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Dear Friends,

It has been an extremely busy and exciting time since our last issue of the *Colby-Sawyer Alumni Magazine*. Notably, we have spent significant time and effort on strategic planning and striving to define our key strategic themes as we move forward to meet the future. After extensive conversations with faculty, students, staff, alumni and trustees, four key, interrelated themes have emerged: engaged learning, living sustainably, linking to the world, and a dynamic devotion to excellence. These themes are consistent with our tradition and at the same time will catapult us to an even brighter future.

The themes are not discrete and separate. Instead, they merge and combine. The first and, perhaps, foremost theme is engaged learning. Teaching and learning is what we have always been about and what we will always be about. Students, faculty and alumni all note that outstanding teaching and close faculty/student relationships are the core part of an outstanding Colby-Sawyer education. Today we emphasize that not only is the education great, but it is also active and engaged. Students are engaged in their learning and they share responsibility for it. Faculty challenge students to understand, improve and demand more of themselves than they ever have before. There is nothing passive about a Colby-Sawyer education. It is rigorous, interdisciplinary, based in the liberal arts and sciences, and asks our students to work with each other and us to be ready to live and participate confidently in the world of ideas and in their professions.

The second theme, based on one of our fast developing philosophical, ethical, educational and environmental commitments over the past few years, is the idea that we have a responsibility to live sustainably. We all have an obligation to future generations to make sure we leave sufficient natural resources for them to live and thrive just as we have lived and thrived. Twice in the last few years student "GreenROUTES" teams have advised the college on how to create and implement a more sustainable individual and campus lifestyle. In May, the Board of Trustees approved our Climate Action Plan, a broad, procedurally rich document which will guide our course over the next 40 years. It sets a goal of reducing our carbon footprint 100 percent by 2050. It provides us with the necessary commitment, flexibility and road maps to achieve our goals. Notably, with a new electricity contract backed by renewable energy credits, we will reduce our carbon footprint over the next three years by over 40 percent. Critically, our commitment to sustainable living is also a commitment to appreciating, preserving and celebrating our fabulous sense of place here on top of our fantastic windy hill.

One of the wonderful things about our commitment to living sustainably is that this goal links us to a broad, global goal—living a more environmentally aware life. It is a goal that affects our campus, but if we strive to achieve sustainable living we can really change the world. Thus it is clear that our second theme ties very nicely to our third strategic theme, linking to the world. We believe it is our responsibility to teach our students and remind ourselves that the reason for education is, in part, to prepare our students to improve the lives of others. Our beautiful campus is an idyllic place to live, study and work, but it is connected to the wider world where our graduates will soon pursue their passions and professions. Through our efforts to bring more international students and others with diverse backgrounds into our community, we are celebrating and embracing the changing world and better preparing our students to thrive within it.

Earlier this summer I was struck by how one links to the world when I was asked to testify before the U.S. House and Senate Judiciary Committees about liability issues arising out of the Deepwater Horizon disaster. In the wake of the tragedy I was initially overwhelmed by the issues, but I was honored to be invited to speak, and I focused on the task. Reflecting upon my time in Washington, D.C., I feel fortunate to have had the experience and training that enabled me to offer background and suggestions that I, at least, believe would improve our legal system. Whether or not change comes, I felt like I was doing something to help people, which is why I went to college and law school and why I went into education.

The fourth strategic theme is that we must remain devoted to excellence in everything we do. Excellence is one of our community values. Today, excellence is more than continuing to do well what we did yesterday. Today, excellence means



COLBY-SAWYER MATTERS

*Contributing writers: Kathy Carroll, Amber Cronin '11, Aynsley Doyle '13,
Kate Dunlop Seamans and Kimberly Swick Slover*

Students Present Papers at Alpha Chi Honor Society Super-Regional Convention

Three Colby-Sawyer College honors students presented research papers this past spring at the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society's Super-Regional Convention, with one winning an award.

Seniors Rachael Smith and Amy Hebert and junior Jennifer Creasey attended the convention from March 25 to 28 in Little Rock, Ark. The students are New Hampshire residents and Wesson Honors Program Scholars, as well as members of Alpha Chi, the national honor society for top-ranked students.

The students presented their research papers and then answered questions from audiences of 20 to 30 people. Professor of Social Sciences and Education Randy Hanson, who serves as faculty advisor to the college's Alpha Chi chapter, accompanied the students on the trip.

"Amy, Rachael and Jen did a wonderful job representing Colby-Sawyer and their majors," said Professor Hanson. "Their presentations were excellent—well informed and well delivered."

Smith, a Nursing major from Milford, presented a paper titled "Anthracycline Induced Cardiotoxicity: What Every

Nurse Should Know." She received one of two awards for Best Presentation in Region VI (New England and the mid-Atlantic states), along with a \$100 check.

"I was nervous because I'm not a big fan of public speaking," said Smith. "But I was surprised to find the judges enjoyed my presentation. We were graded on content, manner of speaking, and the ability to answer questions. There were some tricky questions, including one from a senior nursing major who asked something that even researchers haven't answered yet."

Hebert, an Exercise and Sport Sciences major from Keene, N.H., presented a paper on "Faculty's Knowledge of and Attitudes Toward Student Participation in Athletics," while Creasey, a junior Child Development major, discussed "Foster Care in the United States."



Rachael Smith '10 won an award for her paper "Anthracycline Induced Cardiotoxicity: What Every Nurse Should Know."

flexibility. It means considering whether the ways we taught in the past serve the needs of students today. It means analyzing programs, delivery methods, and even the schedules we follow. It means examining our financial models and asking how we can become stronger and more secure and, yet still dynamic and relevant.

Finally, maintaining excellence requires your support. Without your faith in what we do, without you spreading the good word about us, without your investment in your college, Colby-Sawyer will not be able to achieve all we hope to. One of the ways you can help make the world a better place is to support our efforts to provide a great education—one student at a time. With your help, the Colby-Sawyer star will shine even brighter. With your help, our collective dreams can come true.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Galligan, Jr.
President and Professor of Humanities

The next issue of the *Colby-Sawyer Alumni Magazine* (January 2011) will contain a feature story which will discuss the strategic themes in detail and will offer a comprehensive picture of what Colby-Sawyer's goals for the future are and how they can be successfully accomplished.

For more about President Galligan's testimony before the House and Senate Judiciary Committees, see page 10

International Festival Celebrates College's Cultural Diversity

by Cindy Benson, an advisor to international students and to the Cross Cultural Club. PHOTOS: Gil Talbot



This year's International Festival, which included 31 international students from 17 countries, was the biggest and best ever and highlighted the college's growing cultural diversity. The festival featured workshops and music by the Peruvian band Inkas Wasi, 20 table displays from around the world, along with ethnic foods and a cultural fashion show. Participants could have their faces painted, watch a demonstration of Japanese calligraphy, or enter an international photography contest. The event also welcomed the



Empty Bowls Project, with student artists' ceramic work for sale, and a study abroad fair with 10 study abroad programs in which students can participate.

The festival, a favorite campus event every year, catered to both college and community members and was the result of months of planning by the Cross Cultural Club. The club members handled publicity and recruited international students and staff to create table displays. They also bought materials, decorated the hall, and coordinated with Sodexo Dining Services, which serves international foods on festival day. The festival offers our international students an opportunity to teach others about their culture while those who attend can experience the global village right here in New London.

"This was the largest and most successful festival I've attended in my time at Colby-Sawyer. So many people turned out to appreciate and learn about the



College Approves Climate Action Plan, Commits to Green Energy

Colby-Sawyer's Climate Action Plan, which seeks to achieve a carbon-neutral campus—meaning zero carbon emissions—by 2050, was approved by the Board of Trustees on May 7, 2010. The plan is a flexible document designed to guide the college toward sustainability.

A 2008 greenhouse gas inventory conducted by students showed that the college's use of electricity was its primary source of carbon emissions, followed by propane consumption. In a significant step toward the plan's goals, renewable energy sources will power Colby-Sawyer through a new utilities package that reduces the college's carbon emissions by 43 percent.

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ROUTES
The Pathway to Carbon Neutrality
& Whole Systems Sustainability

The college's new electricity arrangement is considered green because of the annual purchase of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs). This is a temporary option to assist Colby-Sawyer in reaching its environmental sustainability goals. As local renewable energy alternatives become more available, and as the college continues to reduce emissions at their source on campus, the college will shift

from RECs toward more locally produced green power and electricity.

Learn more about sustainability at Colby-Sawyer at www.colby-sawyer.edu/greenroutes/index.html

many countries represented by our students, as well as to soak up the phenomenal Inkas Wasi performance," said Kayleigh Flynn, a third-year American student and member of the Cross Cultural Club. "A special surprise came at the end of the night when the international students danced in a circle, holding flags from their countries. What an awesome sight!"

Abhiyan Thapaliya, a first-year student from Nepal and treasurer of the Cross Cultural Club, summed up the festival as follows: "The event is important because it emphasizes the diversity we have on campus. It's a time when American students can learn about cultures from around the world. Also, they can taste some great food!"



New Director, New Directions for Institutional Research

Ni Yi of Charlottesville, Va., has joined Colby-Sawyer as its new director of Institutional Research. Dr. Ni leads the way in the collection and analysis of data to support the college's strategic planning initiatives and increase data-based decision-making.

Dr. Ni holds a Ph.D. in research, statistics and evaluation from the University of Virginia and a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing, China. He previously served as a database developer for the K-12 school system in Charlottesville, where he supported the district by providing information and technology tools.

With Dr. Ni at the helm, Institutional Research will play a more active

role in strategic planning and program assessment for the college. "His role as an institutional research director will extend beyond data management," says President Tom Galligan, "to engage the college community in using data to inform our decision-making and to continuously improve the educational experiences of our students."

Working with President Galligan and senior officers, Dr. Ni will focus on issues of assessment in overall institutional effectiveness and specifically in measuring students' success in meeting the college's learning outcomes. He will also take part in the planning and evaluation of academic programs and other areas related to the college's academic mission.

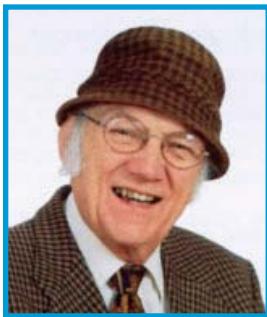
Through his previous work as a database developer, Dr. Ni's goals in institutional research evolved from realizing efficiencies

through data collection systems to a more inclusive approach that engages key community members in the processes of data collection, analysis and application to decision-making. Institutional effectiveness has become his career passion, and Dr. Ni says, "I'm ready to use my creativity and skills to help myself and others to collectively accomplish Colby-Sawyer's mission."



IN MEMORIAM

**Beloved Professor Emeritus
Alf E. Jacobson was a
'Man of Many Hats'**



Junior College in 1958, teaching courses in economics, history and international relations until 1986.

Professor Emerita Hilary Cleveland, whose tenure in the same department preceded Professor Jacobson's, knew him well and recalls him as an active and engaged presence on campus. "He was quite beloved by students. He even took them for study abroad one year," she says. "I would also call him a Renaissance man. He had so many different interests, so many irons in the fire."

Along with his academic career, Professor Jacobson served in the New Hampshire Legislature as the New London senator from 1969 to 1978, including six years as Senate president, and as a state representative from 1982 to 1992 and from 1994 to 2001. A *Concord Monitor* article titled "Conscience of the House," noted that the longtime legislator was known for an intellectual approach to lawmaking that transcended political parties and "brought both wit and wisdom to legislative debates, as well as a reputation for charting his own course."

In an article in this magazine published in 1999 titled "Alf Jacobson: A Man of Many Hats," the professor was profiled in regard to his many roles over the years. "I'd like the alumni to know I spent 28 years at Colby-Sawyer and never had a boring day," he said. "It was fun, and I'd often tell my friends in the legislature in Concord that teaching was the best job I could ever wish for."

Professor Emeritus Alf E. Jacobson died at New London Hospital on April 18, 2010, at the age of 86. He joined Colby

Students Learn and Intern in Washington, D.C.

by Amber Cronin '11

Four Colby-Sawyer College students lived and worked in the nation's capital last spring, interning at the National Federation of Federal Employees, the Irish Embassy, Mentors Inc., and the Navy Museum. They were the pioneers of the college's new affiliation with the Washington Internship Institute (WII).

"Our students get to study away from campus, completing their internship requirements, as well as taking two additional courses," says Kathy Taylor, director of Career Development at the Harrington Center. "Students earn a semester's worth of credit, but they still have access to all of the services and support from Colby-Sawyer."

Ariana Coleman '10, Alex Law '11, and Kyle Moulaison '11, all History, Society and Culture majors, along with Psychology major Ashley Jones '10, spent four days a week at their internships, took WII classes, and attended to college responsibilities as well.

Choosing the Best Program

Interns choose between the Embassy and Diplomatic Scholars Program, the Go Green Program, or the Capital Experience Program.

The oldest program is the Capital Experience Program, which is open to any major and was chosen by three of the students. Moulaison interned with the National Federation of Federal Employees and spent his days conducting research on the U.S. Armed Forces and other aspects of our country's defense. He then reported his findings to the federation's communications and legislative director.

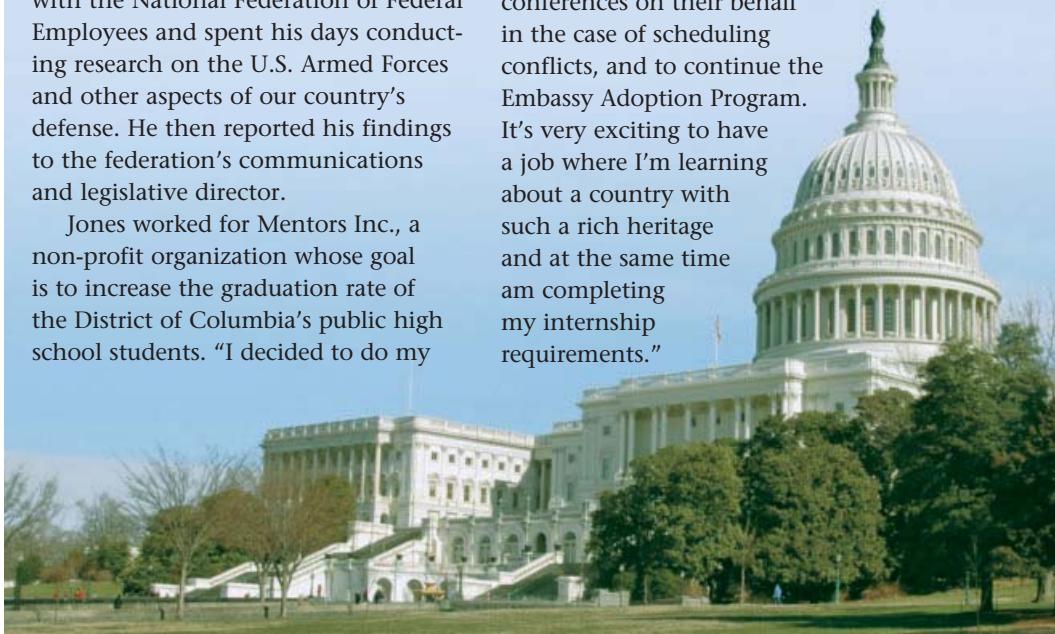
Jones worked for Mentors Inc., a non-profit organization whose goal is to increase the graduation rate of the District of Columbia's public high school students. "I decided to do my



(L to r) Alex Law '11, Ariana Coleman '10, Kyle Moulaison '11 and Ashley Jones '10 outside of the White House.

internship through the WII Program because they offered an amazing opportunity," she said. "As a senior I realized that, with graduation just around the corner, I was about to be thrown into the 'real world' without much 'real world' experience. This program presented me with the chance to live and work in Washington, D.C., the metropolis of knowledge!"

The Embassy and Diplomatic program caught Coleman's eye and led her to work at the Irish Embassy. "The embassy will only accept one intern per semester, and they always go through the WII Program. I wouldn't have been able to intern at this site without the WII Program," said Coleman. "My duties included assisting the diplomatic staff with ongoing events, attending meetings and conferences on their behalf in the case of scheduling conflicts, and to continue the Embassy Adoption Program. It's very exciting to have a job where I'm learning about a country with such a rich heritage and at the same time am completing my internship requirements."



The Langbein Family Scholarship: Giving Back in a Thoughtful Way

by Kathy Carroll

Two years before her 50th reunion in 2006, long-time class agent Nancy Hoyt Langbein '56 and her husband, Ed, began to think about a special gift to Colby-Sawyer that would commemorate Nancy's milestone celebration and provide a meaningful way for the couple to participate in the college's Succeeding Together campaign. Nancy and Ed are among Colby-Sawyer's most dedicated supporters, and it was no surprise that they would come forward to explore making a more significant personal investment in the college on the important occasion. Given their commitment to education and Colby-Sawyer, it was fitting the gift would benefit students now and in years to come, while helping to ensure the future financial strength of Nancy's college.

Appreciating the value of their liberal arts education in contributing to the fullness of their lives, Nancy and Ed established the Langbein Family Scholarship in conjunction with her 50th Reunion to "provide others the same opportunity" that Nancy had.

After her Colby-Sawyer days, Nancy went on to earn a B.S. degree in early childhood education from Tufts University's Eliot Pearson School. She then began a long career of teaching and shaping the lives of young children, and she soon realized firsthand the key role of self-discovery that begins with our earliest learning and continues at all levels of education.

The creation of the endowed Langbein Scholarship with two charitable gift annuities provides an annual award to an undergraduate student and upper class member (with a preference for a candidate from Maine) who is "active in the college community" and involved in campus life and extracurricular activities. When Nancy wrote to comment on the impact of their gift she added, "We have had the privilege of meeting and getting to know these delightful young students."

This generous commitment to honor the



Nancy and Ed Langbein have made planned giving a priority for both their alma maters, Colby-Sawyer College and Bowdoin College.

value of a Colby-Sawyer education placed Nancy and Ed in the college's Heritage Society, which recognizes those alumni and other friends of the college who have made a future gift provision through their will, a trust, or an estate plan. Ed and Nancy have made planned giving a priority for both Colby-Sawyer and Ed's alma mater, Bowdoin College. Both agree that a gift to support and enhance what they value most through their estate plan "is a painless way of making a charitable gift" that will provide important benefits to the institutions receiving their philanthropy. They feel it also is a way for them to give back for the lifetime value of what they were fortunate to receive as college students.

For information on how you can benefit Colby-Sawyer now and in the future to achieve your charitable goals while also providing for loved ones, please contact Advancement Officer Peg Andrews '85 in confidence at (603)526-3726 or pandrews@colby-sawyer.edu

Aimee Brooks from Northeast Harbor, Maine, graduated this past May. Aimee was co-vice president of the Student Nurses Association and was a member of the Wesson Honors Program and the Women's Track and Field Team. As a recipient of a scholarship from Nancy and Ed she wrote: "I want to thank you for the Langbein Family Scholarship. The increasing tuition made it difficult for me to return to college each semester, but with the help of this scholarship, it was possible for me to continue my nursing education at Colby-Sawyer. I want to thank you for your contribution to my learning."

IN MEMORIAM

Marty Reardon: Beloved Counselor and Friend

Martha (Marty) Brock Reardon died peacefully at home after an illness, her son at her side, on Jan. 23, 2010, at the age of 68. Since 1993, Marty worked for the college providing counseling services to students in need. She was devoted to students' health and well-being and was a critical figure in helping them find their way through stress and anxiety, substance abuse, eating disorders, relationship problems, cultural issues and depressive disorders. Through her care, their lives became better.

Marty was also committed to helping students with attention and learning differences to learn new management skills, and she enjoyed working with students in developing their creativity. She kept a figurine of Buddha in her office, and each night as she left work, she would turn it toward the center of campus to watch over and guide the students.

"Marty had a huge heart and a great love of life," says her friend and fellow counselor Tom Wilkins. "She is deeply missed by many different circles of people in the community. Her memory will live on through the many individuals she worked with and the many lives she touched."



