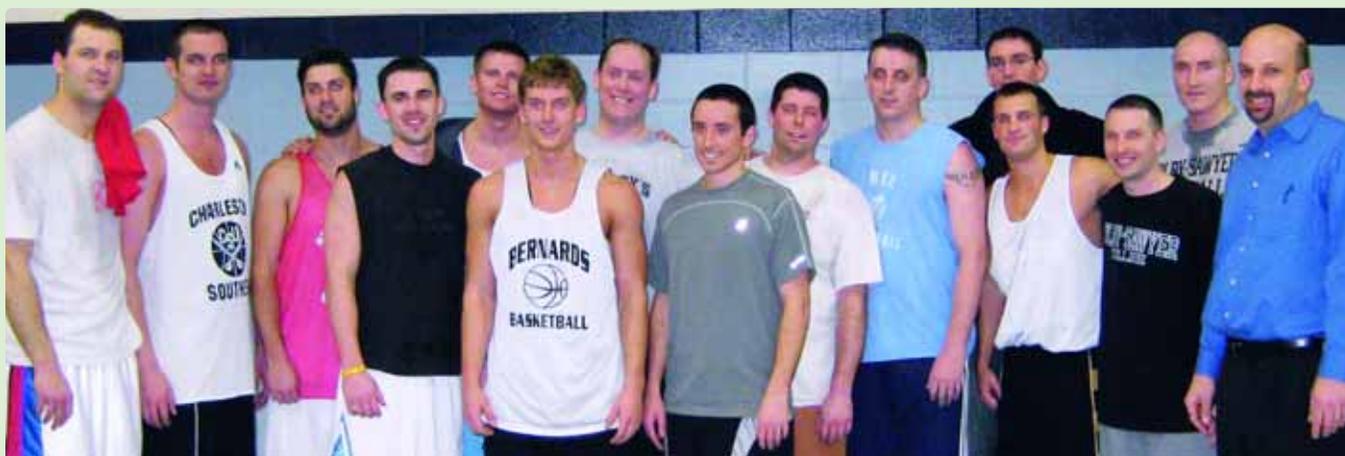
The "Luck o' the Irish" was with this group of alumni as they gathered for their annual St. Patrick's Day get together at the home of Erik Rocheford '01 and Katie Lynch Rocheford '02. Revelers included (back row, l to r) Erik Rocheford '01, Nikki Fowler Martin '02, Missy Brown Kane '01, Kate Rocheford '03, Brian Ennis '01, Erin Slavin Tate '02, (front row, l to r) Katie Lynch Rocheford '02, Brendan Carney '02, Jenny Buck '02 and Randi Everett '02.

Annual Alumni Basketball Game

In Feb., alumni basketball players had the opportunity to play on the new floor in the Coffin Field House for their annual alumni basketball games.



(L to r) Amy Beaton '07, Julie Sheehan O'Neill '02, Leisa Jesser Tripp '01, Sara Hammond '01, Lisa Cole '06, Shawn Kithcart '07, Tasha Beaudin '02, Kristen Diachisin Ferlo '99 and Coach George Martin.



(L to r) Grant Kelly '02, Andrew St. Clair '06, Calen Paquette '03, Chris Burke '05, Chris Condon '05, Tyler Fournier '07, Jim McGilvery '96, Brendan Carney '02, Jay Correia '97, Dave Martinelli '97, Adam Tuttle '02, Collin Bray '06, Josh Pincoske '97, Ethan Betts '03 and Coach Bill Foti.

enjoys wakeboarding, maple sugaring, snowmobiling, and time with friends and family. He's also been spending time with **Jason Schreck**, and says he's really enjoyed watching him recover from his accident. **Karen Kotopoulos** is still working for The Chefs Warehouse. She was recently named to the board of directors for the American Institute of Wine and Food, and ran another half-marathon in May. She's been traveling to NY a lot, and also visited Denver, CO, for the 1st time! **Katie Reeder** has been working for Easter Seals as an administrative case reviewer and is living in Hampton, NH, although she plans to move to Portsmouth, NH, by the end of the summer. Her biggest priority at the moment is helping her sister **Erica Reeder '04** plan her wedding in June, because she is the maid of honor! "I am looking forward to seeing her get married

as it was very thrilling to see my brother Ben get married last fall," she says. **Lucia Savage-Reeder** and husband **Ben Reeder '99** bought a house in Jan. and now have 2 kittens! Lucia is also a bridesmaid in Erica's wedding. **Debbie Panza Brenner** has been working at Franklin High School for 3 years now. "I have found my career and love every moment," she says. She also teaches cheer-leading to 5- to 9-year-old girls in Franklin, NH. She and her husband, Dave, still love living in the south end of Concord, NH. With the help of **Pat Kelly**, they've made some changes to their house. She and **Heather Billings** have gone skiing and, of course, dancing! She and Dave have also spent some fun times with all of their great friends from CSC. "We are especially happy that **Ben Reeder** and **Lucia Savage-Reeder** are staying

in Concord for a while," she says. **Heather Billings** is still living in Brighton and working for Early Intervention. She ran a 1/2-marathon on the Cape in Feb., which she said was fun and different. She is also looking forward to **Erica Reeder's** wedding in June and is going to Spain in Aug. **Rob Buckley** left North Suffolk Mental Health in Dec. to start a master's program in interior design and architecture at Boston Architectural College. "I am going full time and really enjoying it," he says. **Neill Ewing-Wegmann** got married in late April, becoming a step-dad to "a very sweet 4-year-old boy," he says. He recently moved into a nice house off the river with a studio built in for his work. He's also still having regular gallery showings of his paintings. "Over all life has been very good to me," he says. **Angela Langevin** is keeping very busy, as she start-