Susan DeBevoise Wright Joins Board of Trustees

Susan DeBevoise Wright, who retired from Dartmouth College in 2009 after working there since 1978 and serving as the college's "first lady" during her husband James Wright's presidency, has joined the Colby-Sawyer Board of Trustees.

From 2003 until 2009, Susan directed Dartmouth's Kenneth '25 and Harle Montgomery Endowment, which brings artists, leaders and other luminaries to campus for public events and personal interaction with students. She made substantial contributions to student life at Dartmouth in roles such as assistant and then associate director of career services; assistant dean of the college; international student advisor; director of graduate advising and national fellowships; and the first coordinator of both the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program and the Presidential Scholars Program. Susan was advisor to the Phoenix senior women's leadership society from 1986 to 2009.

Well known for devotion to local civic causes, Susan has been involved in the United Way of the Upper Valley and the Norris Cotton Cancer Center (NCCC) at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. She served as honorary chair of the Prouty Century Bike Ride and Challenge Walk fundraiser for many years and is currently engaged in the NCCC Director's Advisory Council. In 2008, Susan and James Wright were honored as the first recipients of the Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce Community Spirit Award.

Susan earned an undergraduate degree from Vassar College and a master's degree in education from Stanford University. In June 2009, Dartmouth awarded her an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters for her service to the college. Susan and Jim, president emeritus of Dartmouth College, live in Sunapee, N.H. Susan is the stepmother of James Wright, Ann Wright and Michael Wright. She and Jim have seven grandchildren.



PHOTO: Joseph Mehling

Fans, Followers and Connections: Stay Current with Your College

Social media offer easy and interactive ways to stay current and connected with Colby-Sawyer. Every story in *Currents*, the college's online magazine, has a feature that allows you to easily print or share that article via e-mail, Facebook, Twitter and other networks. When you read something you like, you can share it with your own networks to help tell Colby-Sawyer's story.

A Facebook search will produce many fan pages and groups devoted to, for

example, the college archives and the radio station, WCSC-FM—see which are most helpful to you in keeping up with the college. We look forward to hearing from

you, and welcome your suggestions and feedback.

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Admissions and Alumni Relations are on both Twitter and Facebook, and you can also join Colby-Sawyer's Alumni Group on LinkedIn to expand your professional network.



FACULTY NEWS

Tenure Granted to Four Faculty Members

At their May 2010 meeting, the Board of Trustees approved faculty members Nick Baer (Biology), Shari Goldberg (Nursing), Craig Greenman (Humanities) and Melissa Meade (Humanities) for tenure and promotion to associate professor. Associate Professor of Fine and Performing Arts Bert Yarborough's application for tenure was also approved.

Students Lead "Hope for Haiti" Fundraisers

by Aynsley Doyle '13

In March the Class of 2012 joined other student clubs and organizations to present a benefit concert, silent auction and the Empty Bowls Project to raise funds for the Haitian people in the aftermath of the catastrophic earthquake that struck their country in January 2010.

The Hope for Haiti Benefit Concert featured Orange Crush, a popular '80s dance band, along with performances by The Voices of CSC, which is the student gospel choir, the theater group and dance club, and various open mic acts. Event co-sponsors included the Campus Activities Board, Colby-Sawyer Players, Cross Cultural Club, Commuter Club, Safe Zones, and Word Order. The clubs sold refreshments and all proceeds were donated to the American Red Cross fund for Haiti.

Prior to the concert, the Cross Cultural Club and the Fine and Performing Arts Department's Ceramics Program hosted both a silent auction and the Empty Bowls Project. The silent auction featured donated items and services ranging from

handmade jewelry, scarves, and mittens, to signed books by children's author and faculty member David Elliott, as well as ski and guitar lessons. Ceramic bowls made by student artists were served filled with soup and sold to benefit Doctors without Borders in Haiti.

All combined, the students raised \$5,447 for Haiti. Class of 2012 President Kassandra Pike said the fundraising efforts were a "great example that showed even on a small campus there are students with big hearts who have hopes and dreams of helping others."

Sport & Wellness Festival Motivates Community Members to Move

In March, nearly 30 senior citizens from the New London area gathered at the Dan & Kathleen Hogan Sports Center to take part in the Sport & Wellness Festival, a required class project in Sport Management 428 for senior Sport Management majors.

Local residents enjoyed an afternoon of beanbag toss, yoga and aerobics demonstrations, fitness training sessions using Wii, games to help stay active, health handouts and free blood pressure tests offered by nursing students, as well as information on the college's Adventures in Learning program. The Council on Aging's (COA) Chapin Senior Center in New London provided information on its 40 programs, and the Kearsarge Cooperative Grocer offered samples, recipes and nutrition tips.

Amy Hebert '10 said the festival was born of conversations between Greg Austin, associate professor of Exercise and Sport Sciences, and Nancy Friese, executive director of the COA's Chapin Senior Center. When Professor Austin proposed the idea to the class and asked if they were interested, Hebert says they "ran with it."

"Students had to secure a facility, develop a relationship with the COA Chapin Senior Center, and execute an event management plan," said Professor Austin. "We hope the attendees enjoyed their brief experience with us. We'd like to develop this event into an annual festival."

Student Ben Dabush learned a new phrase when a woman proclaimed she wanted to get rid of her "bat arms." He was then surprised when she was able to lift an iron bar over her head 12 times.

"You never know what people used to do," said Professor Austin. "They all have stories, and they used to do more. This is a funny age group; a lot of times they just don't see themselves as active anymore, and it's a shame because they should be—they need to be—active, and I think there's a barrier there."

Breaking down that barrier was one of the goals the students worked toward



Some of the senior students from Professor Greg Austin's Sport Management 428 class who helped organize the Sport & Wellness Festival in March for older adults were (front row l to r) Justin Varney and Michael Nigro; (second row l to r) Jamie Church and Amy Hebert; (back row l to r) Chris Feltes, Megan White and Cameron Weise.

all semester by providing instruction at the COA center for the Wii bowling program; now COA offers the program to area senior citizens on a weekly basis. Surveys after the festival indicate that the majority of attendees believe they lead physically active lifestyles and are healthy. They also feel they participate in sports on a regular basis, live life to its fullest, and that the Kearsarge area offers many sports and wellness activities for older adults.

President Galligan Provides U.S. Congress with Maritime Law Expertise in Gulf of Mexico Disaster

by Kimberly Swick Slover

PHOTOS: Jay Mallin



Christopher Jones (left), the brother of an engineer killed in the explosion of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig, and Jack Coleman, managing partner of EnergyNorthAmerica, look on as President Tom Galligan (right) testifies as an expert witness in maritime law before a U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on June 8.

President Tom Galligan, an expert in maritime law, was deeply involved in the national discussions of legal issues related to the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, which began on Apr. 20, when the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig exploded and killed 11 workers. On Jun. 30, President Galligan testified before the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation regarding maritime liability under the Death on the High Seas Act and the Limitation of Liability Act. For the committee, headed by Senator John D. Rockefeller IV, President Galligan was asked to offer his views on the subject "The Deepwater Horizon Tragedy: Holding Industry Accountable." Senator and Chairman Patrick Leahy invited him to testify at the Jun. 8 hearing of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee on "The Risky Business of Big Oil: Have Recent Court Decisions and Liability Caps Encouraged Irresponsible Corporate Behavior?" On May 27, President Galligan testified on similar issues before a hearing of the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House, "Legal Liability Issues Surrounding the Gulf Coast Oil Disaster," following an invitation from Representative and Chair John Conyers.

As one of three witnesses on Jun. 8, President Galligan told the Senate committee that the staggering consequences of the oil spill had forced them to examine whether maritime law provides adequate compensation to victims and ensures sufficient investments in safety by oil companies. In his view, the relevant statutes—the Jones Act and the Death on the High Seas Act (DOHSA), which were passed in 1920 and apply to wrongful death actions—do not allow for “loss of society” damages, compensation to survivors for the loss of care, comfort and companionship caused by the death of their loved one. Additionally, the Ship Owner’s Limitation of Liability Act (LOLA), passed in 1851, allows owners of vessels (including semi-submersible oil rigs such as



the Deepwater Horizon) to severely limit their legal liability in maritime disasters.

President Galligan pointed out that these statutes and tort laws, have led the courts to subsequently expand these rules to other maritime contexts, which he believes not only deprive injured persons of adequate compensation but also fail to deter companies from engaging in unsafe behaviors. “Sadly, an analysis of the relevant laws reveals a climate of limited liability, under-compensation and increased risk,” President Galligan told the committee.

In the hearings, President Galligan described aspects of maritime law as unjust, dated, inconsistent and out of alignment with current values, as well as failing in the intent of tort laws

to bring about corrective justice and deter behavior that poses substantial risks to people, property and the environment. He urged Congress to act and reverse legislative trends based on these "archaic" statutes. "Amendment and reform is both possible and necessary," he said.

Engaged in the World

In May and June, while the nation watched in horror as millions of gallons of oil continued to gush from the damaged Deepwater Horizon rig into the Gulf of Mexico, President Galligan was called on to step beyond the traditional role of college president and use his legal expertise to advocate for justice for the victims of this ongoing national catastrophe.

In the process, he and Colby-Sawyer College were thrust into the media spotlight around the world. President Galligan's testimony before the U.S. Congressional hearings was covered extensively by national and even international media. He was interviewed by the Associated Press, which distributes its stories and photographs to media internationally, as well as by CBS News, *The New York Times* and the *New Orleans Times-Picayune*, with his statements included in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Boston Globe*, and many other print and broadcast media.

Prior to the first hearing with the U.S. House Judiciary Committee, President Galligan admitted to feeling a bit anxious. "After 24 years as a teacher and academic administrator, I was about to testify in Congress as an expert witness on maritime law. I admit I was nervous," he said. That changed when he heard the testimony of the first witness, Keith Jones, an attorney in Baton Rouge, La., whose son, Gordon, a 28-year-old engineer, was killed in the oil rig explosion.

"Listening to Keith speak with emotion, reason, clarity and concern about what his and the other families were going through focused me not on my nerves, but on what I hoped to accomplish," President Galligan said, "which was to inform Congress about the inadequacies of our current laws and to urge the members to amend the laws to make them fair, logical, modern and consistent."

At the subsequent Senate hearing, President Galligan listened to the testimony of another witness, Christopher K. Jones, the brother of Gordon Jones, while photographs flashed on a large screen of the family Gordon left behind—a wife and two sons—one born just weeks after the tragic accident.

"The applicable laws do not provide them any redress for the loss of care, comfort and companionship for the death of their husband, father, son and sibling," President Galligan said. "It is the same for the families of the other ten workers killed in the explosion on Apr. 20."

Prior to the hearings, President Galligan served as co-chair of the Gulf Oil Symposium held in New Orleans on May 25. The symposium, sponsored by the Louisiana State Bar Association, addressed the legal community on the complex legislative issues that were likely to arise from the Gulf accident and oil spill. The symposium gave President Galligan another opportunity to engage in issues of maritime law in Louisiana, the state most dramatically affected by the Gulf disaster and, coincidentally, where he developed his interest in this distinct body of law.



President Galligan is addressed by Senator and Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), who is surrounded by other Senators on the committee. The hearing on "The Risky Business of Big Oil: Have Recent Court Decisions and Liability Caps Encouraged Irresponsible Corporate Behavior?" took place in the Dirksen Building in Washington, D.C.



Witness Christopher Jones (pointing) talks with Senator Leahy (left) before the Judiciary Committee hearing as President Galligan and an unidentified person look on. President Galligan, Jones and Jack Coleman were the only three witnesses to testify at the hearing. In an earlier hearing on May 27 by the U.S. House Judiciary Committee, President Galligan also testified on legal liability issues of the Gulf of Mexico accident and oil spill.

From 1986 until May 1998, he taught at the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. There he was encouraged by his fellow law professor and mentor, Frank L. Maraist, to study maritime law, which was widely practiced in Louisiana, where New Orleans is one of the nation's largest commercial seaports.

Subsequently, President Galligan has published numerous books and articles on torts and marine law, some in collaboration with Professor Maraist. His scholarship has been cited by numerous legal scholars, the U.S. Supreme Court and other federal and state appellate and trial courts. ■

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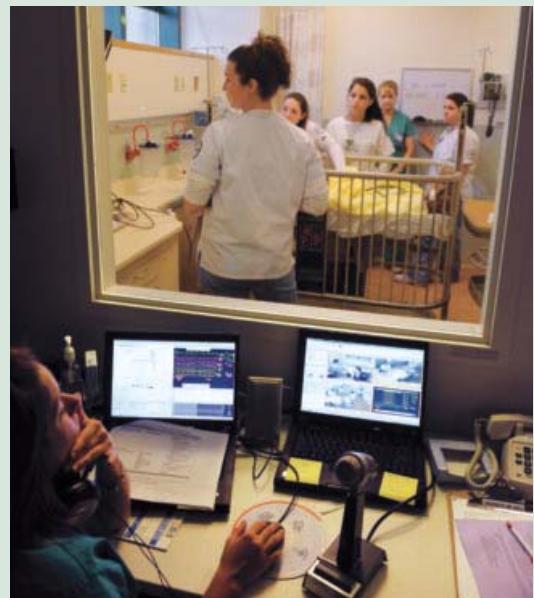


A Healthy Connection

by Linda Formichelli

PHOTOS: Gil Talbot

When Alison Gilbert '09, RN, was in the eighth grade, she started experiencing terrible pain in her left leg. Her doctor assumed she had broken her fibula and put her in a cast for a few months, but the pain didn't go away, and she was hospitalized. While her doctors were flummoxed, Gilbert's nurse suspected she was suffering from osteomyelitis, a bone infection. "She fought tooth and nail for me to get all these tests," recalls Gilbert. "And it turned out the nurse had been right all along." Gilbert was transferred to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC), where she underwent an emergency operation for an infection in her left fibula. That's when Gilbert decided to become a nurse. Years later, when she was accepted to Colby-Sawyer, she was pleasantly surprised to find that her college had a close connection with Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, the hospital where she was born and the hospital that successfully treated her bone infection.



One of the many benefits for Colby-Sawyer nursing students at DHMC is that they have access to state-of-the-art equipment, as well as professors and mentors of the highest caliber. For DHMC the benefit is that they are able to hire nurses who have been trained to be a good fit.

A Healthy History

DHMC is New Hampshire's only academic medical center and, with over 7,000 employees, the state's largest employer. Colby-Sawyer's history with DHMC started in 1980, when the Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital School of Nursing closed its doors in response to changing nursing education across the country. The president and head of nursing at Mary Hitchcock, which is a member of DHMC, sought out an institution of higher learning that would be willing to take responsibility for nursing education, and the choice was Colby-Sawyer.

The new Colby-Sawyer nursing program opened in 1981 and was affiliated closely with DHMC. "Because it's an academic medical center, part of DHMC's stated mission is the education of future professionals," explains Susan Reeves '88, Ed.D., RN, and chair of the Department of Nursing at Colby-Sawyer. "So you'll find that people who work at the medical center understand that inherent in their job is teaching others."

In 2009 the college revitalized its affiliation with DHMC; now, DHMC considers the Colby-Sawyer curriculum its own undergraduate nursing program. "With that affiliation," Reeves says, "came the responsibility to work very closely and collaboratively with DHMC around issues of workforce development, making sure that the Colby-Sawyer nursing curriculum was infused with the types of knowledge that DHMC was going to look for graduates to have when they came into practice."

This relationship has made it possible for Colby-Sawyer to hire some of DHMC's nurses on a contract basis to teach at the college. These nurses work half the time at Colby-Sawyer and the other half with their units at

DHMC. Normally, there's a step-down in pay from hospital to college, but DHMC agreed to hold the nurses' salaries steady while they teach at Colby-Sawyer—what they call the "faculty float pool." That means there's no downside to educating Colby-Sawyer's nursing students—and in return, they get about 12 new graduates yearly who have significantly lower orientation time than graduates who didn't work with DHMC.

True Partners

Colby-Sawyer's Nursing Program is a combination of three kinds of teaching: classroom, laboratory and clinical. The majority of the classroom teaching occurs at Colby-Sawyer, the lab teaching is split between the college and DHMC, and the clinical education happens at DHMC, where nurses at the bedside work closely with student nurses from their sophomore year to their senior spring semester.

Colby-Sawyer nursing students have many opportunities to gain actual clinical work experience through internships, externships (between the junior and senior year), and preceptorships (during the spring semester of the senior year)

at DHMC. These programs not only teach Colby-Sawyer students to become excellent nurses—they can also help them form a clear idea of what specific area of nursing they would like to pursue as a career. "When I had my first day at the labor and delivery unit [for a preceptorship], I said, wow, this must be what they're talking about when they say you'll find what you love in nursing," says Sandra Guglielmi '10, RN, whose job in that unit started in July. "I knew when I began that rotation I did not want to leave. I've become addicted to it."



Colby-Sawyer Chair of the Department of Nursing, Susan Reeves '88, Ed.D., RN

Colby-Sawyer nursing students appreciate the fact that the DHMC staff they work with see them as true partners. "I've heard from the students that when they come here my nurses treat them like equals. They ask them questions. They engage them in the process," says Donna Brown, RN, BSN, MHA, and the nursing director for Medical Specialties at DHMC. "Yes, the students are learners, but the nurses really support them in their independence, and in their ability to practice to the extent that they are able to under the license of the college."

Medical Manikins

How can Colby-Sawyer or DHMC give student nurses the chance to practice on a patient who's in respiratory distress or having a cardiac arrest? It's not as though they can send a nursing student in to train on real patients who are in emergency medical situations. That's why DHMC has a simulation lab equipped with lifelike manikins that can be remotely controlled to present various symptoms; the lab is used by Colby-Sawyer students as well as other students and hospital staff.

These are no department store dummies: their pupils dilate, their chests rise and fall with their breathing, and their heartbeats can be projected onto a cardiac monitor. They gush real blood. New symptoms appear in the manikins depending on how the students react to the situation. The lab has pregnant woman manikins and infant manikins, as well as adult manikins. The room where the students learn looks like a typical hospital room and is fitted with the same equipment.

Simulation labs like the one at DHMC are becoming popular because there are so many nursing students, but so few opportunities for them to get practice, according to Renee

Vebell, RN, MA, who serves as learning resource manager and assistant professor in the Department of Nursing at Colby-Sawyer. Some schools of nursing are using simulations for up to 25 percent of clinical time.

At DHMC, the students' interactions in the lab are videotaped, and then the instructors debrief the students to let them know what they did right and what they could do better. Students used to go through just one simulation, but DHMC suggested adding a second one. "They said to me, 'Do you want to schedule a second simulation immediately after so they can use what they learned?'" says Vebell. "So the students switch roles and do it again." Students take turns playing the nurse and the patient's family. "You get to see a different side of it, not knowing what's going on and seeing how someone else works with the situation—as well as being the person who has to handle the situation and keep family members informed," says Sandra Guglielmi.

The DHMC Simulation Lab gives Colby-Sawyer nursing students the chance to take their learning from the classroom to the hospital room, where they learn how to apply their training in real-life environments with buzzing monitors and frantic family members. "Doing the simulation definitely gives you an adrenaline rush—to actually see it happen and try to go through all the information you have in your mind and get it out as fast as possible," says Rachael Smith '10, RN. "It's a challenge and it's absolutely exhilarating at the same time."

On the Job

Thirty-six Colby-Sawyer students have been hired by DHMC in recent years, thanks in part to the close relationship they





In DHMC's Simulation Lab, Colby-Sawyer nursing students learn under conditions that are as close as possible to real-life situations. An important tool that makes this training so valuable is the medical manikin, each of which can cost upwards of \$30,000.

developed with the hospital's staff during their studies. "Our students are highly sought after, and that's just logical," says Reeves. "They spent two-and-a-half years, and sometimes externships and preceptorships, embedded in the organization." A graduate who comes to DHMC from another university has a much steeper learning curve than a student from Colby-Sawyer who has already worked with the staff on the floor.

Take Rachael Smith '10, RN: she did her preceptorship and externship at DHMC and landed a job in the in-patient surgery unit that began after her graduation. She says that because she had already worked with the people who interviewed her for the job, the interviewers had plenty of time to see her strengths and how well she functioned on the floor. According to Reeves, the employers were anxious to scoop up Smith—who not only excelled during her preceptorship and externship, but also won an award at the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society's Super-Regional Convention for her paper in the category of health.

The Healing Circle

Having Colby-Sawyer nursing students at DHMC is good for the students—but it also benefits the hospital and its patients. "Research, education and clinical practice are part of our mission, so we have not only nursing students but also medical students and respiratory therapy students and physical therapy students," explains Ellen Ceppetelli RN, MS, CNL,

director of Nursing Education at DHMC. "One of the things about coming to a hospital like ours is that you will have more students than you would have in a regular community hospital—but we think it's beneficial because the students are here with their faculty, who are educated in the latest things that are going on."

"During their time at DHMC, nursing students learn not just nursing basics, but also important skills like time management and prioritization," says Smith. "There were so many things that needed to be done and you had to figure out what needed to come first," she recalls.

"Occasionally patients are taken aback when they're confronted with a student nurse," says Guglielmi, "but the Colby-Sawyer faculty members teach students another important skill: how to build relationships with their patients. Even the most reticent patients wind up being appreciative because nursing students have more time for one-on-one patient interaction than working nurses do with their busy schedules."



From College to Hospital

Nurses who study at Colby-Sawyer and DHMC have a healthy leg up on other graduates when it comes to not only finding a fulfilling nursing career, but also being the best nurse for their patients. Says Smith, "I think Colby-Sawyer nursing has provided great opportunities for me; it has helped in terms of the nurse that I'm going to be." ■

Three Bolts from the Blue

by David R. Morcom

Photos by Gil Talbot, artwork courtesy of Alison Lambert Vernon '90



Alison's Little Brook Gallery is wall-to-wall artwork and, no matter where one turns, there always seems to be something beautiful and interesting to discover.



Alison Lambert Vernon '90 controls her knife with quick, deft motions, exhibiting the smoothness and deep concentration of a surgeon wielding a scalpel. Her hand travels swiftly, assuredly, back and forth from canvas to palette as she mixes, scrapes, and applies a rainbow of paint in strokes, jabs, curving motions, and small, controlled slashes. Soon, the picture begins to emerge, and it is a thing of beauty, exquisitely, surprisingly detailed considering it was created with a knife instead of a paintbrush. When finished, if it is not a commissioned piece, the picture may hang among others in Alison's Little Brook Gallery in New London, N. H., where browsers will be able to enjoy it until it is sold.

Artist Alison Vernon's eureka moments have guided her down the right pathways.

Alison is the fifth of six daughters born in a span of nine years. Her family lived on a dairy farm in Cortland, in upstate New York, until her parents became interested in the business of harness racing. That meant a lot of travel all over the eastern half of the United States to racing venues in places such as Maine, New York, Kentucky, and Ohio. "So, here we were," Alison says, smiling at the recollection, "with six little girls, all switching schools as many as nine times in one year. However, this seemed normal to us—we were real vagabonds—and it was a lot of fun, especially when the harness tracks included a fairground, because then we could scrounge for stuff at the various booths."

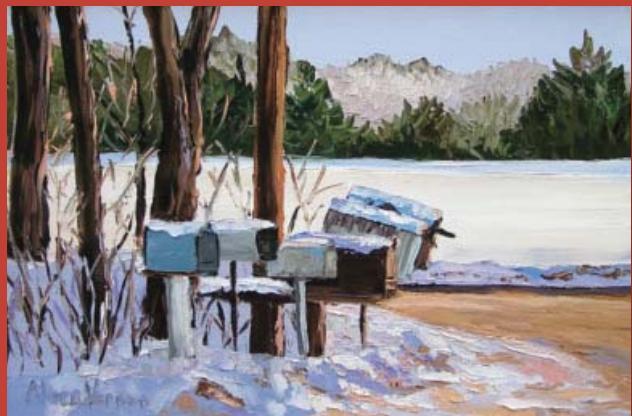
The family moved to Delaware in 1968, and eventually her father, whom Alison describes as "very entrepreneurial," bought a tugboat and a couple of barges, got his tugboat license, and "went on to make himself a very rich man."

Alison enrolled at the University of Delaware and received her B.A. in sociology. She worked on the tugboat in the Chesapeake Bay to earn her tuition money. "I had crewed two years sea time by the time I was 21," Alison recalls, "and I got my Able Seaman License. Interestingly, my mother was the first woman in the United States to have her Tugboat Operator License."

Alison met her husband, Mark, while at college, and they moved to New London, where he built them a house. They have three children, Jeremiah (27), and twin girls Deborah and Arrolyn (25). "It was when the girls turned two that I decided to go back to school for nursing," Alison says. "Colby-Sawyer gave me the best financial package, so I enrolled there." Alison graduated summa cum laude in three years and was the co-recipient of the David H. Winton Award, which is presented to the student in the graduating class with the highest overall grade point average for their college career. "I think nursing school was the hardest thing I've ever done in my life—by far," Alison says. "But I learned so much and Colby-Sawyer prepared me beautifully for my entry into the world of nursing."

"I worked for New London Hospital right after college and then I went to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and worked in the Coronary Intensive Care Unit for three years. I was so well prepared by Colby-Sawyer that I was quickly included in the charge nurse rotation. After that I went into cardiology research for three years, but that was not a rewarding job for me. It was a lot of paperwork and not much fun. I missed the patient contact."

"I transferred to the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association (LSRVNA), and that was one of the best jobs I ever had—it's an excellent program and I learned a lot. I thought



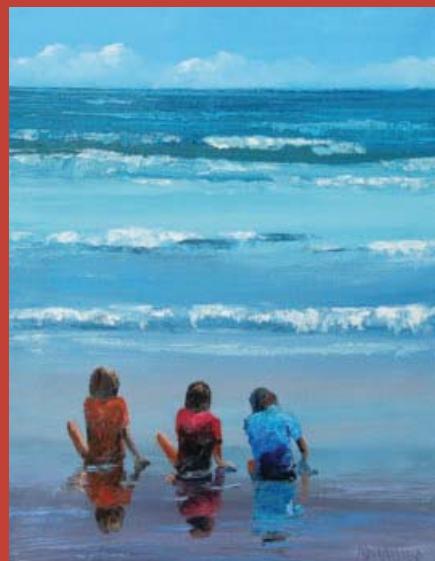
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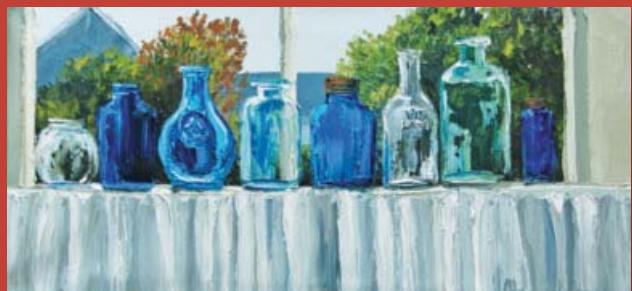
Turtle

12" x 24" oil



Three Kids on a Beach

20" x 16" oil



Blue Bottles in a Row

12" x 24" oil

"For many years, I never realized I had any interest in painting."

I would retire from there. From the very top to the bottom, it was the best of people, and they provide excellent care to this community. I did hospice work, which is caring for people who are no longer receiving active treatment for their disease and who have decided to let nature take its course. I did that for nine years. It was quite intense, because you're with people at a very personal time in their lives and in the lives of their family. I always considered it a privilege to be with them at that time, but it was also a very emotional time, and I didn't realize until I had stopped providing hospice care just how draining it was."

At the time Alison left the LSRVNA she was the clinical director, and she was in charge of case management for a huge geographic area. "It was so rewarding," she says, "but it was also a job that required a lot of juggling because you wanted to bring out the best in all the people who worked for you, provide the best care possible, and yet stay within a very tight budget. I had come back to Colby-Sawyer to take three business courses, so between that and the nursing I was very well prepared for that position."

But in the background, always pushing to move forward into the limelight, was Alison's true passion.

The First Bolt from the Blue

"For many years, I never realized I was an artist or that I had any interest in painting," Alison says. "I'd pace the floor feeling these creative urges, and I'd try anything—knitting, sewing, macramé—and nothing really thrilled me. I couldn't feed the craving. It was really that intense and I would just drive myself crazy. Then, about 23 years ago, a friend, who had been left some oil paints by her grandmother, asked me if I wanted to try some painting. She gave me some oil paints and I had my canvas, and I dabbed my brush into the oil paint and touched the canvas. It was just as if I had been struck by lightning, a

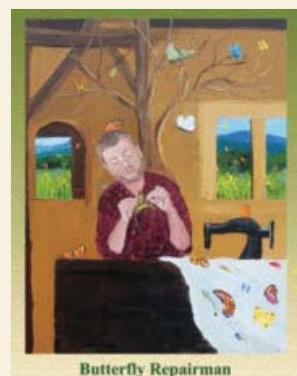
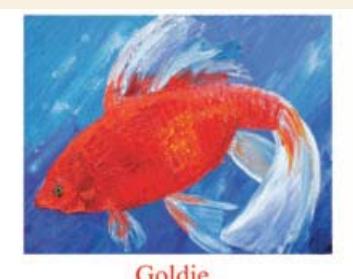
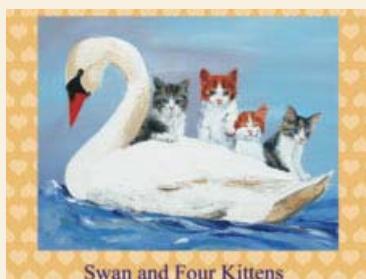
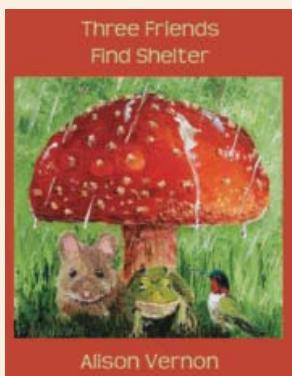


One of Alison's weaknesses is her inability to say no. Therefore, she willingly and happily contributes some of her paintings to fund-raising causes, where they are always much sought after by those in attendance.

bolt from the blue. It was an epiphany, a true eureka moment. It was, oh my god, I've finally found it! And I've painted almost every single day since that moment. It was that profound."

The Second Bolt from the Blue

"I painted with brushes for about ten years," Alison explains, "and then one day I was doing a demonstration at the local elementary school. I needed some paint on the canvas—it was a painting of apples that I still have—and for some reason I



A selection of Alison's magical works for children have been reproduced as cards.

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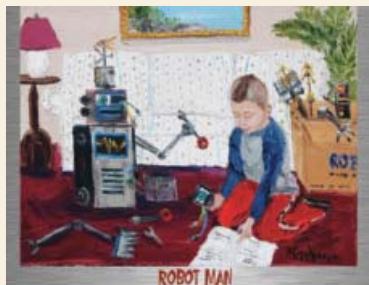
reached for a palette knife and smeared the paint on. Again, it was POW! It was just the same thing as before, and I could almost hear a voice say, 'You're supposed to be a palette knife painter, didn't you know that?' The smoothness, and the texture, and the way it just slid on. I can just remember making those apples, and realizing that, yes, I was a palette knife painter.

"Since then, palette knife painting has been my passion. The knives provide a three-dimensional quality to a painting which, combined with color and light, helps to create a lively result. The under-painting is applied in a thin sheen with the details of a piece applied with heavier texture. I generally use 10 to 15 different knives on a canvas, each knife providing a unique texture and effect. A painting must be finished the day it is started because the palette knife must be able to slide on the canvas rather than getting hung-up on partially dried paint. This technique requires using greater quantities of paint, but the end result is fresh and exciting."

The Third Bolt from the Blue

It was while Alison was working as a hospice nurse that she realized she needed to be painting for a living, that it was time for her to follow a new calling. "I'm a very ambitious person," she says, "and I realized I couldn't be happy just painting. I felt I had to go one step further and sell those paintings. I've got to market myself, I thought. I've got to set up a website. I've got to set up shows. During this time she had been passing by an empty shop near the Colonial Pharmacy in New London on trips to pick up medication for hospice patients. Just as it had happened twice before, the third bolt from the blue hit her head on. "Oh, my god, this empty shop—it's a gallery! It's *my* art gallery!" In October 2006 Little Brook Art Gallery opened its doors.

Alison admits she felt guilty—like she was betraying



Evening Light

30" x 40" oil



White Lilacs

12" x 12" oil



Yellow Daisies

8" x 16" oil



First Snow

16" x 20" oil

"Oh my god, this empty shop—it's a gallery! It's my art gallery!"

people—when she left the nursing profession. It took her some time, she says, to learn that art provides comfort, maybe not as tangible as that provided by nursing, but comfort nonetheless. “I love people and I love to make them happy,” she says. “My art is sort of like nursing, and I believe you can make people happy by practicing either profession. The way a nurse provides comfort measures to patients, I believe art can provide comfort in a similar way.”

Alison’s subject matter is eclectic. She enjoys painting pet portraits, children, animals (wild and domestic), fantasy scenes, natural scenes such as lakes, fields, oceans and mountains, and, especially, she likes to create paintings for children. She has a series of works for children on her website, and she has put together a traveling exhibit of magical paintings for kids with thought provoking titles such as “Butterfly Repairman.” The exhibit debuted at the Opera House in Claremont, N.H., and it is scheduled to visit a number of libraries and children’s hospitals throughout New England.

“Right now I have two shows coming up,” Alison says. “One is called ‘All in a Row.’ It’s paintings of things you might see lined up, like colored bottles on a windowsill, birds on a wire, or sailboats on an ocean horizon. The other one is ‘Magnificent Views of the Sunapee-Kearsarge Area.’ These particular paintings are going to be on humongous canvases, unframed with painted edges.”

Alison is always looking for ways to use her artistic and business skills. Other projects she has in the works include a book on palette knife painting, which is a how-to book because, as she explains, “there are no other books like that out there.” She also generates business using today’s mix of media. She has a website, a blog, sends out print and e-mail newsletters, and she has a dozen videos of herself on YouTube doing “speed paintings,” which allow the viewer to watch her complete a piece from start to finish at a fast-forward pace.

Alison’s biggest dream is to be the next Bob Ross, the now deceased PBS-TV host of “The Joy of Painting” who parlayed his talent and his calm, patient, sleep-inducing demeanor into a booming industry for art products. With this dream in mind, Alison has produced a Bob Ross style video of herself painting with palette knives, “Although,” she says, “I’m probably more of the Rachael Ray type.”

With all of this going for her, it’s probable that out there somewhere there’s at least one more bolt from the blue ready to deliver another wonderful epiphany to Alison Vernon. ■

To view more of Alison’s artwork, visit her website:
www.alisonvernon.com



Dinghies

12" x 24" oil



Autumn Snow

24" x 30" oil



Follow the Leader

12" x 24" oil



Penobscot Bay

8" x 16" oil



PHOTO: Gil Talbot

Linda displays a wheel of cheese in the cold storage room where hundreds of pounds of Colby Cheddar and Jericho Jack, some smoked or with caraway or pepper added, are kept before being distributed to discerning and lucky buyers.

If you ever want to see old-fashioned American values—the kind that include working hard to produce something of worth on a piece of land that is a little piece of paradise—then pay a visit to Linda and George Miller's 135-acre Jericho Hill Farm in White River Junction, Vt. Surrounded by dairy cows and lush meadows, grand old maple trees and whispering pines, the Millers have perpetuated a lifestyle and created a business through resilience and resourcefulness that brings them to the end of each day bone weary and deeply fulfilled.

Smile and Say Cheese!

Linda Simon Miller '78 and her husband, George, have made their Jericho Hill Farm in Vermont an award winning cheese and maple syrup enterprise.

by David R. Morcom

Linda, a gregarious, upbeat woman never lived too far from White River Junction. George is her high school sweetheart—they've been married 30 years and have a son and a daughter—and it never entered her mind to leave him to go on to higher learning. Her mother suggested she could stay close to home (George) and continue her education if she enrolled in "that great little college down the road in New Hampshire." That's what Linda did, and as she says, "I loved Colby-Sawyer. I received a secretarial sciences associate degree. I had two roommates there who are still very

dear friends: Diane Guilbault DeBiasi '79 and Jane Venie Earls '79. We get together whenever we can."

Immediately after graduation from Colby-Sawyer, Linda landed a job at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC) in the Department of Pediatrics. After 30 years in pediatrics, and with a recently acquired master's degree in management, she changed jobs within DHMC and now works as an information services specialist in General Ambulatory Services. "What that means," Linda says, "is that, along with my staff, I'm managing four



systems, including the outpatient scheduling system, the patient communication system." Then, in addition to her work at DHMC, there is the farm.

Jericho Hill Farm has been in her husband's family since 1907, when George's great grandfather, George Nelson Miller, walked up Jericho Hill from the train depot in White River Junction and bought the property with a handshake and \$1,800 he had sewn in the lining of his jacket. In 1955 the family bought a second property, Jericho ValVu (75 acres), close to the first.

Just before his high school graduation in 1976, George and his childhood friend began a maple syrup partnership known as Scattered Maples. In 1994 Scattered Maples was the winner of the Vermont Maplerama "World's Best Maple Syrup" Award, a huge honor in the syrup industry.

In explaining how the cheese-making facet of their business began, Linda says, "It costs us about \$17 to produce a hundred pounds of milk—approximately 12 gallons—(dairy farmers measure by hundredweight, not gallons). In 2006 we were getting only \$11 per hundredweight, losing a good piece of money on every sale. I think Vermont lost close to 300 farms that year."

It was at this point that George decided they couldn't go on under those conditions, and this is where the family resourcefulness and resilience comes in. His solution was to turn the milk



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With long views of hills and mountains as the background, Jericho Hill is the quintessential location for a postcard-perfect Vermont farm.

into cheese, which was selling at \$125 per hundredweight. The logical question would be: why wouldn't all dairy farmers do this? The answer is complicated: building a cheese-making facility is expensive; it takes 1,000 pounds of milk to make 100 pounds of cheese; and making cheese at the small-farm level is a complex and arduous endeavor. Still, once they ran the numbers, the idea made financial sense. Undaunted by the difficulty of what they were attempting, and with help from friends and family—one was a logger, one had a portable sawmill, one had planing equipment, and one was a carpenter—George busted his tail and built his cheese-making facility, with additional help from his son, Alex, and his friends. Now, George, Linda, and various family

members they have hired keep it running as smooth as the cheese they make.

The Millers' workday starts at 5:30 a.m. with breakfast together. Linda returns from DHMC many days at 8 p.m., in time to have dinner with George, whose workday ends at 8:30 p.m. However, he does get most Saturday nights off, which means he works only until 6:30 p.m. While the Millers have traveled on rare occasions to places like Europe and to Minn., N.Y. and Mass. to visit family, it takes a ton of planning and a whole bunch of people to cover for them because their dairy herd of 60 cows needs to be milked twice a day. A Holstein will deliver between 75 and 100 pounds of milk a day, although they had one that produced 130 pounds per day, a little more than 16 gallons. Linda sometimes helps George with the milking. Her job is to wash the cows off. George follows her, hooking the cows up to the milking machines. The whole process takes about two and a half hours each time.

Washing the cows is all about cleanliness, which seems to be the number one priority for the Millers in all aspects of their business. Anyone entering the cheese making facility must take off their shoes and wear a hat or hair net—no exceptions. Why so picky? Other than pride and product purity, the Millers have a reputation to uphold. In 1994 their farm received the State of Vermont Top Quality Award for Pasteurized Milk Counts. They

The Cheesemaking Process

PHOTOS: Courtesy of Jericho Hill Farm



George's sister, Sandy Audsley, has just finished filling the cheese-making vat with the milk needed to start the process.



Making cheese requires lots of stirring by hand using stainless steel paddles that could be used just as well to row a boat.