ed a Ph.D. program in human resource studies at Cornell U. in the fall. She and her boyfriend Brendan are engaged, so in addition to her studies she is also busy planning a 2009 wedding. Congratulations, Angela! "Needless to say, I have very little free time these days. However, things are going very well, and I couldn't be happier," she says. **Jacob Jarvela** has much to report. In May 2007, after 2 years of study, he became one of the first class of graduates from The Center for Cartoon Studies in White River Junction, VT. The curriculum is focused on cartooning, comics, publishing and storytelling. "I am pleased that I was able to follow my interest in illustration in this very specifically tailored program," he says. To learn more about CCS, visit www.cartoonstudies.org. If you'd like to see some of what Jacob's been working on, visit



Kelsey Barberi LaPerle '02 and PJ LaPerle with their children Alicen and Max.

www.jacobjarvela.com. While at CCS, he met Elizabeth Chasalow, a fellow student. Long story short, they are engaged and planning an Oct. 2008 wedding! Congratulations! They live in north-central NJ, where he has a job as a Mac artist at Fairview Advertising, for Haband, a mail and Web-order clothing retailer. **Casey Mitchell Mescher** said she had the most memorable and exciting wedding day, possibly the best day of her life! The wedding was in VT with all of her close friends and family. Since she planned the wedding, husband Joe was in charge of the honeymoon. He kept it a secret until the night before the wedding: a 7-day trip to Antiqua at an all-inclusive resort! "I think we have finally recovered from

planning the wedding and traveling, and now I spend my time planning my 10-year high school reunion," she says. Joe and Casey still live in the suburbs of Chicago, saving every penny they have for a house in VT. She and **Lisa Farina** try to get together every week. Lisa still lives in the city, so they often meet for lunch—their offices are close to one another. Casey recently hosted a dinner party that Lisa and her sister attended. "We drank lots of wine and told many stories to the guests about our crazy CSC moments," she says. **Stephanie Vickers Heddon** and her husband, Jack, were expecting a baby girl! July 22. Congratulations, Stephanie! Working from home is going well for her. She and Jack are

still trying to sort out their schedules to figure out how they will arrange childcare once the baby arrives. **Matt Hagerty** and **Hillary Cross** are engaged and planning to get married at Franklin Pierce College on Aug. 2. Congratulations! CSC alums in the wedding are **Ramsey Hoehn**, **Brett Gaede**, **Chuck Gaede '00**, and **Ben Crowell '01**, along with **Krissi Diachisin Ferlo '99**, **Susanna Jesser McGown**, **Leisa Jesser Tripp** and **Ashley Bramwell**. Matt and Hillary are living in New London near Pleasant Lake and still see the CSC crowd quite a bit. "Poor Hillary feeds dinner to **Timmy Ingraham '03**, **Chuck Gaede '00**, **Jason Hood '01** and **Ben Crowell '01** on a regular basis," he says. **Kelsey Barberi LaPerle's** son Max was born on Feb. 14, 2008, and is growing fast! He is such a cutie—congratulations, Kelsey! "Alicen is a fabulous big sister and we are all enjoying my time off from work," she says. Kelsey returned to work at Head Start in May. **Vicki Burgess Fahey** is closing in on 6 years with Cradle & Crayon, Inc. as their program manager and trainer for CRREL's Child Development Center. She was lucky enough to go to FL in Dec. for the Zero to Three National Conference, a great professional and personal training opportunity that refreshed her memory from her days at CSC. "Plus Florida in Dec.—what could be better?" she says. Her son Hunter

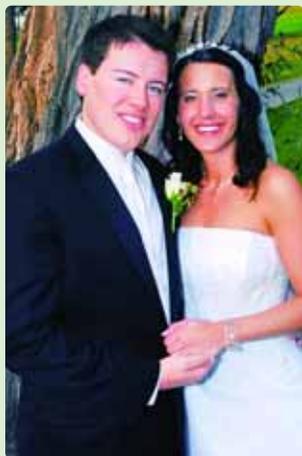
turned 2 in April; Vicki says he could be the poster child of a typical toddler. "He is just a ball of energy, has a great personality and sense of humor," she says. Vicki says she feels fortunate to have a background in child development, not only because she loves kids, but because she feels that it has helped her as a parent. As for my class updates partner, **Nicole Fowler Martin**, she continues to love her job as an academic advisor and is enjoying life in general. She has been very busy with various gatherings of friends and significant others including **Erin Slaviv Tate**, **Jennifer Buck**, **Brendan Carney**, **Randi Everett**, **Katie Lynch Rocheford**, **Erik Rocheford '01**, **Melissa Brown Kane '01**, **Bob Behn**, **Brian Ennis '01**, **Kate Rocheford '03** and **Stephanie Vickers Heddon**. "As always we have a blast when we get together and try to see each other as much as possible," she says. That's it for now! Don't forget, if you have any updates you'd like to share, e-mail Nikki or me and let us know. I hope you all have a wonderful summer, and I can't wait to hear from you all soon!

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I hope everyone had a good winter! In Feb., my husband and I took a late honeymoon cruise to the Eastern Caribbean. We managed to go during one of the

Mitchell/Mescher Wedding



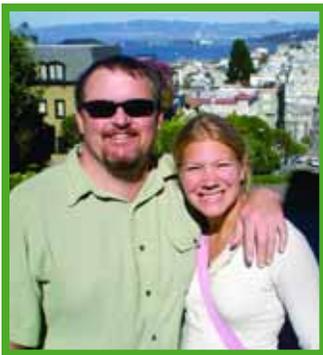
Casey Mitchell Mescher '02 and her husband, Joe Mescher, on their Sept. 22, 2007, wedding day.



Alumni friends taking part in the celebration were (l to r) Ben Adams '02, Maureen Kadish '02, Casey Mitchell Mescher '02, Emily Sullivan '02, Bob Behn '02 and Lisa Farina '02.

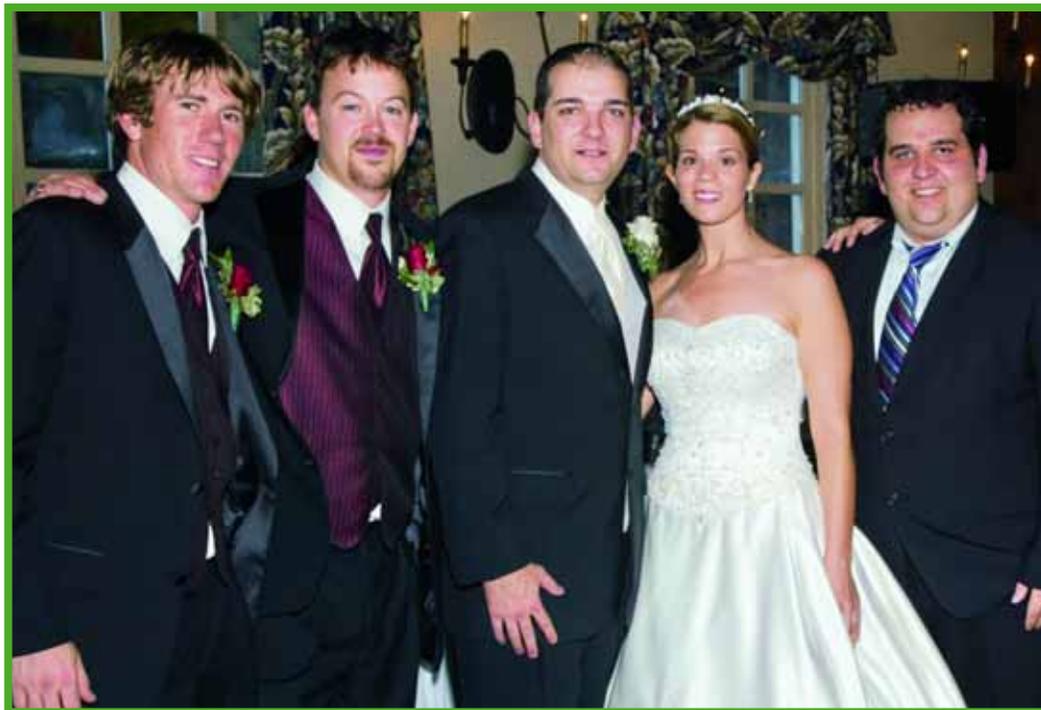


Kerstin Swenson '03 and Bailey Thompson '03 pose for a picture in Idaho.



Kerstin Swenson '03 and her boyfriend in San Francisco.

worst weeks of the winter. Other than that, I spent the winter keeping in touch with many Colby-Sawyer friends. Our class has quite a bit of news to share, so we will get right to it. **Sarah Welch** and **Scott Bailey** were married on Oct. 20, 2007. Sarah writes, "It was a picture perfect day, we had a wonderful time and it was nice to see old friends." The ceremony was held in Pomfret, CT, and the reception was in MA. Other CSC alums in attendance included **Micah Lasher** (best man), **Timmy Ingraham**, **Christopher Russell**, **Rob Ryder** and **Ben Rozak**. Sarah also writes, "We are so happy that we were lucky enough to meet each other at Colby-Sawyer." Sarah and Scott spent their honeymoon on a cruise in the Eastern Caribbean and returned to settle into their new home with their dog, Colby. **Sarah Valero** was married on July 14, 2007 to Robert Hollis Jr. in Nantucket, MA. **Krista Owens**, **Lauren Hallworth '05** and **Justin Svirsky** were in attendance. Sarah and Robert are expecting a baby boy on July 1,



Sarah Welch Bailey '03 and Scott Bailey '03 were married Oct. 20, 2007. Colby-Sawyer friends in attendance included Micah Lasher '03 (best man), Timmy Ingraham '03, Rob Ryder '03, Ben Rozak '03 and Christopher Russell '03.

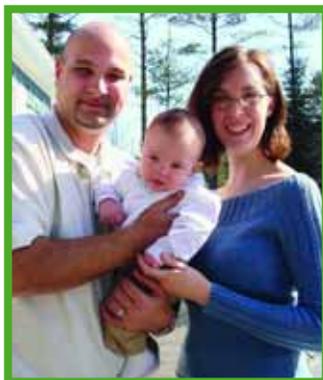
2008, so she will have another busy summer! **Karissa Pignone Fitzell** is looking forward to celebrating her one year wedding anniversary this summer in Las Vegas. She completed her master's in elementary education and is well into her 2nd year as a 3rd grade teacher at her old elementary school. She loves her job and is enjoying all of life's new adventures, which also include lots of traveling. **Jazarae Kirchdorfer** was engaged on New Year's Eve to her boyfriend, Edward. They are planning a June 2009 wedding in CO. Jaz also graduated in May from the U. of Miami with a 2nd master's degree, this time in marriage and family therapy. **Kristen**