The precise addition of just the right amounts of cultures and enzymes at just the right time is critical to a successful "make."

won the Highest Milk Quality Award in both 1995 and 1999. In 2006 they received a second place Quality Milk Award in Agri-Mark Region Nine, which is a large region. They have received high quality milk awards from Cabot Creamery every year since 1976. In addition, the Millers also received the Ottauquechee Conservation District Farm of the Year Award in 1996 for conservation practices.

When they're producing cheese, the Millers make it every third day. For each "make" they use the milk from seven cows, turning 1,000 pounds of milk into about 100 pounds of Colby Cheddar and Jericho Jack cheese, which they also make into smoked, pepper, and caraway varieties. With the curds removed, the byproduct is 900 pounds of whey that is given to a local farmer to feed his herd of pigs.

The cheese-making equipment is mostly stainless steel, polished to mirror brilliance. The process for making cheese is complex, time consuming, and involves a great deal of science. It requires carefully controlled temperatures and measurements, the precise addition of cultures and enzymes, and lots of stirring by hand to reach the proper point of flocculation. Then, there is the cutting of the flocculated curd, the draining of the whey, and the preparation of the curds for the cheese molds. All of these steps must take place in the exact right amount and at an exact time in the process. "Above all," Linda



Linda and George with a few of the Holsteins in their herd. It takes the milk from seven cows to make 100 pounds of cheese.

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you could tell the food was top quality because it was perfectly prepared and had a clean, pure taste, Jericho Hill Farm cheese is like that. The consistency is likely as smooth or smoother than any cheese you've ever let melt in your mouth, and the taste itself is exquisite. There's not a cracker in existence that wouldn't be greatly enhanced if topped off by a generous slab of Jericho Hill Farm cheese. It's that good.

Jericho Hill Farm is a beautiful piece of land with breathtaking views. It's a piece of land that would start developers salivating and the money flowing. However, none of this is of interest to Linda and George. Their dream is that the acreage will always be in the family. There are warm summer evenings when they sit on their front porch and watch the purple fade from the twilight. The cows low softly in the pasture, the crickets sing, the sweet scent of the meadows wafts around them, and stars begin to dot the sky. As Linda says, "This lifestyle is a lot of work, but it's just wonderful. There's really nothing better for me. I feel we're lucky to be the stewards of this land." Since 1907, when George Nelson Miller walked up Jericho Hill with his \$1,800 stash, the Miller family has been the best stewards Mother Nature could have entrusted with this little piece of paradise. ■

says, "everything must be kept clean."

The end product is shaped, cut, packaged and placed in the Millers' large refrigerator room. Later it will be distributed to country stores and food co-ops like the popular one that serves the Lebanon and Hanover, N.H. areas. Linda will also sell Jericho Hill Farm cheese at farmers' markets—there's a big one in Norwich, Vt. that she attends every Saturday from May through Oct. It attracts hundreds of people who, for reasons of the ecology or the economy, understand the value and the importance of buying locally and supporting local farmers.

Okay, so Linda and George and their relatives work very hard to make their cheese, but how good is it? If you've ever had a meal in a high-end restaurant where

To learn more about Jericho Hill Farm and how you can visit, go to:
www.vtcheese.com/members/jericho/jericho.htm



George wields the tool that cuts the flocculated curd into squares. Again, this must be done at just the right time in the process.



As the whey is drained, the curd is all that is left. The rakes are used to help push the whey out the drainpipe at the bottom of the tank.



Finally, nothing is left but the curd, which will soon become Jericho Hill Farm's finest cheese.



Finding the Limits, *Pushing Beyond*

**RECOVERING FROM A COMA TO GO ON
TO COLLEGE, JAYME SEVERANCE '13 IS
FINDING OUT WHAT HE CAN DO**

by Kate Dunlop Seamans

JAYME SEVERANCE '13 IS A BIT OF A DREAMER.

In his waking hours, the New Hampshire native dreams of being a writer while working toward his goal of graduating as one of Colby-Sawyer's first Creative Writing majors. He carries a notebook to jot down his thoughts, reads his work with flair at Open Mic Nights, and, as author of a memoir and novella, is looking for a literary agent.

At night he dreams he's still at the Château de Poutalès in France, starting college as part of Colby-Sawyer's first Global Beginnings program, or about his senior year of high school, or his future as a teacher.

There was a time, though, when Jayme had different dreams. And there was a time when Jayme had no dreams at all.

DEATH OF A DREAM

In fall 2006, Jayme was a successful high school senior who ran cross country, but he didn't feel he was good at anything in particular. College seemed a financial impossibility, and without a specialty on which to focus, he discarded the idea of college in favor of joining the Army. On Oct. 29, Jayme was minutes from home after an afternoon of playing paintball with his older brother, an aspiring Marine. They decided to stop for a cheeseburger, the last solid food Jayme would eat for more than three months. Turning left out of the restaurant, his brother at the wheel, Jayme bore the brunt of the impact when a pickup t-boned them. Though wearing a seatbelt, he suffered a traumatic brain injury, lacerated liver, and fractured ribs and pelvis.

Jayme was hospitalized, comatose, at Dartmouth-Hitchcock

Medical Center for months. As he started to wake up, he was transferred to Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center (CMRC) in Greenfield, N.H., where he was admitted as minimally conscious on Dec. 13.

"It's important to know," says Jayme, "that even when I woke up, I woke up vegetative. My eyes opened, but...nothing going on." When Jayme speaks, it is deliberately and softly. The hole from his tracheostomy has healed, but the procedure affected his voice. He remembers nothing from being in the coma, but everything after he woke up. "Ev-ery-thing," he emphasizes. "Especially the way I was treated when I was vegetative." He pauses for a long time, and a sadness he can't speak about surrounds him.

What is it like to be in a vegetative state? "It's like this," Jayme explains. "Turn your head. Now keep it there. Now imagine you cannot move anything. Not even your eyes. You can still think, but you can't do anything else. You would just stay like that for an entire day. Ahhh, can you imagine?" After just half a minute, staring at a doorknob becomes infuriatingly boring. The prospect of looking at nothing else until someone decides to shift you is terrifying.

On Jan. 2, 2007, Jayme started communicating again by shaking his head to indicate yes or no. A fit 140 pounds before the accident, Jayme's weight had dropped to 96 pounds while he was in the coma. With intensive occupational, physical and speech therapies, and glasses to correct the double vision of his once-fine eyes, Jayme got to know his new body and mind. Always independent—he describes himself as ambitious, reserved and studious—Jayme arrived at a new level of aloneness.



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Above: Jayme, far left, in Strasbourg's Place Kléber with fellow Colby-Sawyer Global Beginners (l-r) David Hart, Hannah Odio, Greg Degrosseilliers, Abhiyan Thapaliya, Maria Cimpean and Nicole Morin. "I didn't believe I was really going to France until I left campus... because there was no way I could go to a foreign country. Me, of all people," says Jayme.

There are, he maintains, two Jaymes: the old Jayme, and the brain-damaged Jayme, the one he believes some people see as retarded. "I have a lot of deficiencies, most of which can't be named because I don't know them," he says. He does know that his injury disinhibits his behavior, and that his reasoning abilities have been affected to the point where his math skills have dropped to a fifth-grade level. His brother, with whom Jayme was very close, has grown physically distant since serving on the *USS New York* and in Afghanistan. He has also grown emotionally distant in what Jayme assumes is a self-protective posture after making that devastating left turn.

In the solitude of a time when his existence was focused on rebuilding himself and wondering for what future he was preparing, Jayme, who thought he had no special talents, began to discover that he did when he found a way to express all he had lost.

"I wasn't always a writer," says the aspiring poet and novelist. "But because I was so bored at the rehabilitation center, I turned to writing as a way to escape. I'd write for hours on end. Looking back—no, in retrospect," he edits himself, "a lot of the poetry I wrote was expressing my sentiments over missing my senior year."

Jayme made attending senior prom with his girlfriend his top priority. On Feb. 8 he stopped using a wheelchair and

walked without any support devices. After five months and 23 days at CMRC, he was released on May 11, 2007.

"I was focused entirely on getting to the prom," Jayme recalls wistfully. "And I made it, with about 20 days to spare."

The prom was everything he'd hoped for, but asked if he's in a relationship now, Jayme says, "That's a painful question. I haven't been in a relationship for years. It's a great sadness. But she didn't break it off, I did. I was trying to save myself the heartache I knew would inevitably follow if I didn't." It was, he concedes with a sigh, the right decision.

A NEW START – A GLOBAL BEGINNING

Finally graduating high school in 2008, Jayme again faced his future. His brother was a Marine by then, but Jayme's old dream of joining the Army was as impossible as the idea of college once had been. In the time since his original senior year of high school, Colby-Sawyer had added a major in Creative Writing. With this new option—combined with the college's decision to drop its SAT requirement and potential funding through the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and the New Hampshire Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation—Jayme now saw a path open to him. After all, the budding writer



Clockwise from top left: Jayme and friends prepare for prom; young Jayme celebrates a birthday; Jayme takes part in karaoke at inpatient rehabilitation at CMRC; the vehicle in which Jayme was injured; Jayme and his mother; Jayme at a Celtics Game with his physical therapist soon after he awoke from his coma; early evidence of a love for reading (and sharks). PHOTOS: courtesy of Jayme Severance Center: Jayme at a Strasbourg café last October. PHOTO: Kate Dunlop Seamans

had already penned a 500-page memoir. "Colby-Sawyer was everything I was looking for," says Jayme. "I need individual attention and what do you know—Colby-Sawyer specializes in individual attention. It was looking pretty perfect."

A few months after being accepted, Jayme received an e-mail about Global Beginnings and the opportunity to spend his first semester either in Florence, Italy, or Strasbourg, France. "I wanted to expand my horizons and there was really no question," says Jayme. "I jumped in with both feet. I saw it as a wonderful opportunity."

In choosing France as his Global Beginnings site, Jayme landed in the orbit of Professor of Natural Sciences Bill Thomas. In him, Jayme found a father figure and a life model.

Professor Thomas knew he would have a student with some limitations. "I assumed there were somehow mental limitations, but from his e-mails it was clear he could put ideas together," he recalls. "Jayme's mode of communication was a little stiffer than that of some of the other students. I learned later that he was older than the others, so that contributes to it in part. He's more mature, in some ways, than the peers he had around him, less in others."

Almost from the beginning, Jayme kept close to Professor Thomas, asking questions and sharing stories. "He didn't artic-

ulate very well at the beginning of the program," says Professor Thomas, "so I really had to focus to understand him, and he had to work to figure out in advance what he wanted to say and then say it clearly. So, the combination made conversation a bit difficult."

By Oct., when Jayme stood before his classmates to present on Greek warfare, he spoke deliberately and confidently. When a link to a YouTube video failed, he remained calm and drew diagrams to illustrate his point instead. Instructor Petra Christov complimented him on the most articulate presentation so far, with well structured sentences, and said he certainly knew what he was talking about—if anything, his individual project was *too* detailed.

"I admire him a lot. He's made a really interesting existence for himself out of what was, and could have continued to be, a disaster," says Professor Thomas. "In so many situations you have so little control. So many events just happen to slide by with no impact. Jayme's a good example for the other students. He has a very good heart."

Jayne's roommate, both in France and back on campus, Greg Degrosseiliers of Delaware, says that though he and Jayme are opposites in many ways, they get along well. "I really like the guy; he's really nice and definitely a character," says Greg.



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Professor Bill Thomas and Jayme in Strasbourg, France. "I had this revelation recently that Professor Thomas is who I hope to be," said Jayme in mid-October. Professor Thomas says, "It was brave of Jayme to go on Global Beginnings at all. Going to France was going to a new existence, a place where he could start anew. That abrupt change really led to some progress."

"He's great to have as a roommate."

Zelest Caraballo, a Global Beginner from Connecticut, connected with Jayme in France and the two remain close, watching movies and hanging out together on campus. "I would say our friendship has progressed a lot because I get him, I understand him and how he feels about being different because of his accident," she says. "I can tell him anything. I really respect Jayme because he goes on with his life with so many challenges but then overcomes them. He's a strong person, a great guy with a great future."

As the third anniversary of the accident approached, Jayme dismissed the notion it would be a tough day to face. "If anything, I should celebrate," he said, walking through Strasbourg's Place Kléber. "Without the accident I wouldn't be in France or have met these fantastic people or have the friends I've made."

Since that statement in France, Jayme remains positive about the impact of the accident and maintains that in the long run, it is better that it happened. "Time, it mends everything," he says. "I've had a lot of time to think about it and I made a list—the pros outweigh the cons. I'm in college. I've gotten to travel. I'm learning to play the piano, which Professor Thomas encouraged me to try. I'm reading my poetry at Open Mic Nights. I'm *here*." And, in his first year of college, he's a winner of a James Duane Squires Book Award, which recognizes and honors students who have performed academic accomplishments above and beyond expectations. Professor Thomas nominated Jayme for the award this spring. "Jayme rises to challenges and has a thirst

not only for life but for opportunities," says Professor Thomas. "He fights to make the most of every moment. He personifies the idea of *carpe diem* and doesn't squander the gift. He's stepped beyond the struggle."

With solid grades at the end of his first year, Jayme has a plan for the future: he wants to follow in the footsteps of his mentor, Bill Thomas, and teach. He plans to attend graduate school and would like to teach creative writing at his high school. He has no doubt that he'll accomplish these new dreams and says that Colby-Sawyer is the ideal place to pursue them.

"Jayme can be a good teacher; he has a good mind and can explain things," says Professor Thomas. "His goals are reachable, but it won't be easy. His only limits are at the edges of his effort, but he doesn't shy away from hard work. He takes suggestions and embraces the possibility."

The young man who's gone from coma to college, who almost died at 17 but turned 20 in Paris, has one other wish. It has to do with what he would most like people to know about him. "I'd like people to know that I'm not what I seem to be," he says, expressing a universal human longing for understanding. "And that's all I'll say, for reasons that I only dictate in my journal. But Clint Eastwood said, 'A good man always knows his limitations,' and I do. I know what I can do, but I also know what I can't do. And I think that's a wonderful thing."

Jayme Severance's limits, however, appear to be farther out than he, or anyone, can know. He will likely try to find those limits and push himself beyond. ■

The Sweet Science

Sue Barto Monks '60 helped create an opportunity for applied science, maple sugaring, and community bonding to thrive on campus.

by Kate Dunlop Seamans

Sue's Sugar House is the new name for the old stone well house in front of the Susan Colgate Cleveland Library/Learning Center, and the place was hopping when the sap in maple trees around campus started running. One professor's vision and one alumna's generosity, with contributions of creativity and effort from individuals across campus and the community, have combined to create an applied science project that will benefit students for years to come—a maple sugaring operation on campus offered as a course called The Science of Maple Sugaring.

"This project allows students to participate in the sugaring process and learn about the various aspects of the production, including the history of sugaring, forest management, technological advances in equipment, the science behind sugaring, the business aspects, and the fun of the process," says Assistant Professor of Natural Sciences Nick Baer. "The goal of the course is about integrating a traditional activity into the curriculum and infusing learning into an applied project that is interesting and exciting. While the students in the class participate directly in the production, others across campus are involved in different aspects: Graphic Design and Creative Writing students are helping to create the labels; Communications Studies students are working on an audio documentary; Business Administration students will market however much extra syrup we have left after satisfying all the college and project obligations."

Applied Science Involves Students in Hands-On Learning and Creates Community

It all started three years ago when Professor Baer wanted to find an applied science project with which he could involve students. Interested in sugaring since he spent time as a boy on a New York farm, Professor Baer found it a good fit with his own love of hands-on learning. With his spring ecology and environmental issues classes, he tapped the trees on campus and collected the sap. His students quantified the differences in sugar content and sap production by species, comparing sugar, red and Norway maples. They considered tree location in sun or shade and investigated the science of making syrup.

For the first two years, Professor Baer and the students worked in partnership with the Clough family of New London. They took the sap the students collected to the Cloughs' century-old sugar house near Pleasant Lake where they began to learn the history of sugaring. Bill Clough is a member of the Colby-Sawyer Board of Trustees, and his brother John owned New London landmark Spring Ledge Farm for 30 years.

When Professor Baer approached Academic Vice President and Dean of Faculty Deborah Taylor with the idea of moving the maple sugaring project to campus, he got the go-ahead to pursue the project. "I then talked with folks in Advancement to see if there was an opportunity to find funding from alumni for a project like this, because



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Sue Barto Monks '60 has always enjoyed visiting sugar houses and appreciates the simplicity and purity of this unique New England tradition. "Sugaring fits nicely at the college since it provides the students with another opportunity for hands-on and experiential learning," she says.

we couldn't proceed without funding," says Professor Baer. "The Advancement staff was really supportive, so I wrote a proposal."

Major Gifts Officer Beth Camp '92 worked with Sue Barto Monks '60, who stepped forward to offer her support of the sugaring project. Sue says she's always enjoyed visiting sugar houses and appreciates the simplicity and purity of this unique New England tradition. Sue, who grew up in Connecticut and earned her Medical Secretary degree from Colby Junior College, feels the college gave her a wonderful education which has shaped her life in several ways. She has remained a loyal and active alumna who, over the last 50 years, has enjoyed watching the college adapt and evolve. Today, she still values the college's strong academic reputation.

A Gift Makes the Difference

In offering her generous support to the sugaring project on campus, Sue hopes that many students will learn the process of sugaring and be inspired to sugar on their own long after they leave the college. "Sugaring fits nicely at the college since it provides the students with another opportunity for hands-on and experiential learning," says Sue. "Additionally, this is a wonderful way to reuse an existing building and make it functional."



With Sue's support secured, Vice President of Administration Doug Atkins set the wheels in motion for building permits, and Facilities installed a new cement floor and wiring for electricity in the well house that had sat empty for years. Meanwhile, Professor Baer, with the help of Environmental Studies colleagues Leon-C. Malan and Laura Alexander, tagged and cut invasive Norway maples to burn in the future sugar house. Pam Spear, director of the college's Baird Health and Counseling Center, and her husband, Assistant Professor of Business Administration Bill Spear, donated split pine to bring the stockpile to about four cords. Professor Alexander's family got involved by donating heavy equipment and building custom racks to hold the firewood.

As the well house underwent renovations, including a new chimney and cupola to release steam when boiling is in progress, Professor Baer and his sugar brigade started collecting equipment to fill the small building.

"Bill Clough has been a terrific resource for this project," says Professor Baer. "He sees the value of it. The two of us drove up to Maine in his truck to pick up a nice canning unit, which was donated to the college by Bill. Tim Cook in Facilities, who has sugared all his life and has a sugar house, has been another great resource

in figuring out what we need and what's reasonable, and he donated the two oak beams in Sue's Sugar House. We ended up finding a basically brand-new evaporator in the middle of New York State, and after talking to my consultants—Bill Clough and Tim Cook—Leon-C. Malan and I borrowed John Clough's trailer to go check it out. It was in perfect shape, so we loaded it up and stored it in the basement of Colby Farm. Bill Clough volunteered to donate buckets to the project, so we only had to buy all the filters, bottles and taps."

Student Interest and Appreciation Run Strong

Recent graduates Dave Rosso '10 and Michael Nigro '10, both from Vermont, had seen sugaring in action from near and far perspectives. "I've sugared for six years at an established sugar house and was really excited to help create a new one from scratch. I used many different skills in the class, from carpentry and math skills to physical labor and the skills I learned from sugaring in the past," said Rosso. "My favorite part of the course was seeing everything come together and finally getting to boil. It's really awesome how the process works and to know you worked hard for it makes it that much better. I think it's totally awesome that an alumna donated money to make this happen. It makes me want to give back to the school, too."

Nigro, whose family's maples are tapped by a friend, said that growing up in New England, tapped trees and sugar houses are part of the landscape. He was always interested in learning how sugaring was actually done. "The course was a great learning experience, and I hope I can continue sugaring in coming years," says Nigro. "I'm very appreciative to know that an alumna was willing to give a generous donation to be able to make this happen. For sure, this experience has been an adventure."