Wolslegel was engaged to Greg Lutz on Nov. 25, 2007. He proposed under the lighthouse while they were at Gillette Stadium an hour before the Patriots game. Kristen writes, "Let me just say that I was completely surprised and there is no better place for it to have happened!" She and Greg live in Brighton, MA, with a couple of friends, including **Karen Kotopoulis '02**, and are looking to buy a house or condo in the fall. Our class has also had some new additions! **Meghan Oriel Wallas** and her husband, John Paul, welcomed a baby boy, Brody Michael, on Nov. 19, 2007. The new family is doing well

and Meghan loves motherhood. She is still working at the Civic Center near home. **Kristen Horn Guerriero** and her husband, Chris, welcomed their baby boy, Ryan Michael, to the world on Feb. 13, 2008, one hour before Valentine's Day. Kristen and Chris are having a lot of fun with their new family. Ryan has already had the chance to meet many CSC alums, including **Kerri McGee**, **Tracy Ernst**, **Mike and Kristin Spinney '01**, **Gretchen Walker '04** and **Rose Dow '04**. **Jazmine Greenlaw** finished up her master's degree at Smith College in May. She went on a crazy river tubing trip last



Sarah Valero '03 and Robert Hollis Jr. pose on the beach of Nantucket on their wedding day last summer.



Meghan Oriel Wallas '03 and her husband, John Paul, and their son, Brody.



Nicole LeBlanc '04, Stephanie Walsh Moran '04, Ellie Scuccimarra '02, Anne DeCosta Bousquet '03, Kate Provencher '05, Ally Titcomb Butler '04 and Meagen Pollard '05 gather at Anne's home in Marion, Mass., for a CSC mini-reunion.



Erik Metcalfe '04, Adam Schlesinger '04, Shawn Crowley '04 and Jeremiah Chila '04.

summer with **Jenny Griffiths** and **Micah Lasher**. **Michelle Greim** writes that after a few years of career searching, she is back into teaching again. She teaches biology and anatomy and physiology at Franklin High School in Franklin, MA, and so far it has been a great experience. She lives in Tiverton, RI, and still enjoys horseback riding every now and then in Portsmouth, RI. **Natasha Deane O'Donnell** got a promotion earlier this year and got to go on her 1st business trip. She and her husband, Greg, went to Walt Disney World in May as part of her nephew Dario's Make-a-Wish trip. Tasha and **Kayde Czupryna** also took part in the Jimmy Fund walk last Sept., walking with "Dario's Army," a team created in honor of Dario, who was diagnosed with leukemia in 2006. Sounds like the class of 2003 has been very busy! Congratulations to all of our graduates, newlyweds and new parents!

run into quite a few CSC alums while living in Portsmouth and has gotten together with a number of CSC'ers this winter. She went to the alumni Celtics game with **Erin Sawler Massa** and **Allison Heppler '05**. In Feb., Stacey saw **Natalie Fox** and **Jay Micah Gehrig** and also spent a weekend at the Cape with **Tim Morin**, **Shawn Crowley**, **John Marsh**, **Jeremiah Chila**, **Erik Metcalfe** and **Adam Schlesinger '03**, as well as other friends. She has also traveled to MA a lot to help her sister with her new son! Stacey says being an aunt twice over is twice as fun. Stacey hopes to spend the summer in Scotland working with the National Trust. **Rebecca Brault** became engaged in March to **Michael Bearce** and is planning a July '09 wedding. They recently bought a house in Pembroke, MA. Rebecca contin-



Stacey Fraser '04 attended the Colby-Sawyer Alumni Night at a Boston Celtics game in March with **Erin Sawler Massa '04** and **Allison Heppler '04**.

ues to work with the Duxbury, MA, school system and is enjoying her 4th year there. **Jenny Woodbury** is also in her 4th year of teaching physical education in her hometown of Belfast, ME. Jenny says she has been coaching as well, and has coached girls' soccer, basketball and track. She is looking forward to seeing some CSC alums this summer at **Tamsen Bolte's** wedding. **Erin Sawler Massa** is in the process of looking for both a teaching job and a home in NH. She says she is hoping to move in the fall. Erin recently got together with **Stacey Fraser** and **Allison Heppler '05** for a basketball game and then went to Cambridge, MA, with some other friends.

Maggie Warner took a trip to Chile, where she met up with her brother **Jake** for Feb. vacation. They spent the week in Vina del Mar and Valparaiso on the coast. **Charles Bazdanes** has been promoted to capture manager at Odyssey Systems. He will now



Charlie Bazdanes '04 and wife **Alyssa Rene Levesque Bazdanes** recently welcomed their darling daughter **Kaylee Elizabeth Bazdanes** into the world.

2004 Reunion

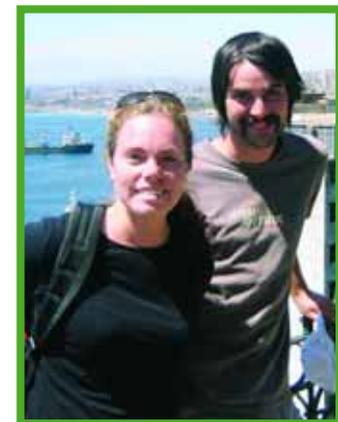
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Hello, everyone! I hope this edition of the magazine finds you all doing well! **Stacey Fraser** still lives in Portsmouth and is studying for her master's in museum studies at UNH. She says she has



(Back row, l to r) **Jon Evans '04**, **Mike Sullivan '04**, **Nate Lambert**, **Chip Fisher**, (middle row, l to r) **Maggie Warner '04**, **Jess Murray '04**, **Jen Dube Fisher '05**, (Front row, l to r) **Mary Lougee Lambert '04**, **Kim O'Connell '04** and **Kelly Bateman '05** celebrate **Kim's** birthday.



Maggie Warner '04 and her brother **Jake** in Valparaiso, Chile.



Colby-Sawyer was well-represented when Kelly Vachon Ames '05 wed. Alumni joining the celebration included (back row, l to r) John Clay '04, Tyler Martin '04, Chris Lane '04, Jason Noyes '04, Chris Woods '04, Kevin Moran '04, Tristan Stenson '03, (middle row, l to r) Justin Litchfield '04, Danielle Hilton Clay '05, Kelsey Donahue '05, Brian Haddad '07, Karen Tryon '05, Acacia "Casey" Batschelet '05, Stephanie Gehlbach '05, Ryan Willis '04, Kolbe Fitzgerald '05, (front row, l to r) Allison Huckabee '04, Tia Holt '04, Kelly Vachon Ames '05, Tara Pannell '05, Dana Bickford '05, Stephanie Walsh Moran '04, and Tyler Martin's girlfriend, Katie.

be working with government contracts for the Air Force Cyber Command, Department of Homeland Security and Missile Defense Agency. Charles is living in Londonderry with his fiancée and their daughter, Kaylee Elizabeth. Charles plans on traveling to San Diego, Colorado Springs, Washington, DC, San Antonio and Oklahoma City for work projects in the near future. He was also happy to learn his brother got a full scholarship to the University of ME to play baseball. **Steven Lerman** is working full time at John

Hancock Annuities in the claims department. He considers it a late birthday gift! **Beth McElwee Bristol** was married on Sept. 29, 2007, to Jared Bristol, her long time high school friend. Beth arrived at the ceremony on her 18-year-old thoroughbred, Tee, and then she and Jared left the ceremony in a horse-drawn carriage pulled by her new 4-year-old Percheron/Morgan cross, Skip. CSC grads in attendance were **Becca Payson '06**, **Adam Therrien**, **Anna Sommer Cutts**, **Krista Lind Tracey**, **Katie Meadows Gray** and **Pat Kelly**

'02. **Pam Payson**, the CSC riding coach, also attended. **Beth and Jared** have recently moved into the house they have just finished building in Guilford, VT. **Amber Tombarello Orr** was married Dec. 22, 2007, in Durham, NH, to **Ethan Orr**. They are now living in Irwin, CA. Ethan is a lieutenant in the Army and Amber is working as the family advocacy program trainer for Army Community Services on post. She teaches stress management, anger management and couples communication for soldiers and their families. **Mary Ann Prescott** was engaged at the end of Feb. and is planning an Aug. wedding in NH. **Dave Houghton** has been working as the project manager at Integrity Graphics in Windsor, CT, since May 2005. He and his fiancée, Christina, are getting married on Sept. 6. They bought their 1st home in June 2007 in Windsor Locks, CT, and recently rescued a 3-month-old boxer/lab puppy named Sophie. Dave says he has recently gotten back into playing the saxophone and bought a Jupiter Horn for himself. I recently spoke by phone with **Mike Ricker** who is doing well. He is still in NJ working as a paramedic, and is also going to school for his master's. As for me, **Mary Lougee Lambert**, I moved to Sunapee, NH, which is more central to everything that I have going on. I took a new position at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and am now a training specialist for the revenue management division. It is a



Jessica Gillen '05 and Eddie Landon.

nice change of pace from the emergency department. My son is getting bigger by the day and just the other day he distinctively said "mama," which was very exciting! My husband and I had a St. Patty's Day get together, where we got the chance to see **Kim O'Connell**, **Mike Sullivan** and **Jon Evans**. Over Christmas I was also able to see **Jessica Murray**, who recently took another fabulous trip for Feb. vacation, **Maggie Warner**, **Jenn Allen**, and **Kelly Bateman** for a Yankee Swap. Other than that, things on this end are going well.

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It's crazy to think it's been 3 years since we've graduated, but, boy, has a lot happened in those 3 short years. **Kim Valentine Hayward** married **Michael J. Hayward Jr.** on Oct. 26, 2007, at Church Landing of the Inns and Spas at Mill Falls in Meredith, NH. **Sarah Foster** and **Sean Joncas** were in their wedding party. **Katie Josephs Flint '97** and her husband, Scott, were also in their wedding party—they introduced Mike and Kim on a blind date in the fall of 2005 and



Kim Valentine Hayward '05 and her husband, **Michael Hayward Jr.**, pose with their alumni friends on their wedding day. Pictured are (l to r) **Adam Marletta '05**, **Kim Valentine Hayward '05**, **Michael Hayward Jr.**, **Sarah Foster '05**, **Sean Joncas '05**, **Sarah Buckley '05** and **Sheena Strada '05**.



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they have been together since. **Adam Marletta**, **Sheena Strada** and **Sarah Buckley** were in attendance, along with the groom's great aunt, **Dorothy Hubbard '32**. Mike and Kim live in Sunapee, NH, with their dog, a 4-year old weimaraner named Lula Mae. Kim began working for M.J. Hayward out of West Lebanon, NH, in Feb. of this past year in human resources/payroll/accounts receivable. Mike is a VP at the company. **Marissa Zinsser** was recently promoted to director of marketing at her company.