Interest in the sugaring project has been intense among students, as well as community members; 38 signed up for the class that enrolled just 10. "Every student in the class was committed to the course, and the maple sugaring project," says Professor Baer. "We're going to do this every year, and Sue Barto Monks was the catalyst to make it all happen." ■



The sugar house grew out of an idea, flourished with the support of Sue Monks, and branched out, like a maple tree, to cover every area of campus life, from English and Graphic Design students to Business Administration and the sciences, and from faculty and staff to community members and those who will attend this college many sugaring seasons from now.



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Brendan Carney '02, in the outfit he wears to teach his Tai Chi classes, relaxes at the entrance to his business. Seated beside him is his loyal friend, Abbie.



Five years ago, Brendan Carney '02 seemed to have it all. After a stellar Colby-Sawyer career, both in the classroom and on the basketball court, this former Academic All-American had landed a plum job straight out of college. Working for AND1, the basketball apparel company, at the height of its popularity, Brendan was managing multi-million dollar sponsorship accounts. "It was an unbelievable job," recalls the native of Lyme, N.H. "I was playing hoops with the CEO every day at lunch. As a Sport Management major it was exactly what I wanted to do." Engaged to classmate Jennifer Buck Carney '02, Brendan was then living the proverbial dream, and thought he would never want another job.

It takes a certain amount of confidence and drive to make your dream job a reality. It takes even more to find the courage to walk away. After three years of fast-paced life in Philadelphia that saw him on the road three months of the year with AND1's popular Mix Tape Tour, Brendan came to an important realization. "I wanted to make a positive impact on people's lives," he explains, "I didn't want to help sponsors sell more soda, more chips."

Having developed an interest in eastern philosophy through yoga and martial arts classes, Brendan began questioning some basic assumptions. What does it mean to be successful? What is wealth? "It's certainly more than just money," he says. "It's 'How can I be the happiest person?' I figured out quickly the way to do that is to give back, to help people on an everyday basis." Brendan had always been interested in health and nutrition, and he began to look at career options in healthcare. One day he met an acupuncturist, which proved a fateful meeting. Six months later he quit his job, and he and Jennifer left Philadelphia for Boston, where Brendan enrolled in the New England School of Acupuncture. Today, he is a licensed acupuncturist and the owner of Central Path Acupuncture, a thriving practice in downtown Waltham, Mass.

Acupuncture has been growing in acceptance in this country since the late 1970s, but it is an ancient practice, originating in China some 2000 years ago and eventually spreading to Japan, Korea, and other parts of Asia. During an acupuncture session,

Walking the Central Path

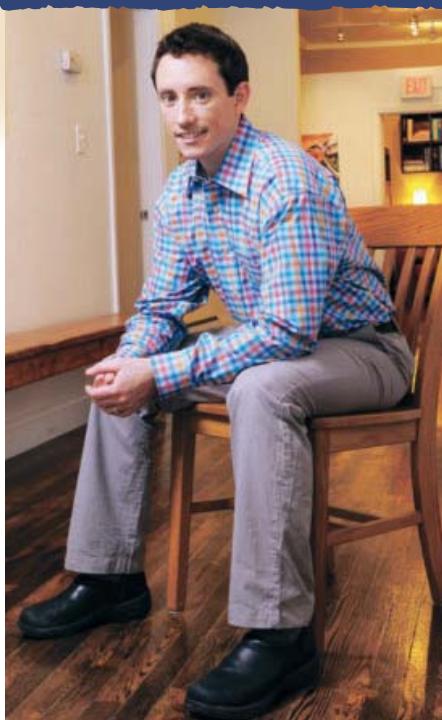
by Mike Gregory

needles are inserted into certain points on the body to relieve pain and promote the body's ability to heal itself. Contrary to what people might fear, there is no pain associated with the needles, other than perhaps a momentary and slight pinching sensation when they first enter the skin. Although very much a mainstream practice in Asia, in the United States acupuncture is still considered a form of alternative medicine. At present it has something of an uneasy coexistence with Western medicine, although that appears to be changing. As of 2008, 11 states mandated that insurance companies cover acupuncture, and it seems likely that this number will rise in the coming years.

Brendan Carney is handsome and affable, with an easy smile that is infectious. He certainly doesn't fit any stereotyped notion of an acupuncturist, and one might be forgiven upon entering the perfect stillness of Central Path for mistaking him for someone other than the proprietor. Yet, once he begins to speak about the subject, his tone both calm and passionate, the depth of his knowledge is made readily apparent. There is no doubt that here is a man who has truly found his calling.

After an intensive three-year program, Brendan graduated from acupuncture school in 2008. He worked in several different offices, seeing how others approached the practice, before striking out on his own last year. "I always knew I wanted to own my own business," he says, mentioning his former professor, Academic Dean Beth Crockford, as someone who encouraged him in that direction while he was at Colby-Sawyer. One of his current mentors, renowned acupuncturist Kiiko Matsumoto, with whom he has apprenticed for several years, has been instrumental in guiding him along this path.

Brendan admits that opening a business in the middle of a huge economic downturn might seem foolhardy. As he points out, though, healthcare is a relatively safe business to be in;



Brendan has found his calling, and he thinks of it as an art form that helps those who suffer pain.

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people are always sick or in pain. In fact, the sour economic climate worked to his advantage, allowing him to lease a prime location in downtown Waltham relatively inexpensively. Gutting what was essentially one large open area, Brendan transformed a former day-labor hiring center into a serene environment that seems an ideal setting for the tranquil healing that takes place there.

So what brings someone to an acupuncturist? The number one reason that clients come to Brendan is musculoskeletal pain. He attributes this in part to the lingering view, once widely held by Western doctors, that acupuncture has to do with the nervous system. "That was the theory," he explains, "that you're manipulating some kind

of nerves, stimulating an area of the brain so that it fixes your problem." In fact, no one really knows how acupuncture works. "It is an art form," insists Brendan. "There's a saying in Chinese medicine. You can treat the same disease in two different ways and have both be successful, or you can treat two different diseases in the same way and have both be successful." In other words, there is no one prescribed method of doing things. If someone is suffering from back pain, there is no "back pain point" that every acupuncturist will target. There is only a selection of points that can be targeted according to the style of the practitioner. "Your own style is always evolving," says Brendan. "I'm not going to treat like anyone else."

Brendan sees about 20 patients a week, 70 percent of whom are female, which he attributes to women generally being more open to alternative medicine than men. Besides musculoskeletal pain, his clients exhibit a wide range of symptoms and he has treated anxiety, depression and cardiac patients, as well as children with asthma or allergies. One of his patients, having completed a ten-week chemotherapy session, used acupuncture to treat her nausea. According to Brendan, his clients respond very well to their treatments. For



An acupuncture session in progress.



The extremely thin, one-time-use disposable needles are safe and not painful when inserted.



Moxa, an herb, is here applied to the end of a needle to stimulate acupuncture points.



In Brendan's experience, women are often more open to alternative medicine than men.

example, a back pain sufferer may typically experience favorable results within five or six sessions. There is also what he refers to as the "by the way" effect; as in, "By the way, did you do anything for my allergies, because they got better?" "Acupuncturists are biased," laughs Brendan, "we say we can treat anything. Part of that is because our job is to diagnose the body and figure out how it can heal itself."

Sometimes, of course, people just don't get better. If Brendan doesn't see positive results within four or five treatments, he will refer the patient elsewhere for another course of action. "The true way to build a business is through socially and ethically high standards of morality," he says, the sincerity evident in his voice. "So I always do what's best for them." One of his patients has fibromyalgia, a condition of chronic pain and fatigue. She will probably never fully recover, but she comes in every week, and even though she lives with a lot of pain, her quality of life has improved. "If I give her a treatment on a Friday, on a Saturday night she can put on her heels and go out dancing for an hour."

In addition to acupuncture, Brendan offers classes in Tai Chi and Qi Gong, as well as treatment with Chinese herbal medicine. He estimates that 80 percent of his patients will use acupuncture and 20 percent will use the less familiar herbs, while in China that ratio is reversed. With a smile he explains this is due to the large needles favored in China, unlike the fine Japanese needles that he uses.

Besides his practice, Brendan has recently been invited to work at the Osher Clinical Center for Complementary and Integrative Medical Therapies, which is affiliated with Harvard Medical School. The cutting-edge center brings together alternative medicine practitioners with physicians from the medical establishment, offering a place where the two streams of thought can be integrated. Brendan himself sees the form of medicine he practices to be generally synergistic with traditional Western medicine, and welcomes the chance to learn and share knowledge.

Brendan's business has been open just under a year, but it turned profitable within just a few months, a remarkable achievement. He promotes his practice with his website, which features a blog that he regularly updates, and by building working relationships with doctors and therapists. Mainly, though, he benefits from positive word of mouth from his clients. What he doesn't get is a lot of walk-in traffic, despite being in a highly visible part of town. As mainstream as acupuncture has become in the 30-plus years since it arrived in this country, it may be a while before it can lure in the man or woman on the street. When that day comes, Brendan will be prepared to help, ready with the knowledge, skills and compassionate nature that led him to walk the central path. ■

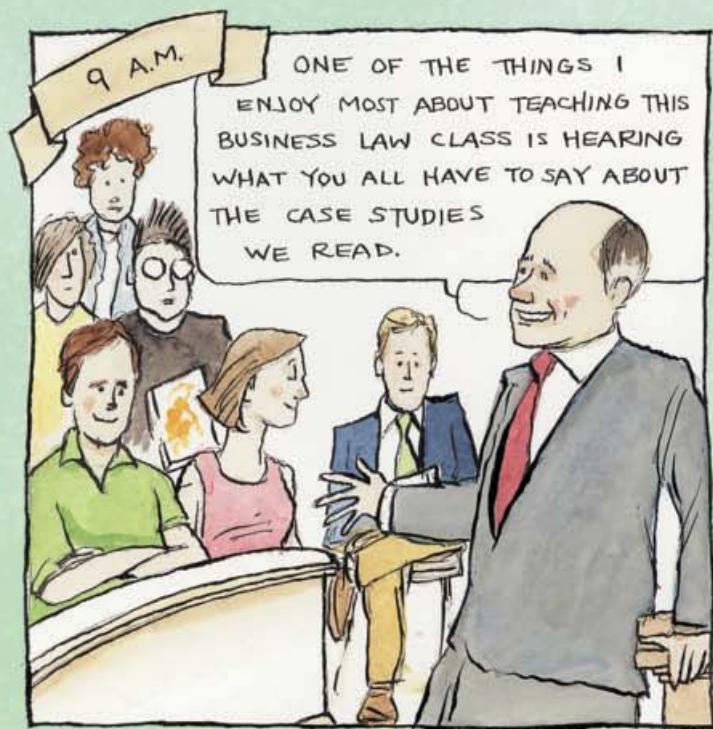
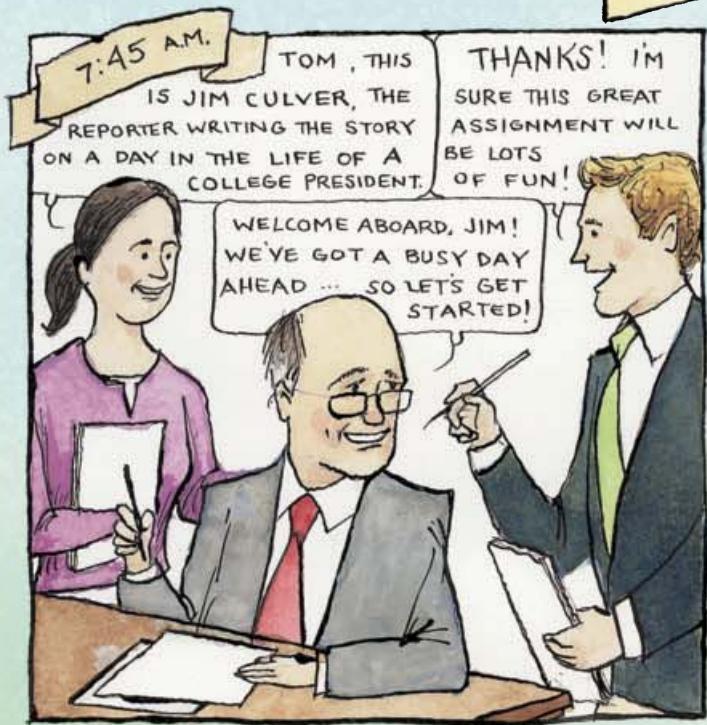
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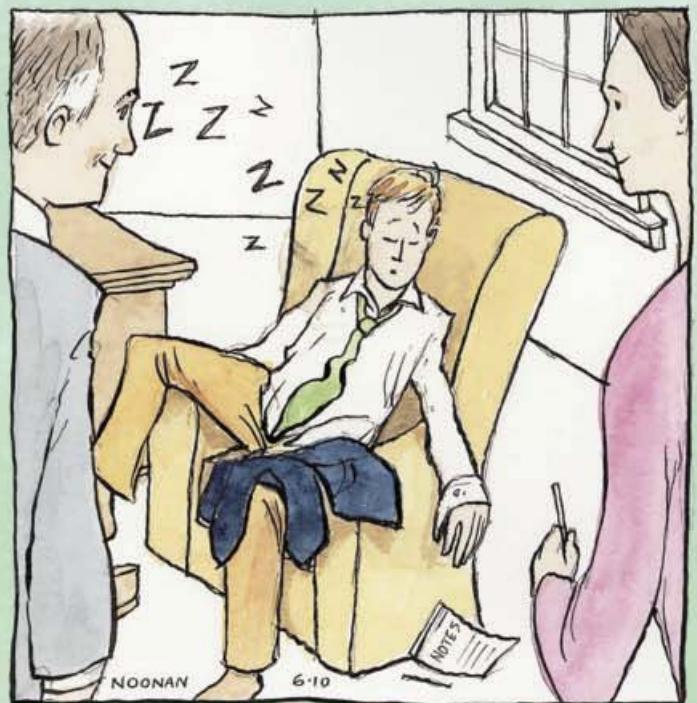
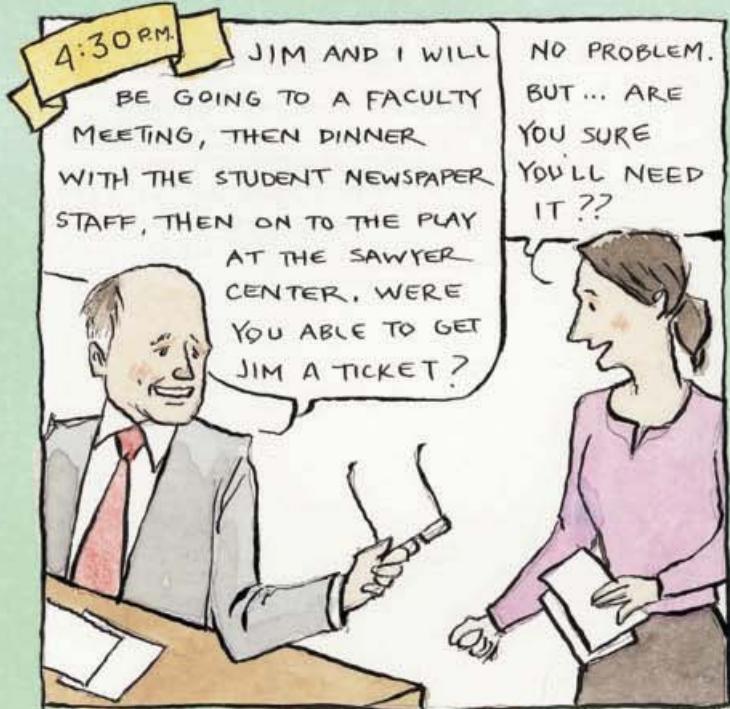
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A Reflection of the World

Progressive Scholars Bring New Cultures and Perspectives to Campus

by Kimberly Swick Slover

Colby-Sawyer College's stately campus, sitting high on a windy hill in New Hampshire with sweeping views of nearby mountains, woods and lakes, has long been one of the college's greatest assets. Historically, the college has drawn students from rural and suburban New England towns who come for a visit and immediately feel at home here. But as communication technologies connect the planet, and business and industry become more globalized, small colleges like Colby-Sawyer are seeking to create more diversity that better reflects—and prepares its graduates for—a changing world. So, how does a rural college with a homogeneous student population like Colby-Sawyer's reach

beyond its traditional territories to attract students who live in major cities across the nation—students of diverse backgrounds whose perspectives, religion, ethnicity or race differ from the majority of its current students?

This very question sparked a lively brainstorming session over lunch between President Tom Galligan and Vice President for Enrollment Management Greg Matthews in January 2008. The two college leaders discussed national models such as the Posse Program, which helps colleges recruit connected groups or cohorts of promising students who belong to populations that are traditionally underrepresented in higher education. The program prepares them for

college, and once they arrive as cohorts on campuses, they offer each other built-in support systems that guide them through difficult transitions and on to graduate at a rate of 90 percent.

While President Galligan and Vice President Matthews liked the cohort concept behind the Posse Program, they felt it would be too costly for Colby-Sawyer. So they tossed around ideas for raising the ethnic, racial and geographic diversity of the student body well beyond Colby-Sawyer's typically small 3 to 5 percent range. Ultimately, the two college leaders agreed the college should create its own version of a Posse Program through partnerships with urban high schools.

At that point Admissions snapped into action. The staff identified two Boston area high schools they had worked with—Cambridge Rindge Latin School and Malden High School—as having extremely diverse student populations, including many multicultural, first-generation Americans, and solid college preparatory programs for their academically strong students. Between mid-January and April 2008, the staff, led by Jen Jacques, senior associate director of Admissions and director of International and Diversity Recruitment, visited the schools, met with guidance counselors and principals, and brought prospective students to Colby-Sawyer for interviews and campus tours. By the end of April, 20 students from the two high schools had applied for admis-



The Progressive Scholars, who come from multicultural urban environments, meet often as a cohort to support each other and discuss ways to strengthen the program.

sion as part of a new full-scholarship program called Progressive Scholars. That fall the first class of scholars arrived on campus for their first year of college.

Finding their Way

Bernadine Bernard chose Colby-Sawyer over other schools she liked because she felt honored to be chosen as a Progressive Scholar. "I felt I was being recognized for my hard work and for who I am," she says. Born in Haiti, Bernadine moved to Cambridge, Mass., with her parents and five siblings as a child. She attended private schools until her junior year, when she transferred to Malden High School. Soon after her arrival, Bernadine ran for class president; she lost, but gained attention and respect from her classmates and teachers. She earned good grades and took on leadership roles such as an appointment to the Boston Student Advisory Council, which worked with the Massachusetts Department of Education to review policies at the city's schools and advocate for students.

"I helped to change policies that banned students' cell phones and locked students out if they didn't arrive at school by 7:45 a.m.," she says.

Raised by her parents to be independent, disciplined and accomplished, Bernadine brought high aspirations for herself and the Progressive Scholar Program to Colby-Sawyer. During an "ice breaker" at Student Orientation, she told her group, half-joking, that she would one day "rule the world" and, in fact, she plans to earn a B.A. in business, followed by an M.B.A. and law degree.

Bernadine and the other scholars knew they were the pioneers of a new and untested program, knew they would stand out as different and have

to adapt to a lifestyle without public transportation, malls or movie theaters around the corner. So when the culture shock hit, Bernadine was ready for it.

"There were students who had never met a black person," she recalls. "They had all these assumptions, such as we got the scholarships just for being black. But it was only a handful of people, and I knew that, as the first Progressive Scholars, we had to change their perspectives and make a good impression. I told them 'This is not just a free way to go to college: We are trying to diversify the campus.'"

In those first few months, Bernadine chose to sit down and introduce herself to students she didn't know rather than join her fellow scholars from Malden and Cambridge for meals in the dining hall. She also opted against rooming with anyone from her high school. "They are like my family, but I'd tell them, 'You guys have to branch out, pull away from the group. It's good for us to get to know others.'"

While the pilot program was intentionally unstructured, each scholar was assigned a faculty mentor in addition to an academic advisor, and they met regularly as a group with Jen Jacques, whose role in Admissions was expanded to include support for the program. "We wanted students to actively shape what the program would become," says Vice President Matthews. "We limited how much we

proscribed to them."

In their first year, the Progressive Scholars faced challenges that all first-year students confront: overcoming homesickness, adjusting to the academic rigor of college, and adapting to new levels of independence. On top of this, many of them carried the weight of high expectations as first-generation college students and the first class of Progressive Scholars, along with added pressures of living in a rural area within a community of people who neither looked nor thought like they did. Yet the students proved remarkably resilient and resourceful; they connected to the community, joining clubs and teams, made friends and reached out for help when they needed it.

"It was definitely a trial year and they rolled with it pretty well," says Jen. "They loved that this is their program and they have a chance to make their mark, but it was a daunting task. They had to create this program from the ground up, and that's the beauty and the crux of it. They're still figuring out what the goals and mission for the program will be."

By year's end, the Progressive Scholars were taking ownership of their program and playing an active role in bringing in the next class. They hosted overnight visits in their residence halls and led campus tours for the next crop of prospective scholars, connecting online and in person to share their first-year experiences and encourage them to apply.

Making It Happen

For the 2009–2010 academic year, Admissions expanded the program beyond its pilot status by adding partnerships with a high school in Chicago and the Summer Search program in San Francisco and New York City. Building on their predecessors' foundation, the second class of Progressive Scholars burst out of the gates with natural ease and confidence. Within months they had created a gospel choir and begun planning a Black History Month event, and following the earthquake in Haiti, they organized a benefit dinner for the



Bernadine Bernard '12 is a Haitian American who says she's learning to use her "big personality" in ways that benefit the program.



Voices of CSC, a gospel choir founded by the Progressive Scholars, made its debut at Family Weekend in fall 2009. The students enjoy sharing their faith and talents with the college and area communities.

devastated country.

Like typical siblings, the first and second classes bonded and butted heads, with the former pushing for order and structure and the latter dashing off and dancing in the aisle. "It was like night and day. The second class came in so much more independent and eager and hungry," Jen recalls. "They're getting and taking a higher level of initiative, starting clubs and running community service projects. This doesn't diminish the efforts of the first class, who had to be the pioneers, the brave ones who came in and established the program without the benefit of an older class to show them the way. As sophomores, the first class took the newcomers under their wings, especially those from their own schools, and made the adjustment easier for them.

"Now it's a blended program; the two classes balance one another and a symbiotic relationship has been created. They push and challenge one another, support and complement," she adds. "It's empowering to see the chemistry of the group."

The second class includes six Progressive Scholars from North Lawndale College Prep, a charter high school in Chicago that prepares students from economically challenged families for college. All of these students, including Crystal Adams, Jasmine Holman and Robert Stuart, arrived at Colby-Sawyer with strong academic records, leadership experience and a desire to give back to their communities. They were raised in strong, closely knit families, and Colby-Sawyer's small campus and friendly community appealed to them.

Crystal is a petite and fun-loving woman whose small size and broad smile can initially mask a determined, take-charge personality. She was offered scholarships at colleges and universities in her home state of Illinois, but Crystal wanted to proclaim her independence by studying far from home. She was also touched by a personal visit from Vice President Greg Matthews and Jen Jacques to her high school.



Jen Jacques (l), shown with Crystal Adams '13, is a strong source of support and friendship for the scholars.



Jasmine Holman '13 worked hard and made the Dean's List in her first year.

"They came here to see how it is to be a student of color in the city," she says. "They don't want me just to bring up their numbers; they came to see where I'm from."

When, on the day of the event, Crystal heard that Admissions needed a tour leader for a Progressive Scholars Visit Day, she rushed over to Jen Jacques' office to offer her service. Although she had no formal training, Crystal led 35 administrators

from the Boston area schools on a tour of campus, even walking backwards in true collegiate tour guide style. "She was fearless and confident," Jen says. "I've never seen a first-year student do something like that. She got great feedback and will be a tour guide for us next year in an official capacity."

Like many first-year students, even those who were high achievers in high school, Crystal, Jasmine and Robert had to learn to manage their time better and strengthen their study skills. They found it hard initially to balance their academic studies with their busy social lives and the growing demands of co-curricular activities. The many hours

they devoted each week to practice and performances for the new gospel choir, Voices of CSC, stole time from their studies. The wake-up call was delivered by their first-semester grade reports.

Jasmine, who intends to major in Child Development and minor in Creative Writing, buckled down in the spring semester and made the Dean's List. She attributes her turnaround to hard work and discipline, along with steady support from her cohort and a long list of faculty and staff members. "Everyone listens to me and seems to really care," says Jasmine. "The faculty gave me a lot of encouragement on my work, and they and my advisor and Jen helped me deal with my personal problems like homesickness. To be honest, I don't think I could have done it without them."

Learning from Each Other

Robert describes his first semester of college as an "eye-opener" both for him and the community he now belongs to. He plans to major in Communication Studies and has especially enjoyed his classes in philosophy and the deep conversations that occur in the classroom. He feels free to share his perspectives on issues, including race, and he has found that open discussion can bring clarity to his own and others' misconceptions. "Some people think we don't have fathers in our households, but we do. And I was thinking that if you were white, you had someone rich in your family who was



The Progressive Scholars produced a moving Black History Month celebration in February in which they highlighted influential people such as President Barack Obama, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr., and Maya Angelou.

helping you out, but that's not the case," he says. "We're sharing our thoughts and experiences and people are very open and accepting."

Tall and sleepy-eyed, Robert describes himself as "talkative, opinionated, helpful and polite" and as someone to whom others turn for relationship advice. He grew up in a protected environment within the city with parents who sheltered him and his siblings from danger. "I was a shy kid, scared to do things," he says, adding that he's learned to be more assertive. He feels grateful to be a Progressive Scholar and wants to reciprocate in any way he can. "I like to be there if I'm needed. I was given this scholarship, and I feel responsible for giving back."

Just as he and his fellow scholars bring perspectives born of urban environments to the community, Robert is often surprised by and learns from students and faculty whose backgrounds can differ radically from his own. While Chicago is home to many different cultures, Robert has rarely been exposed to the cultures of Northern New England or to those of Colby-Sawyer's international students. "I've learned that being at a school where people are very different, where they don't look like me, doesn't mean they don't understand me," he says. "Having the opportunity to see different people and different lifestyles makes me feel confident in myself. I feel I can do anything."

Cameron Knight, a member of the second group of Progressive Scholars recruited from Cambridge Rindge Latin School, moves easily among many different peer groups. He grew up in the city and chose Colby-Sawyer in part to free himself from distractions that might interfere with his studies. An athlete and entrepreneur, Cameron hopes to pursue a degree in Sport Management, with minors in Business Administration and Communication Studies.

Cameron and a friend started a small business in high school and now he works



Robert Stuart '13 feels fortunate to be a Progressive Scholar and wants to give back to the college in whatever ways he can.

for a startup AAU baseball team, the Saugus Silverhawks, as chief marketing officer and director of business. "I've always been an entrepreneur and am constantly looking for ways to start a business," he says. "I can't see myself working from 9 to 5."

When he needed to develop a marketing plan for the team, he sought out Business Administration Assistant Professor Bill Spear, who teaches marketing, for advice. As they met for the first time, Professor Spear became enthusiastic about Cameron's work and spent more than two hours showing him how to put the plan together.

Cameron is proud of his role as a Progressive Scholar in raising funds for the people of Haiti and bringing more diversity to the college. His interest in Communication Studies stems in part from his participation in the struggles among the scholars over how to structure their program and organize their events. "All of us are leaders and we really head-butted a lot," he says. "We're all outspoken and will need to find better ways to communicate."

Next, Cameron wants to get more involved in helping others like him make it into college. "As someone who's made it to college without anyone guiding me, it's important to me to make it a lot easier for other inner city kids," he says.



Cameron Knight '13 intends to major in Sport Management and considers himself a natural entrepreneur.

gram as they had spaces for students.

The first two classes of scholars can take pride in the program's evolution and in their personal growth as individuals. Through their Voices of CSC concerts and Black History Month performance, the scholars have shared their talents and rich cultures and history, and next year they hope to con-

tinue events like these on campus and in area communities. In the classroom and in their activities, residence halls and everyday interactions on campus, these students are adding their voices to the dialogue, bringing unique perspectives shaped by their urban experiences, diverse family histories and the rich multicultural communities in which they have lived.

Colleges are, in essence, learning communities in Vice President Matthews' view, and he believes it's vital that these environments reflect many diverse perspectives from across the country and world. In defining diversity broadly in terms of ethnicity, geography, race and socioeconomic status, he says, "Colby-Sawyer benefits from having students with many different backgrounds and perspectives which provide our students with more interactive and interesting classroom and residential experiences and prepares them to thrive in a global society."

In educating our students about other cultures, we're also leading them toward a deeper understanding of themselves, of how they view the world and their place within it, according to Jen Jacques. And with knowledge and understanding, people are more apt to appreciate, respect and celebrate their own and other cultures and perspectives.

With the diversity of this past year's class rising to about 15 percent, Jen says the campus is already changing. "If you're from rural Maine and you're sitting in class next to a student from Chicago and another student from Nepal is sitting behind you, and you're having a discussion about religion, the perspectives are very different," she says. "All of a sudden you hear something and think, wow, I've never thought of it in that way. You may not know until later, but it may change you in some way. That's what education is all about."

Progressive Scholar Bernadine Bernard will return to campus as a junior in September. In two years she has seen a steady increase in diversity on campus through new students in her program, a growing number of international students, and changes in the general student body. "We're beginning to blend in with everyone else as the school gets more diverse," she says. "People are not just seeing our color so much anymore. They're seeing us as individuals." ■

COLBY-SAWYER CELEBRATES 172ND COMMENCEMENT

Achievement Awards Presented to Honorees

Susan Colgate Cleveland Medal for Distinguished Service

Janice Wilkins '41

Distinguished Alumni Award

Dr. Joan "Pete" Peterson '49

Town Award

Jerod Rockwell

Gown Award

Mary McLaughlin

Nancy Beyer Opler Award for Excellence in Advising

Brian Clancy

Jack Jensen Award for Excellence in Teaching

Christopher Kubik

Achievement Awards Presented to the Graduates

David H. Winton Baccalaureate Award

*Amy Lynn Hebert
Megan Michelle Ruggiero*

Senior Achievement Awards

*Amy Lynn Hebert
Jonathan Joseph Pappalardo*

Alpha Chi Award

Rachael Kelsey Smith

Scholar-Athlete Award

Ryan Jameson Martin

Wynne Jesser McGrew Scholar-Athlete Award

Amy Lynn Hebert

Colby-Sawyer Award

Amy Lynn Hebert

Senior Commencement Speaker

Amy Lynn Hebert



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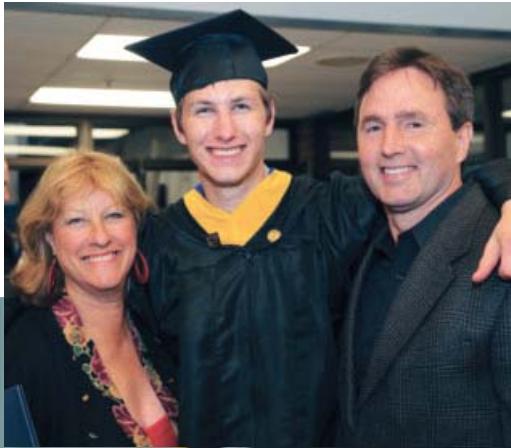
Colby-Sawyer College celebrated its 2010 Commencement on Saturday, May 8, by graduating 152 students and recognizing numerous individuals for academic excellence, outstanding contributions to society, and service to the college and community.

President Galligan shared his hopes for this class, which was special to him because the graduates started at Colby-Sawyer at the same time he did. "We want you to go out and use your intelligence, your education, your experience and your heart to make the world a better place," he said. "I truly believe that a small candle burns within all of us to be part of some positive change in the world. Why, after all, do we go to college? To be happy, to be safe, to succeed? Yes, yes, yes. But I think we also do it, at least in part, to improve our lives and the lives of those around us. That flame flickers and reminds us that it's up to all of us to make the world better. Whatever professional or personal road you choose to follow, you can still do your part to improve life on our planet."

"Your mission," he told the graduates, "is to make the world a better place for all of us and those who come after us. Your mission is to take what you know, what your families have taught you, and to combine it with all you have learned and experienced here and to go and improve the world in ways that none of us ever dreamed were possible. That is what you can do and that is what Colby-Sawyer hopes for you and from you."



Rainy weather did nothing to dampen smiles that lit up the day.



Recipient of multiple awards, Amy Lynn Hebert offered heartfelt remarks to classmates, family and friends.



SPORTS ROUND-UP

by Sports Information Director Ryan Emerson

WINTER 2009–2010, SPRING 2010

Go Chargers!
13 Colby-Sawyer student-athletes were named to The Commonwealth Coast Conference (TCCC) All-Academic Teams this year.

—WINTER 2009–2010—

Women's Basketball

(12–14; 9–4 TCCC)

For the 15th consecutive year, the Chargers made a post-season appearance. Despite a loss in TCCC Tournament quarterfinals, the team created many highlights. One was the play of senior **Terri Duffy** (Marshfield, Mass.), who became the 11th Colby-Sawyer woman to eclipse the 1,000 point milestone. Terri was named TCCC Co-Player of the Year as she became the second woman in school history to record 1,200 points and 800 rebounds in her career. She was named to the All-TCCC First Team, as an ECAC Third Team All-Star, and to

the N.H. Division III Basketball Coaches Association First Team. Senior **Amy Hebert** (Keene, N.H.) was a star on the court and in the classroom. She earned the Wynn Jesser McGrew Scholar-Athlete award given annually to a graduating female senior who has made significant contributions to both the scholastic and varsity programs at Colby-Sawyer. Among many other academic awards, she was co-recipient of the David H. Winton Baccalaureate Award as the student with the highest GPA in her graduating class. **Taylor DeSanty** (North Adams, Mass.) led all freshmen with 11.3 points per game and had a team-high 37 three-pointers. Taylor was named N.H. Division III Basketball Coaches Association Rookie of the Year.



PHOTO: John Quackenbos

Terri Duffy '10

Men's Basketball

(15–12; 7–6 TCCC)

During the regular season, the Chargers earned one of their biggest victories in program history when they defeated seventh-ranked Middlebury 86–76 on the road. Seven regular season conference wins was enough to earn the team the 4th seed in TCCC tournament, which marked the team's 15th consecutive postseason appearance. In TCCC tournament play the #4 seeded Chargers welcomed the #5 seeded Bison of Nichols in a quarterfinal contest. Colby-Sawyer earned a convincing 82–65 victory and traveled to top-seeded Gordon for the semifinals. The Chargers season ended with a loss to the eventual



PHOTO: John Quackenbos

Jon Chaloux '10

TCCC champions. Seniors **Dave Rosso** (Wilmington, Vt.) and **Jon Chaloux** (Barre, Vt.) joined the 1,000 point club. Dave was named to the N.H. Division III Basketball Coaches Association Second Team. Jon was named to the All-TCCC First Team and was the N.H. Division III Basketball Coaches Association Player of the Year. He is the first Charger to win that award. He was one of only four TCCC players to be selected to compete in the New England Division III Senior Men's Basketball All-Star game. The Chargers also received stellar play from freshman **Jason Chevrefils** (Manchester, N.H.) who was named the TCCC Men's Basketball Rookie of the Year, the ECAC Division III New England Men's



Ryan Martin '10

Basketball Rookie of the Year, and the N.H. Division III Basketball Coaches Association Rookie of the Year.

Swimming and Diving (Men's and Women's)

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams finished the season with three and four wins, respectively. At the New England Championships, the men finished ninth, marking their best finish in school history, and the women finished 16th. The men's team was led by senior **Ryan Martin** (Chester, N.H.), who has written his name all over the record book. Ryan qualified for the New England Intercollegiate Swimming & Diving Association Conference meet all four years. He holds school records in the following events: 500 Free, 1000 Free, 200 Free Relay, 400 Free Relay, 800 Free Relay, 200 Medley Relay, and 400 Medley Relay. He also holds pool records in the 1650 Free, and 800 Free Relay. Ryan was named the Colby-Sawyer Chargers Male Senior Scholar-Athlete. The women's team was led by senior **Danielle Bowen** (Litchfield, N.H.). Danielle was truly a force in the water and a consistent point scorer as she competed in 34 races this season and finished in first place 23 times, second place nine times, and third place twice.



Danielle Bowen '10

Alpine Skiing (Men's & Women's)

The Chargers' alpine ski teams continued to be regional powerhouses and to produce national-level competitors. Both teams qualified for the USCSA Nationals for the 13th straight season. The men ended up in fifth place, marking their 11th top-ten finish in 13 years. The women finished seventh, also making it their 13th top-ten placement. Racing in the MacConnell Division during the regular season, the women finished first three times and second twice, while the men won two races and finished second six times. Junior **Danielle Shannon** (Conway, N.H.) and sophomore **Shawn Dunstan** (Sinking Spring, Pa.) each won MacConnell Division individual titles and earned a trip to the U.S. Alpine Nationals. Danielle, a four-time All-American this season, competed in her second straight U.S. Alpine Nationals and was named Colby-Sawyer Chargers Female Athlete of the Year for the second straight year. Danielle and senior teammate **Kellie Tingle** (Thomaston, Conn.) earned Academic All-American awards. Shawn, who earned three All-American awards this season, was the first male Charger in school history to qualify for the U.S. Alpine Nationals. He was named the Colby-Sawyer Chargers Male Athlete of the Year for his achievements.



Danielle Shannon '11



Shawn Dunstan '12



Chris Hartery '10

—SPRING 2010—

Baseball

(14-19; 9-13 TCCC)

Although the young Chargers team failed to reach the playoffs in 2010, there were certainly highlights throughout the season. One was that they were the recipients of the Team Sportsmanship Award as voted on by TCCC coaches. Senior **Chris Hartery** (Billerica, Mass.) and sophomore **Greg Mehuron** (Waitsfield, Vt.) were honored by TCCC for their performances on the diamond. Chris earned a nod to the All-TCCC First Team, while Greg garnered All-TCCC honorable mention accolades. Chris finished his Colby-Sawyer career as one of the best baseball players ever to don a Chargers uniform and has made an impact on the Colby-Sawyer record book. He ranks first all-time in triples (17), tied for second in doubles (29), and fourth in runs batted in (115). Chris also ranks fifth in runs (112) and hits (145), while ranking sixth in home runs (13) and in walks (56). Greg was stellar at the plate all season long and hit at a .404 clip. He led the team in batting, striking out just seven times in 99 official at-bats. He also led the team in stolen bases (10) and on-base percentage (.465).



PHOTO: John Quackenbos

Brittney Murphy '12

Women's Lacrosse

(6–11; 5–6 TCCC)

The 2010 women's lacrosse team featured a young squad for the second straight season, and their schedule proved to be one of the most challenging in team history. It featured three NCAA tournament teams, including national semi-finalist #3 Gettysburg College. The team won their last three regular season contests and continued the program's stretch of TCCC tournament appearances by earning their sixth straight trip and ninth in the last ten years. Sophomore **Brittney Murphy** (Woburn, Mass.) was named to the All-TCCC Second Team. She led the squad in goals (47), assists (18) and points (65). Juniors **Hannah Cullen** (Penacook, N.H.) and **Deb MacEachern** (Billerica, Mass.) were named to the All-TCCC Honorable Mention Team for their strong defensive efforts. In addition to her strong defense, Hannah scored 12 goals and had three assists for the Chargers. Senior **Elaina Kennedy** (Sunderland, Mass.) finished her career with 99 goals and 22 assists, which ranked her 10th all-time in each category.