Congratulations, Marissa! **Vanessa Mitchell** is in her 2nd semester of vet school and got engaged in early Dec. Congratulations to Vanessa! **Lindsay McKeton Frazier** was married in May 2007 at Castle in the Clouds. She is now teaching 6th grade, living in NH with her husband, and is constantly on the slopes. **Meaghan Smith** is getting married this July to her fiancé, **Brendon Beaulieu**, and busy looking for an elementary school guidance counselor position. **Alena Slabon Davis** finally

got married to **Matthew Davis '06** on July 14, 2007, after nearly 5 1/2 years of being engaged. **Justin Holshuh '06** was the best man, and **Amy Lancaster**, **Nikki Courtney '06** and **Kelly DeCharles '08** also celebrated with them at their small North Hampton, NH, wedding. In Sept. 2007, Alena and Matt went to Disney World for their honeymoon. They now reside in Exeter, NH, where Alena is information coordinator for the Office of the Dean of Students at Phillips Exeter Academy, and Matt is in the on-call fire department. He will be heading back to school in Sept. to the Laconia Fire Academy to get his degree in fire science. The happy couple plans

on buying a house on the seacoast of NH and hopes to start a family soon. **Lauren Hallworth** will marry her fiancé, **Nicholas Wall**, in Sept. In March she celebrated the 2-year anniversary of the River Gallery in Ipswich, MA, which she owns. She sees **Mike Mandolese**, **John Kenyon**, **Elaine Sczurek**, **Krista Owens '03** and **Sarah Valero '03** on a regular basis. **Cheryl Oliveira** is currently working for Nature's Classroom, which is an outdoor education facility. There are 13 sites around New England and she is based in Andover, CT. For the summer she will be the assistant director at a Girl Scout camp in Plymouth, MA. **Jessica Gillen Landon** has had a crazy year.



(L to r) Josh Applegate (attended CSC for a year in 2002), Micah Lasher '03, Euginnia Manseau '05, Tim Ingraham '03, Meghan Gately '05, Andy Gannon (former CSC alpine skiing coach) and Nick Salter '03 in Vail, Colo.

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2006

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Hello, classmates! I hope this update finds you all well and enjoying the summer weather. Unfortunately I did not have many updates from you, so our column is short and sweet. Please remember to shoot me an e-mail and let me know what you're up to these days; your classmates want to know. **Jaron Foster** is currently working as a consumer data analyst and was married in July 2007. **Kathryn Mills** writes, "I moved from Sunapee to Gainesville, FL, in Oct. I have a job working as a program assistant for the VP of health affairs at the University of FL and will be starting another master's program in public health at UF this summer, as I completed a master's in health education in May 2007. Let's just say living without snow has changed my life. I am happy, healthy and warm!" **Carolyn Wilson** is getting her MPH from NY Medical College with a concentration in behavioral sciences and health promotion. She is now living in



The Castle in the Clouds in Moultonborough, N.H., provided a beautiful setting for the wedding of Lindsey McKeton Frazier '05 in May 2007. Jaime Guilmette '05 (2nd bridesmaid from right) and Allison Kelly '05 (4th bridesmaid from left) were members of her wedding party.

She moved back to VT about a year ago from SC, bought a house last summer, and married Eddie Landon on Sept. 8, 2007. Several CSC alum were there. She is also starting a new job as a behavioral interventionist working with preschool-aged children. As for your class correspondents, **Cody O'Leary** had an amazing 2-week vacation to the beaches of South America in Jan. with her

brother. Other than that, it's been a whirlwind of traveling like mad for work and trying to fit in a social life in between. **Monica Michaud** accepted a new position with Lewiston Public Schools. She is now a Pre-K teacher at Governor James B. Longley Elementary School; this is the first year Lewiston has implemented Pre-K in the schools. She considers herself to

be lucky enough to get one of 2 positions open. She's thrilled to be in the public school system and enjoys every minute of it. She is also currently teaching dance courses for adult ed. and still takes dance classes herself. Over the fall, she was director of the rec field hockey program and she is still choreographing for a local high school drama society.



Group shot of the CSC gang at the Aug. 2007 wedding of Jen Dube Fisher '05. (L to r knees) Lacey Bohannon '04, Angela Shaw '05, Kim O'Connell '04, Jen Dube Fisher '05 (bride), Chip Fisher (groom) (back, l to r standing) Dylan Chagnon '05, Kyle Williams, Mike Mandolese '05, Jon Evans '04, Mike Sullivan '04, John Kenyon '05, Lindsey Archila '05, Stacey Philbrook '05, Maggie Warner '04, Josh Worthen '05, Ben Stehle '05.



Tarren Bailey '06 proudly displays the 15-pound red snapper she caught while on the north island of New Zealand in the Bay of Islands.



Matthew Davis '06 and Alena Slabon Davis.

Valhalla, NY, and enjoys it very much. **Signe Linville** writes, "Hi, everyone! I am still living in good old New London. I have started my own business called Optimal Aquatics, LLC. I am the head coach for the local youth US swim team and the assistant coach for the CSC swim team. I am also working with Keelin Regan-Reed at her business (Keelin Studio for Strength and Wellness in Newbury, NH). I teach an exercise class for her and am her assistant. I have also become involved with New London town government (representing young people!). I hope everyone is well. Keep in touch!" As for me, **Tarren Bailey**, I had an exciting winter this year. I was very fortunate to take my 1st trip out of the country to New Zealand! I was there for 2 1/2 weeks, including New Year's. During the 1st week, my uncle and I traveled with a group called Active New Zealand, with whom we hiked a ton, biked the Hollyford Valley, sea kayaked Milford Sound, hiked into Siberia

Valley, flew in a Cessna plane, rode in a jet boat and took a helicopter to top of the Franz Josef glacier to hike. It was an amazing experience and if you want to hear more please e-mail me or contact me through my Web site, www.tarrenbailey.com. Hope you all are doing well; please make sure to send me your update for the next magazine as soon as you can.

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*Editor's Note: Welcome and special thank you to **Melissa Ferrigno**, who has agreed to join **Ashley Rodkey** as a class of 2007 correspondent.*

Ashley Rodkey has gotten her MA education certification and is looking for a full-time teaching position while substitute teaching in the Amherst, MA, area. **Melissa Ferrigno** has moved from CT to Sunapee, NH, and currently works with Centurion Corporation as a commercial lines accounts manager. She was recently diagnosed with Intracranial Hypertension. She still sees **Katina Caraganis**, **Laura Sawyer**, **April Buchheit** and **Cory Marien**, and still gets together regularly with **Jimmy Giddings '06**, **Brian Campbell '08**, **Michelle Isner '09**, **Brad Lemieux '08**, **Jessica Stewart '09**, and **Nicole Poelaert '09**. **April Buchheit** is at the U. of ME working towards her master's in education in kinesiology and physical education. She is a graduate assistant certified athletic trainer and works with the softball and men's soccer teams. April still visits with **Katina Caraganis**, **Laura Sawyer**, **Melissa Ferrigno**, and **Jimmy Giddings**. **Katina Caraganis** has also relocated to NH, living in Hanover and covering local and community news as a reporter for *The Connecticut Valley*



*Becky Jones '07 celebrated her 23rd birthday in Beantown with her alumni friends (l to r) **Jamie Coan '06**, **Beth Norris '06**, **Sean Gildea '07**, **Becky Jones '07**, **Jacob Marquis '07**, **Julie Baldiga '07**, **Julie D'Onofrio '07** and **Marissa DeSousa '07**.*

Spectator in Lebanon. She still sees **Jimmy Giddings**, **Laura Sawyer**, **April Buchheit**, **Cory Marien**, and **Steph Goggin**. Commencement Speaker **Zach Ackles** is living in Manch-Vegas working at the *Nashua Telegraph* in the ad-services dept., building ads. **Carl Keyser** is still in New London and is working for a newspaper. **Colin Malone** moved to Sacramento, CA, with his girlfriend and is working as an outside sales rep for Caltronics Business Systems. They enjoyed

the skiing up and around Lake Tahoe all winter. Congratulations to **Kate O'Neil**, who has gotten married and is now **Kate deBros!** She has moved to Portland, OR, where she joined AmeriCorps' Partnerships for Student Achievement Program. She works in a school with 60% poverty as a tutor/mentor for 5th and 6th graders. In April **Sarah Ferry** received her post-baccalaureate certificate in art conservation from SACI (Studio Art Centers International) in Florence, Italy.



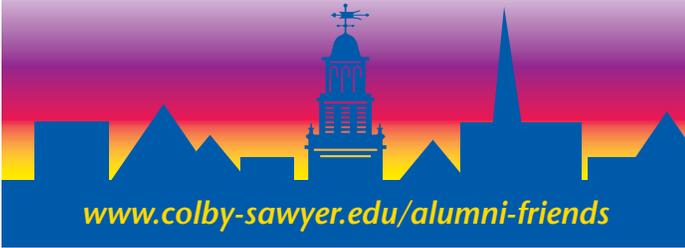
*(Back row, l to r) **Suzanne Kaegi '07**, **Mary Ann Prescott '04**, **Anne Coulter '06**, **Kathy Couture '06**, **Becky Schaffer-Gaudreau '06**, (front row, l to r) **Karen Kotopoulos '02**, **Kristin Anderson '00**, **Karen Tryon '05** and **Ashley Loran '06** participated in the alumni volleyball game on April 12, 2008.*

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Congratulations to Sarah and **Matt Urban!** On August 16, 2008, they were married in New Harbor, ME. **T.J. Coffrin** lives in Franklin, NH, and works for Walgreens. He began as an assistant manager and was recently promoted to executive assistant. He is still involved with the non-profit organization that he helped start, The Yonso Project, and is planning a trip to Ghana to work more closely with the people there. **Jenn LeMay** has been busy as a preschool lead teacher in Manchester and a dance teacher in Nashua, NH, where she teaches both children's classes and hip-hop. **Nicole Kenney** is currently working at Costco Wholesale as a full-time cashier. This past fall she took a microbiology class at NHCTC Manchester and is hoping to enroll in an accelerated B.S. program in nursing school this year.

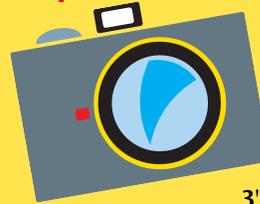
She is still in NH and recently cruised to the Caribbean. She still keeps in contact with **Brian Bent**, who is also employed full time at Costco. **Shelly Carter** is going to be starting her master's in mental health counseling at Southern NH U. in fall of 2008. **Steve Hash** has moved to Venice, CA, with **Katie Srednicki '06**. He accepted a position as scientist with Orion Environmental Inc., specializing in soil and group water remediation. He and Katie have kept in touch with **Tim Carleton '06**, **Sarah LaRosa '06**, **Robbie Burnett**, **Andrew Williams '05**, **Jimmy O'Hara** and **Peter Craven '06**. They invite anyone in the greater Los Angeles area to look them up!

2008
Class Correspondent Needed



Kristine Prioli '08 and her dog, Pookha, came to campus to help take down the Clothesline Project.