Nick Rockwell '13



PHOTO: John Quackenbos

Gustav Norberg '13

Men's Tennis

(10–11; 7–4 TCCC)

Under first-year **Head Coach Barry Schoonmaker**, the team advanced for the 12th straight season to the semi-final round of the TCCC tournament. The Chargers notched a quarterfinal victory when they defeated Western New England 5–1. They then traveled to Roger Williams, which marked the third consecutive season the teams had met in the semifinals. The Hawks came away with a 5–4 victory, ending Colby-Sawyer's season. Leading the way for the Chargers was freshman **Gustav Norberg** (Bromma, Sweden), who had a team-high 26 combined victories, including 11 singles and 15 doubles wins. Gustav was named to the All-TCCC First Team in singles and the All-TCCC First Team in doubles with freshman **Adam Whitman** (Newcastle, N.H.). Adam had a stellar first season as a Charger, compiling a 7–3 singles mark and an 8–3 doubles record in TCCC action. Senior **Ben Dabush** (Weston, Conn.) ended his career with the tenth all-time most singles wins (31) and tenth most total victories (57).

Track and Field (Men's and Women's)

Once again school records were broken and 10 athletes qualified to compete at the New England Championships. Among them were Colby-Sawyer's 4x100 men's relay team comprised of sophomores **Kevin Meleshuk** (Reading, Mass.), **Josh Commey** (McLean, Va.), **Derek Lautenschlager** (Jericho, Vt.), and junior **Matt Cole** (Fiskedale, Mass.). Freshman **Nick Rockwell** (East Walpole,

Mass.) broke his second school record of the season at New Englands. He threw for a distance of 42.82m in the discus to beat the previous mark of 40.36m set in 2002 by **Tommy Lavigne**. Nick also set the school record for the hammer throw (41.61). Freshman **Anthony Sedita** (Manchester, N.H.) threw for a distance of 42.10m in the javelin in his first New England Championships appearance. Sophomore **Kristin Sawyer** (Walpole, Mass.) and freshman **Melody Owens** (Tyler, Texas) made the trip to New England's and competed in the shot put. Earlier in the season Kristin set a school record for the hammer throw (36.09m). Freshman **Danielle Perry** (Charlestown, N.H.) and senior **Caitlin Pond** (Westborough, Mass.) each qualified for the New England Championships in the heptathlon.

Equestrian

The Colby-Sawyer equestrian team had a successful season, which included High Point College honors at their home show in October 2009 and Reserve High Point College honors at the University of New Hampshire show in March 2010. In addition to these strong performances, the team was well represented at the Regional Horse Show in March and they received numerous individual honors. Seniors **Natalie Miller** (Lebanon, N.H.), a two-year captain, **Malory Newcomb** (Newport, N.H.), and **Jessica McLavey** (Merrimack, N.H.) were highly successful in their final year. The team will return a strong core of riders next season, which is already shaping up to be a year of promising accomplishments.



Natalie Miller '10

PHOTO: Jenna Leigh Teti

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1934

Nellie Heath
JUNE 5, 2009

1935

Louise McGregor Pollard
FEBRUARY 17, 2010

1936

Constance Crabtree Jones
MARCH 13, 2009
Elizabeth Pond Zimmerman
OCTOBER 31, 2009
Lelia Strickland Letherland
NOVEMBER 10, 2009
Barbara Melendy Parker
FEBRUARY 22, 2010
Olga Niedziela Kassab
MARCH 3, 2010

1938

Dorothy McKinney Malin
FEBRUARY 26, 2010
Jane Seavey Emerson
MARCH 28, 2010

1939

Marion Smith Christensen
FEBRUARY 22, 2008
Constance Campbell
Forham
OCTOBER 15, 2009

1940

Joan Webber Plummer
NOVEMBER 20, 2009
Elizabeth Luitwieler Burke
FEBRUARY 14, 2010
Charlotte Bailey Moses
MAY 2, 2010

1941

Madge Daniels Schnitzler
OCTOBER 2006
Elsie Hansel Slauson
JANUARY 16, 2009
Susan Speir Parker
JULY 2009

Anne Weston Miller
JANUARY 10, 2010

Betty Lane Hockmeyer
FEBRUARY 8, 2010
Hazel Patrick Bowman
MARCH 15, 2010

1942

JoAnn Peterson Jones
JANUARY 9, 2010
Jean Dewhurst Newton
JANUARY 20, 2010
Grace 'Debbie' Braithwaite
Hayden
FEBRUARY 11, 2010
Shirley E. Parsons
FEBRUARY 12, 2010
Marcia Sickels Crowley
APRIL 2, 2010

1943

Elizabeth A. Garretson
JANUARY 13, 2008
Phoebe Neal Burns
JUNE 27, 2009
Elizabeth Jenkins Maley
MARCH 2, 2010
Barbara Preston MacPhie
APRIL 11, 2010

1944

Natalie Slawson Goslee
JANUARY 25, 2010
Jessie Fyfe Armstrong
FEBRUARY 8, 2010
Joyce Cox Tomcho
MARCH 6, 2010
Ann Hartford Cochran
MARCH 13, 2010

1945

Priscilla Donle Berry
MARCH 20, 2010
1946
Charlotte Capon Twitchell
JANUARY 14, 2008
Janet Dietz Bryant
DECEMBER 11, 2009

1947

Mary Lou Stover Day
AUGUST 17, 2007
Nancy Dann Reed
JANUARY 21, 2010

1949

Barbara Hall Austin
NOVEMBER 18, 2008
Lois Wheeler Watson
JULY 23, 2009
Elizabeth Zerega Brown
JANUARY 11, 2010

1950

Elizabeth Pease Day
JUNE 23, 2006
Barbara Willey DeBurr
JULY 1, 2007
Leslie Moore Waldbillig
JANUARY 13, 2010

1951

Susan Adams Ellis
MARCH 15, 2010

1952

Coralie 'Toddy' Huberth
Sloan
NOVEMBER 5, 2009
Joanne Sanborn Marshall
NOVEMBER 10, 2009
Jeannine Ouellette Roy
JANUARY 5, 2010

1954

Joan Batchelor Brown
MARCH 4, 2010
Nancy Fish Perior
MARCH 25, 2010

1955

Diane Longmaid Kelly
JUNE 18, 2008
Carolyn Gage Andrews
AUGUST 27, 2008

Alicia Van Iderstine
Hemmer
DECEMBER 23, 2009

Patricia Moss Primrose
FEBRUARY 18, 2010
Susan Bailey Sink
FEBRUARY 18, 2010

1957

Patricia Hathaway Trotter
OCTOBER 12, 2009
Susanne Schumann
JANUARY 4, 2010
Deborah Knapp Adams
FEBRUARY 11, 2010

1960

Pamela Mallard Geissler
MAY 26, 2004

1962

Sally Coronis Vallance
APRIL 13, 2010

1966

Sandra Hall Devine
DECEMBER 18, 2009

1969

Holly Gonnerman Prest
NOVEMBER 16, 2009

1975

Janine Johnson Abbott
NOVEMBER 9, 2009

1996

Jonathan A. Hemingway
MARCH 24, 2010

FORMER FACULTY

Alf E. Jacobson
APRIL 18, 2010

FORMER STAFF

Marty Brock Reardon
JANUARY 23, 2010



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Editor's Note: It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Barbara "Barb" Melendy Parker on February 22, 2010. Barb had served as the 1936 class correspondent since 1994, and she will be missed dearly.

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Nina Parker Gardner celebrated her 91st birthday in Apr. at a CA board and care facility. Her attentive daughter celebrated with her as she lives close by. Nina's husband died in 2009.

A busy year for Mary Lee Kingman Natti, whose house at Blood Ledge Quarry, Cape Ann, Gloucester was demolished! The good news is the same address should be occupied when you read this. Daughter Suzanna Natti, a children's book illustrator, invited her mother to stay with her during the construction. In 2008, Lee donated a large collection of children's books, picture books and art material to the Eric Carle Museum. Last year Lee spoke on a panel which celebrated the 100th birthday of Virginia Lee Burton, a famous author and illustrator of children's books, many of which had been given to the museum. Barbara Knowles Merrill continues to live happily in her Vero Beach apartment where she has lived for 20 years. Although her husband died last year, she has 3 children with families close by. Barbara sends best wishes to us all! Inez Gianfranchi

Snowdon continues to enjoy her Kennebunk friends, but drives close to home and during the day. Sound familiar? Barbara Symonds Ayers seems well settled in her Ossipee nursing home where help is quickly available if she tumbles. She's enjoying her many new friends and has put her lovely Wakefield, NH, home on the market. Betty Champlin Bottorf, in spite of missing old haunts in CT and NE, is enjoying life in her CA senior facility. She is busy working in the library as well as serving on the food committee. Janet Drabble at 93 is comfortable in her CT assisted living home. Her memories of our college days bring her plea-

sure. Barbara Rounds Carson has recovered from a mean case of vertigo that laid her low over the holidays. Now she's back to yoga and exercise and anticipating the spring weather and Popham Beach in ME, where her property is involved in a lawsuit depending upon ancient surveys! And like many others, I am happy and near family at Brookhaven Lexington Retirement Home. The nature path, vernal pools, ponds, plus trips to concerts inspire us all!

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Let's face it, we are all the same age with many of the same problems, but I like to hear from you and pass your news on to our classmates. First we keep quiet about our age, but now we boast about it. Jeanne Schwob Homer and I keep in touch through e-mail. She has been

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enjoying visits from her family, still gets around with a walker, and attends symphony concerts and the theatre. She heard from **Harriet "Toddy" Wickham Gorman**, whose husband Bill suffered a fatal fall. Toddy, send us your new e-mail, mine to you came back. Jeanne chats with **Janet "Jinx" Tee Lynch's** daughter Susan Gannon, who lives in Larchmont, NY. Jinx died several years ago and her husband has remarried. **Harriet Tillinghast Fuller** celebrated her 90th birthday. I had a note from her daughter Betsy asking for notes from friends. Tillie still lives in her home of 54 years, not far from her children. **Janet Canham Williams** is still composing cute poems in spite of a sight problem. She and **Ruth Randolph Woodman** live at Woodcrest Village in New London. **Margaret "Peg" Van Duser Hurlbut** plays golf and enjoys the beauty of FL. I had a nice chat with **Eloise Gedney Lawson**, who lives in Chapel Hill, NC. She has 3 sons, is now widowed and lives in a retirement community. **Eileen Mattis O'Brien** writes, "Sorry to see more classmates don't write—I'm sure they have a more interesting life than we have. No more big trips for us, just north in summer and FL in winter. No more skiing or tennis, but we are happy with our memories." As for me, I'm enjoying living near 1 son and 3 grandchildren in DE, and have visits with the other son who lives in WI. Two of his children are married and I have 2 great-grandchildren. We all gather in the summer at our cottage in Ontario.

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1941

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Debby Burton Adler and her husband are still in their home of 50 years. As a long-time curler, she enjoyed the Olympics. She has 3 daughters and grandchildren, 1 living in the Czech Republic. **Mercie Franke Dunfee** and her husband, who celebrated

their 63rd anniversary, still enjoy FL winters and ME summers. **June Skinner Peacock** lives next to her daughter. Her son is an Episcopal priest in Nashville. Like so many of us, she is interested in a retirement place. **Arlene Dawson Knapp** enjoys a lovely retirement facility, and her family comes each week to help her. **Joan Russell Desmond** is also enjoying a retirement place. Her 3 sons are all fine and have retired. She visited twin granddaughters in Phoenix and still plays golf. **Marie Westberg Francis** is in good health at 89; she volunteers, plays a lot of bridge and is addicted to *NY Times* puzzles. **Elizabeth Ballentyne** is happy to be still up and about—"Whoopee for pills and potions." If you're visiting LL Bean in Freeport, ME, **Mary Lou Williams Haskell** offers an extra bedroom at her Casco Bay home. She is in fairly good health and keeps busy with local activities. She has seen **Jean Merrill Thornquist**, who lives in Portland. The rainy Northern CA weather is good for the grapes, and **Zada Lynch Travaglini's** vineyard becomes a field of brilliant wild yellow mustard. We are not the last of our class; there are over 50 of us. It was with sorrow we learned from her son that **Betty Lane Hockmeyer** passed away in Feb. I am quite healthy, have trouble walking, and am well entertained by a tank of fresh water fish and 1 salt water fish. Friends from New London keep me up to date on the college.

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Sorry, everybody! Very short news column this time.
Unfortunately I spent Oct. and



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Nov. in the hospital and couldn't do my job. With all your help it will be better next time. Because my health was a problem, we couldn't go to FL in Jan. as we had hoped, but finally made it in Mar. for a month. Our luck made us miss FL's cold weather, a plus for us! I did have a chance to talk to **Virginia "Jinny" Leighty Severs**. She was in the hospital when we arrived but later was moved to Lely Palms, a nursing home and rehab facility and now has permanently moved to Heritage Health Care & Rehab Center in Naples, FL, not far from her daughters. I talked to one of them recently and found she is doing well, but is pretty much bedridden. Oh the pangs of getting old! During our month in Marco, our daughter was with us and we all went over to Vero Beach to pick up her 12-year-old son who had been visiting his father, and we took advantage of an extra day to see **Marcia "Mish" Barnes Shaw-Straube** and her husband, Hal. We had dinner together which was fun—a good time to catch up and for them to meet our daughter. They are both so fit and agile! On a sad note, **Marcia Sickels Crowley** died. She had moved to VT to be near her children, so I lost touch with her and was saddened to read of her death in our local newspaper. What an accomplished one she was! Her obituary was columns long. Most of her work was city and state oriented and environmentally focused. Thanks to the telephone, I talked to **Virginia Wells Radasch**. She lives in Charlemont, MA, with her daughter, and spends the summer in Southport, ME. She is

a widow and has 2 grandchildren and a 1 year old great-grandchild. **Audrey Rembe Sharpe** lives in Bentley Village, a beautiful life-care facility in Naples, FL. She enjoys relatively good health but has had to give up golf. This has been a year of ups and downs for Dave and me. We celebrated our 65th anniversary—not quite as we had planned. I fell off a one step stool and fractured my left hip. It had to be repaired and replaced. A fat embolism got in my blood stream and found its way to my lung and heart. My family was called to my bedside but I fooled them—with the help of several prayer groups and God. I spent 2 months in the hospital and intensive rehab. The good news is I'm fine—dependent on a walker and cane. But we made Marco Island and will go to ME this summer. On the upside was our eldest granddaughter's wedding. So beautiful, and such a happy time! We love her husband! They met as sophomores at Deerfield Academy so we've been hoping for a long time. Now our #2 granddaughter has just announced her engagement with a wedding planned for April 16, 2011. Lots to look forward to! Remember everyone; I need to hear from you. When you get the return card, please reply!

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Can you believe we'll be celebrating our 65th year since graduation? Mentally I'm thinking it would be such fun to go to a reunion; physically, don't know if this old body can do it! I have been underwhelmed with the response for news from you all! Even if you don't think you have anything "important" to write, we still want to hear that you're on the planet and willing to give a "shout out" to your classmates. Bravo to those of you who returned postcards. I am sorry if any of you have e-mailed me, as my computer crashed and it took a while to reconnect with the world, but do try again, please. **Elizabeth Bryant Parker** writes from Windsor, CT, that she is busy with Republican Town Committee, DAR, her church, and volunteering in local nursing homes as well as the Windsor Historical Society. She says that she uses a cane, has a pacemaker, and is getting old (like the rest of us). Her daughter lives in Keene, NH, and she has 4 grandchildren. She does not own a computer! **Jean "Jay" Shanley Puckhaber** from Ballston Spa, NY, just returned from a wonderful cruise with friends. She plays

bridge twice a week and still collects antique dolls and postcards. Her kids are in WA, NH and VA. **Gloria Wells McCreery** is very upbeat. She has 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren! She is living in a retirement home in Needham, MA, in good health and expects to have a long life. She lost her husband a few years ago. **Grace MacDonald Ross** was brief and to the point and speaks for us all! She said "I'm glad to see each day come by." She is living in Sun City Ctr., FL. **Jean Morley Lovett** is enjoying her move to Sandhill Cove in Palm City, FL. I had a reply from **Jean Henderson Read's** husband, who reported that Jean has been in a dementia nursing center for 3 years. Sorry to hear about that, but so nice of him to keep us posted. They have 2 great-grandchildren in Denver. **Shirley Glidden Splaine** spent most of the winter in SC with her daughter, 10 horses and 2 kitties. She helps out wherever needed in an animal shelter, walking dogs and playing with kitties. She's there to help with cooking, shopping and cleaning tack. She heard at Christmas from **Barbara Macaulay Watkins** and **Priscilla Donle Berry**, and they sound okay. **Gloria Hamburger Vise** writes from Laguna Woods, CA, that she has not been doing well for some time and doesn't get around much, but thinks of her Colby days as good ones. Her whole family is in CA. Last time I spoke to **Nancy Dean Maynard**, she was battling a horrid winter and couldn't wait until spring. She loves living in Lowell, MA, next to her daughter. As for me, **Ruth Anderson Padgett**, I was advised to get a pacemaker because of an irregular heartbeat. Long story short, I am the 1% where everything went wrong, resulting in 2 back-to-back surgeries. The recovery period has been long and slow and frustrat-

ing. I keep hoping every day to feel like a new person but that hasn't happened yet. The good news is that son #3 who has lived overseas for 20 years has just purchased a lovely home 3 blocks from me in La Jolla, in the neighborhood in which he grew up. I guess what comes around goes around. I don't know when they will be here for good from Singapore, but it's part of the fun to have them in town fixing up their property. Hope you all stay well and perhaps we'll meet at reunion.

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in time to do her spring house cleaning. It was fun seeing family and friends again. We have a big 65th reunion coming up pretty soon, so let's see if we can make it a great one!

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Hi, classmates! Please send us more news. Grace and I are well aware of life in the "golden years" so cheer us up with some good happenings. **Virginia Schofield Mueller** writes, "Still alive and doing well at 81 but getting kinda creaky. I've been a widow for 15 years. I am still in my house, operate the HAUTO-ZAT Art Gallery, and work part-time at the Carlisle Arts Learning Center. Please call if you are in my area." Our loyal **Shirley Holmes Dunlap** is a true alum with 3 generations of family affiliated with CSC: sisters **Jean Holmes Duffett '50** and **Janet Holmes Thompson '52**, grandson **Nathaniel Dunlap '98** and grandson **Marc Dunlap LeBourdais '08** are all grads. Shirley's son William Dunlap served on the Board of Trustees from '92 to '03. Bill is now the grandfather of triplet boys! Bill's daughter Sabrina is a lawyer in Boston. The son of Shirley's daughter Ann is a Fulbright Scholar in Switzerland. Shirley has 10 grandkids ages 2 to 35 and 3 great-grands...life is great! **Claire "Nuge" Nugent Sullivan** and her husband, Henry, are terrific travelers! Last year they took a 102-day voyage around the world, spending 63 days at sea in 22 different bodies of water and stopping in 39 ports. In Dec. they went on a shorter cruise from Ft. Lauderdale, FL, through the Panama Canal to San Diego. We try to get together in Newport, RI, in the summer.



Joan Watson Krumm '47 with dear Santa!

Nancy Wiggin McVickar is good about keeping in touch. She loves life in Northfield, VT, and is keeping busy in a long-established (1900) Women's Reading Circle. Her great news is a 9-month-old great-granddaughter named Chloe Marie! **Virginia "Ginny" Horton Adams** and husband Bill recently returned from FL coast-hopping. They visited Nuge and Henry Sullivan on Jensen Beach, Hutchinson Island, before crossing to St. Pete to visit Bill's college roommate. **Dorothy "Dorsi" Brooks Tately** and Hal are enjoying life on the cape in E. Harwich, MA. Son David lives nearby; son Peter, wife and 3 daughters just moved to PA; son Steven is in AZ with wife, daughter and son. For all you "Curious George" lovers, son Chuck is in Los Angeles writing episodes of "Curious George" TV show which airs on PBS. He also wrote the screenplay for the movie "Curious George II: Follow That Monkey!" available now on DVD. New London had an unseasonably warm and delightful Easter weekend—so welcome after such an endless winter. Our New England family joined us at the lake watching the ice sink away, and 5 loons! Our Virginians stayed home getting ready for grandson Joshua's wedding. For a while we will number 18. That is all for now. Hope you are inspired to send more news.