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ALUMNI BOOKS & BALLADS

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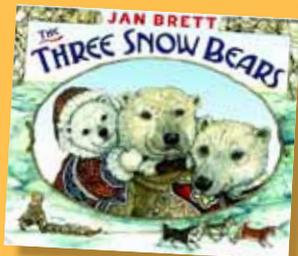
Is there a better way to spend a hot summer day than at the beach in the company of a good book? We think not, and we're betting **Janet Spurr '76** feels the same way. *Beach Chair Diaries, Summer Tales from Maine to Maui* (Falmouth Heights) is a charming collection of personal stories chronicling her love of the seaside. "Ocean water is part of my family's blood," she writes. Her tales—from surfing in Hawaii to cooling her feet in the waters of Wells Beach—will transport you to the shoreline no matter how far inland you are. The front cover of *The Second*



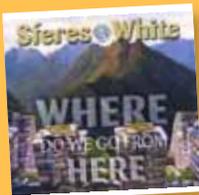
Journey: The Road Back to Yourself (Voice) by **Joan Anderson '62** depicts the author on the sand, staring out to sea—always a promising sign of a good beach read. This latest work of personal exploration from the best-selling writer shares her story of how she struggled to find balance in her life after achieving success. One reviewer glowingly describes it as "a self-help book for people who think they hate self-help books." Those readers who think they hate the heat of summer can cool down with *The Three Snow Bears* (Putnam Juvenile) by **Jan Brett '69**. It's a chilly twist on Goldilocks in which a young Inuit girl encounters an igloo, empty of life but filled with the delicious smells of breakfast. Of course, the titular bears can't be too far away....



Page-turning novels of romance and adventure are always good choices for summer beach reading. **Cerian Williams Hebert '87** has had two such books published in the past year by Samhain Press. In *Where One Road Leads*, a woman discovers love and a plot against her life when she returns to her hometown. The heroine of *Sweet Forever*, mean-

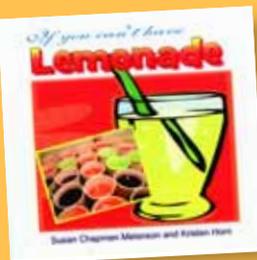


while, finds her romance far from home. Will she forsake the town she loves or the man she's falling for? We're not telling. If you enjoy passion in your music as well as on the page, there's the duo of Sferes & White—half of which is **Jennifer White '90**. *Where Do We Go From Here*, their latest CD, has been described as a "love affair between acoustic



rock and soulful folk, blending intricate guitar work, luscious harmonies, and thought-provoking lyrics."

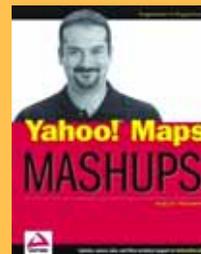
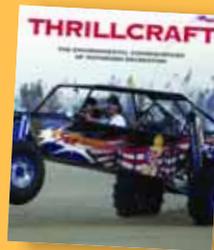
Our old friend **Susan Chapman Melanson '66**, a fixture in this column, has dedicated her newest book to a delicious summer treat: lemonade. Written with her daughter, **Kristen Horn Guerriero '03**, *If You Can't Have Lemonade* (Lulu Publications) is a colorful children's book about a boy who wishes that life would hand him lemons. Now, if it were organic lemons that he wanted, we're sure that **Carol Engan Borrelli '82** could have offered some pointers. The proprietor of Cinagro Farm, which specializes in "fresh-cut, organically grown culinary herbs," Carol has written her first cookbook. *Cinagro Farm, Family Favorites from the Farm and Beyond...* (Morris Press) is packed with a cornucopia of recipes for preparing healthy yet delicious meals. (Bonus points if you figured out that "Cinagro" is "organic" spelled backwards.)



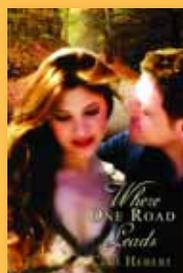
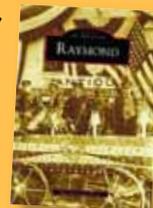
Meredith Dodd Taylor '69 let us know all the way from Wyoming that she has had two articles recently published. "Ancient Wildlife Corridors" appeared in the anthology *Wind River Wilderness* (Laguna Wilderness Press) while "On the Path of the Pronghorn" was collected in *Thrillcraft* (Deep Ecology Press). Both articles focus on the longest big game migration corridor in the continental U.S. Those readers wishing to map these areas online might want to pick up a copy of *Yahoo! Maps Mashups* (Wrox) by **Charles Freedman '99**. This handy guide to the mapping tools available at Yahoo.com delves into Flex 2 mashups, AS-Flash API, and other terms that, we hasten to admit, sail right over our heads.



Speaking of geography, **Kristin Ozana Doyle '01** has recently published a visual history of her hometown of Raymond, N.H. Part of the *Images of America* series that "celebrates the history of neighborhoods, towns, and cities across the country," *Raymond* (Arcadia Publishing) documents the evolution of the town through vintage photographs.



Liz Westgate Waring '63 is concerned with a different kind of evolution. *Up with Aging: the art of growing older with zest* (Xlibris) deploys her humorous, hand-colored photographs of seniors at play to create a joyful vision of the "golden years."



David Bourassa '99 contributed some of his photographs to *Ski the 14ers* (Capitol Peak), a coffee table book chronicling skier Chris Davenport's epic quest to ski all 54 of Colorado's 14,000 ft. peaks in one year. Sounds like fun, but we'll stick to relaxing at the beach.



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