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1948

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I really appreciate all the gals who write and e-mail me

throughout the year. I get more e-mails and Christmas cards than ever, and that makes my job so much easier. There're lots of you out there we never hear from, so why don't you break down and write a few words? **Janet Kenerson Andrews** has closets full of fancy grandmother outfits, because 3 children of her TX son and his wife married in the last year and a half. She gained 1 more dress in Aug. 2010, when one of her nearby daughters' twins was married and brought them to a total of 6 married grandchildren. She has 3 to go. She has good times with great friends in Milford, OH, and volunteers at her church. She plays bridge, reads a lot, golfs every week from May to Oct., and bakes for her daughter when her grandkids are in town. She feels extraordinarily blessed to have seen where all her grandkids went to college, seen what vocations they've chosen, and experienced the joy of going to their weddings. **Nancy Dexter Aldrich** and her hubby, Roger, booked an Elderhostel trip to Salem, MA, but Nancy spent most of the tour in a wheelchair since she had broken her hip. Due to her pain, the Dexters cancelled their favorite summer trip, a schooner cruise out of Rockland, ME. Their kids surprised them with a 60th anniversary dinner at their own restaurant, Polly's Pancake House in Sugar Hill. The next day they drove to the Cliff House Resort and Spa in Ogunquit, ME. In Sept., they drove to Rockland, ME, to take the previously cancelled sail on a 3-masted schooner, Victory Chimes. **Madelon Pennicke Cattell** enjoys life at The Village at PA State. She has wonderful friends, the CCRC has lots of parties, and a son, daugh-

ter-in-law and 4 grandchildren live just 5 minutes away. Her other 2 sons and her grandkids keep in touch every week so all that keeps her happy. Speaking of happy people, **Frances "Fran" Wannerstrom Clark** had a "super terrific time" on a Med cruise with her 2 daughters that included Mykonos, Santorini, Rhodes and Athens, Greece; Kusadasi (Ephesus), Turkey; and Naples, Capri and Rome, Italy. She had hip surgery a year ago. She later drove to NJ to visit with her older daughter and husband, who surprised her with an evening in NYC at Stephen Sondheim's musical "A Little Night Music" starring Catherine Zeta-Jones and Angela Lansbury. The next day, Fran left for Phoenix, AZ, with her daughter Cathy and saw her younger daughter Margie and her granddaughter Elly, who is a freshman at U. of AZ. She also watched a grandson in a soccer tournament. After reading *100 Things to Do Before you Die: Travel Events You Can't Miss* and seeing the movie "The Bucket List," **Kay Heinrich Clark** has started a Bucket List of her own. Last year she got a ladybug tattoo along with a granddaughter. She rode a Ski-Doo to an ice fishing tournament, where she was offered and took 2 Jell-O shots, a combo of Jell-O and wine or vodka. Kay tried twice to take a balloon ride in 2009 but her reservations were cancelled by bad weather. Her CA daughter tried to come up with something unique when Kay visited and found that driving the Los Angeles freeway was enough excitement to satisfy her. They toured the famous La Brea tar pits and saw dinosaur bones. Kay volunteers at St. John's Home twice a week, is the secretary and room coordinator for Brighton

Schools Alumni Association and exercises each week. She is a big fan of her son Tim's bands: Dang, The Stone Boys and the Dinner Dogs. In Oct., **Priscilla "Pan" Irish Demos** and George took a 10-day New England tour to celebrate her 80th birthday; they drove along the ME coast, spending 4 days on the coast with Pan's sister in Hancock. They stopped at tourist sites like LL Bean, Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream Factory and a maple sugar factory. Pan gave up skiing last year but is still happy on the tennis court. She and George are blessed with good health. Their son lives in Sweden and their daughter and her family live in Colorado Springs. Her notepaper was embellished with her latest watercolor of a pastel iris. **Ione "Deedie" Denny**'s life after CJC included a degree from BU, a marriage, a divorce and a remarriage. Deedie got her BA in early childhood education, a master's in education for the gifted, and a 2nd master's in advanced reading. She became a reading specialist, working with teachers and students largely in the Kearsarge District of NH for 24 years before her exodus in 2000, then lived in Lake George for 4 years before moving to Kittery, ME, where she is "Mainely" retired. Deedie's 4 boys and 2 girls all reside in New England. The youngest boy and her 2 girls went to Proctor Academy in Andover, NH. Both girls grew up in the NL neighborhood and worked at Twin Lake Villa in the summer. Katie is a married mom with boys, 6 and 4, and lives in Dover, NH. Sarah, a high school guidance counselor, lives down the street from Deedie in Kittery. All 4 sons live in southern New England: 2 in Cape Cod, 1 in Martha's Vineyard, and the oldest in Taunton, MA. When I see anything to do with Broadway or the stage, I e-mail it straight to **Susan Hight Denny**. She enjoyed an online video of the oldest living showgirl in Las Vegas. Sue's had a rather rough year as she is a long-time diabetic and has had to endure dialysis several times a week. She was thrilled to finally get back in her own apartment and counts her dialysis-free days as holidays. After a less than fun year, she

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Showed great spirit when she remarked, "Here's to better days!" **Jean Klaubert Friend**'s daughters had a big 60th anniversary celebration for her and her husband in Columbus, OH. They stayed in Pinehurst this winter instead of spending time in Sarasota. They missed being with their oldest daughter and her husband, who live in Bradenton, FL, with their 3 horses. One of Jean's best friends is the mother of Hank Haney—you know him as Tiger Woods' golf pro. Like the Wells, **Jane Maynard Gibson** and Jack are big fans of the UF Gators. The Gibsons spent their Christmas in the Caribbean, getting home just before the New Year. Jane often calls **Jean Klaubert Friend**, a hometown friend, to chat and reminisce. She also keeps in touch with **Carol "Shoe" Shoemaker Marck** by e-mail. Both Gibsons still play golf and still have trouble losing golf balls in the course's lagoon. **Ann Wyllie Jarrett** and an artist friend had the pleasure of attending our 44th President's Inauguration. DE's Sen. Carper gave them great tickets right behind the seated guests. In Jan., Ann and another artist friend flew to Cairo for a 3-week trip back in time. In Saudi Arabia, they donned black robes and lunched in a tent with a Bedouin family. After returning to the States, Ann and 4 artist friends had a show that featured the paintings they did while traveling. She also made a trip to Aspen, where she worked on the penguin book she is writing with her daughter. In Aug., Ann and 15 church friends explored the Dalmatian Coast from Slovenia and Croatia to Montenegro,

Albania and Greece. Then, Ann's son and his wife invited her to go to Yosemite and she did not hesitate. On their last morning there, Ann was headed for the women's facilities in her flannel nightie when a big black bear lumbered by in front of her; the bear was more interested in his destination and didn't see Ann. Her continuing passions, besides traveling, are painting, yoga, the Philadelphia Orchestra and reading. In early summer, Ann took her 11-year-old grandson Conor to Belize to work with cocoa growers. It was an opportunity for them to help subsistence farmers learn how to grow crops in the rain forest rather than their usual method of "slash and burn." **Carol "Shoe" Shoemaker Marck** and Chuck live in the Poconos until the last week of Dec., when they pack up and take their 2 dogs to their apartment in Bethesda. The Marcks' old MD home now belongs to daughter **Christina Marck MacCormack '82**. Then, when the ice finally melts in Pocono Lake, they return to PA. At Christmas, Shoe sent a photo of all 17 members of her family. Everyone came for the holidays, including 8 dogs. Granddaughter Lindsey graduated from UNC in Dec. and is presently working with Athletes in Action, a national Christian group. Lindsay lives in Oxford, OH, near her 2 brothers, who both have football scholarships at Miami of OH. CJ is a transfer so is "redshirting" this year, and Stephen is a freshman. Andrew, the son of Shoe's oldest daughter **Margaret Marck Vinnenberg '76**, is playing football and has enlisted in the ROTC at U. of RI in Kingston. Brother Jonathan is a sophomore athlete at Georgetown Prep in Rockville, MD. The Marcks' daughter Christy's 3 children are also athletic. Catherine is a horsewoman, Christina plays soccer and lacrosse and Jack, the youngest grandchild, has started playing football. All the Marcks' older grandkids have been blessed with college scholarships. Speaking of grandchildren, **Nancy Hobkirk Pierson** sent a photo of her children and grandchildren. Since the Piersons have 5 daughters, they've ended up with quite a few grandkids. Jean

Roberts Price's 4 children and 6 grandchildren reside all over the country but manage to keep her life very full. Robért has been a landscape gardener for over 22 years and still has 5 clients. She will remain on the job for as long as she is able to handle it. As long as Robért keeps up her yoga and meditation, she remains peppy and in good shape. She's had a life that has included living in New England and the CA coast. Fond memories of Colby continue to drift through her memory cells as she picks up a glorious red rose in one of her gardens. **Barbara "Bobbie" Schultz Watts** says Mase and I have made FL Gator fans out of them. The Watts sent their Christmas card about the time it snowed in VT. Both were happy to see it and pulled out their skis and their boots. **Sybil Adams Moffat** sent me a clipping about Bobbie Watts getting an Honorary Life Membership from the Green Mountain Club of VT. Bobbie began volunteering at the GMC in '92 and has helped the club update all sorts of guides and records. She wanted to volunteer because she has always hiked as she grew up in the White Mountains of NH. While at CJC, she was the president of the school's Outing Club. Depending on the season, she walks or snowshoes to her volunteer job. **Janet West Williams** remembered when the chorus performed with another group off campus and a few of them drank a beer! That's when there was no drinking unless you were on an overnight and out of town. Our honor system worked and everyone began confessing to some very small incidents. We had "one sippers" and "2 sippers"; all were lined up and confessing to **Helen "Tommie" Thomas Lethbridge**, Student Government, and **Jane Bartlett Howland**, Superior Court. There were so many of us guilty that no one was expelled as we all feared. Jan was very unhappy as she couldn't attend the Princeton Spring Weekend. **Betsey Cook Willis** called me to say she had lost her husband, Dave, to cancer in Apr. 2009, 2 months short of their 60th wedding anniversary. Dave was employed by the John Deere Company for 37 years.

Betsey's son Mike has now been with them 32 years. Betsey has a beloved Springer Spaniel who forces her to take a walk each day on Brevard's beautiful walking trails. Her 3 children are scattered here and there with one in IA, one in MT and the John Deere son in Atlanta. She's been going to lots of weddings as her grandchildren get married, one by one. **Mary "Oggie" Ogden Sutcliffe**, our bionic classmate, has had more than her share of orthopedic surgeries in the last few years. Her last operation was a "botched job" that caused her to temporarily lose most of her hair. She's working on getting it all back and is enjoying life in Phoenix. Oggie and Herb have always loved to dance so they go dinner-dancing frequently. As for me, Mase and I had not had a trip in a while so we booked a 14-day cruise/tour in AK. Our 1st 7 days were spent on coaches and sightseeing trains while the last 7 days were on the Holland-America Line's Ryndam. It's a trip we saved for "when we got old." We thought it was about time we took it since, I guess, we are now old.

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Editor's Note: Special thanks to **Patricia Davis Hoffman**, who is stepping down as your class correspondent after serving faithfully since 2004. This is Patricia's final column.

Martha Frey Allen is looking forward to our 60th reunion in Oct. **Phyllis Sanderson Scott**

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and **Coralie "Cozy" Nash Liechti** expect to join us there also. **Josephine "Jo" Carlson Clark** is also looking forward to reunion, and she keeps busy with bridge, mah johng, book club, and knitting galore. Her bridge group includes **Barbara Russell Sayward '49** and **Margaret Cumming Waller '40**. **Jane Hallowell Stepton '69** and **Elizabeth Hallowell Jeffery '71** live in the same complex. Sad news from **Lindy "Delina" Clapp Macfarland** is the recent passing of hubby Will in NY. Many of us have fond memories of their company both at reunions and otherwise. Their 4 children have been with her. From IL, **Maxine Morrison Hunter** is looking for news of her roommates, **Nancy Brown Pieper** and **Patricia Marshall**. **Joan Magavern Gregory** and hubby Don both are 80 and have slowed down a bit. They are content in western NY where they love their winters, snow and all. Two daughters live nearby, Heidi and **Julie Gregory Vogan '85**. Joan keeps busy with Red Cross, meals on wheels, etc. Hubby Don is a physician, still working part-time. Joan feels very blessed. **Joan Smith Eastman** keeps busy in NY and elsewhere, with trips to family and friends. She still downhill skis in VT. She also visited FL where she played duplicate bridge with friends. She recently visited GA and CA. Joan has been in her home for over 50 years and is looking into a move. **Dorothy "Dottie" Zucchi Tosti** and hubby Joe are happy and healthy, have been married 56 years and are both 80 now. They're still in MA and have 5 children and 12 "grandees" who live nearby. Dottie and Joe spend a few months in CA as well as time on Cape Cod each year. She

would appreciate hearing from us. **Marilyn "Smitty" Smith Hooper** feels very fortunate to be in FL in winter and VT in summer. All year she is with or near family. Smitty would enjoy hearing from any of us in FL. **Ellie Morrison Goldthwait '51** is happy to have a daughter in NH now. She thoroughly enjoys living near the college and entertaining many of us. I, too, can vouch for her hospitality and the pleasure of her company. From VA, **Marjorie "Mardie" Hamilton Gorham** and hubby Jim visited in NH with her sister **Barbara Hamilton Hopkins '48**. Also in attendance were their brother and wife as well as various nieces, nephews and families. Mardie and Jim's older son and wife joined them from TX. While in NH, Mardie met at Sunapee Country Club with **Jean Holmes Duffett**, **Susan Morrison Mayer**, **Ellie Morrison Goldthwait '51**, **Nancy Frost Smith** and **Carol Lynch Hermance**. Later that day, all gathered at Ellie's home with spouses for one of Ellie's wonderful feasts. Mardie and Jim visited in TX with son Dave and family, as well as with younger son and family from AZ. Also they were in AZ to meet their great-granddaughter for the 1st time. From CA, **Gretchen Siegfried Nymoen** and hubby Don enjoy their international trips which include Germany, Africa and Spain. They feel like they pack more medications than clothes. **Jane Grayson Slover** and hubby George are well in TX. She took her youngest grandchild on an intergenerational trip to AZ and CO, where they learned about keeping safe in the wilderness. Jane and George visited GA to stay with their 2 granddaughters while their grandson was in the Rose Bowl

parade. Jane does much reading, attends adult classes and plays much bridge. News from hubby Pete Peterson in GA is that **Joan Van Iderstine Peterson** lives in an Alzheimer's retreat near him. She is quite content in her own world, a favorite of the staff and very pleasant. It is difficult to realize that his bright wife who graduated summa cum laude in landscape design is gone. Joan's sister **Alicia Van Iderstine Hemmer '55** passed in 2009. From NJ, **Barbara "Bobbie" Fetzer Herbert** tells of tap dancing in her lead role in "Bye Bye Birdie." She also won a doubles tennis match and made the finals in bocce. She cooks for the Ronald McDonald House and participates in a book club and women's association. She travels to PA for shows, concerts and performances. Bobbie is still a member of the 99s (International Organization of Women Pilots). She hopes to start flying again after her next heart surgery. She has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. **Betty Alden Parker** lives in MA and skis with the 70-plus Ski Club. Betty and a hundred others skied in UT with them this year. Betty suggests that any of us interesting in joining please contact her. **Elinor "Elly" Goodrich Jones '51** feels very lucky to have no serious health problems. She lives in a wonderful community, minutes from Glacier National Park, where she likes to hike, x-country ski, snowshoe and walk with her dog. Elly enjoys her quilting and recently made a prayer quilt wall hanging for her church. Please keep the news coming. We appreciate hearing from you all. See you at our 60th reunion in early Oct. 2010!

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1951

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Anne Connor Sturtevant writes that she and her family are immersed in the growing of cold-hardy grape vines for wine making. She said it will be another full season before they will have a harvest and a "stomping" party to squeeze out the vineyard juices. **Ruth Gray Pratt** writes about the snow piling up. VT did get a lot of snow, also NH and MA; we got 35 inches, which is unusual for us. **Barbara Gesen Trulson** writes they are moving to Riverwoods in Exeter in Apr. She has been involved in 3 art shows and lucked out with sales. She has a weekly bridge game; 2 of the players are from Colby-Sawyer. **Janice McLane Spear** writes that they are in good health. She visited her brother in NC and loved it there. She lives in Ogallak, NE. They also had several snowstorms and 20 degree weather. **Barbara Easterbrooks Mailey** and **Sally Conner Parry** attended the Colby-Sawyer Ski Day in early Mar. After skiing, they went to the home of **Ruth Gray Pratt** for dinner. Also there, and contributing to the great dinner, were **Mary Loudon Eckert** and **Joan White Snively**. They all caught up on the latest news and talked about the 60th Reunion in 2011. **Peg Rogers Andrews '85** of the Alumni Office was nice enough to have Barb and Sal as overnight guests. **Margery Bugbee Atherton** writes, "It has been quite cool in FL, but still warmer than MA. We enjoy living in both places." **Sally Conner Parry** writes, "I have 2 great-grandchildren this year; my oldest granddaughter gave

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birth to Landon James Holland, now 3, and Lyla Holland, now 1—both healthy and strong. I was entertained with **Barbara Easterbrooks Mailey** for a final ski weekend the 1st weekend in Mar. I shall have to leave the downhill skiing to the young and strong. Paul and Ruthie had us for a lovely dinner." **Marguerite Cline Beckman** writes, "My news is that I'm still moving and I hope you all are too. The best fun I've had lately was the summer of 2008, when I rode my bike from Zurich to Lake Biel and back to Zurich with a couple friends. In the summer of 2009, I went to Italy to ride my bike, by myself, from Venice to Florence. I also took a wrong turn once and ended up on an autostrada with huge tractor-trailers whizzing by me. I thought I better be doing these things before it's too late. Otherwise, I'm politically active and take courses of my choice. Naturally, my children and grandchildren are perfect in every way."

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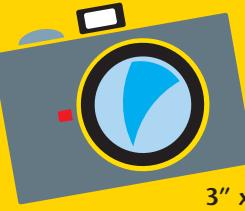
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Editor's Note: Special thanks to **Rayma Whittemore Murray**, who is stepping down as your class correspondent after serving faithfully since 2001. This is Rayma's final column.

Hello again. In Jan. **Marilyn Chase** and I attended a most delightful brunch at the home of **Penny Jesser Rohrbach '62** and her husband Nelson here in Vero Beach. Luckily it was a glorious day and we were able to sit outside and enjoy the view. This was the backdrop for a "lively conversation" with CSC President Thomas C. Galligan. A few of the other attendees were **Barbara Steinemann Crosby '61**, **Jean Mellert Keating '47** and husband Herbert, **Louise Fiacre Krauss '44**, **Blanche Worth Siegfried '43** and husband Robert, and **Lois Patterson Sligh '49** and husband Robert. President Galligan spoke with charm and enthusiasm of CSC objectives. I highly recommend attending one of these "lively conversations" if you are given the opportunity. **Mary Lanius** writes, "On the 1st of Feb. I return from a month's trip to India with 9 friends, beginning in Kolkata and ending in Delhi with the Republic Day parade and the 'Beating of the Retreat.' In Oct. and Nov. I was in India working with the Chief Conservator from the Denver Art Museum, who had obtained a grant to do some research work on some of the bronze casters who work in the tribal areas of Orissa and Chhattisgarh. We drove over 3,000 km, made several visits to tribal markets, recorded the work of a number of craftsmen and came home with our bags filled with small sculptures from the area." **Mary Jane Fritzinger Moeller** writes, "My daughter Jeanne and I have been traveling. Our latest venture was a week touring the Galapagos Islands off Ecuador and then to Peru and climbing Machu Picchu. In

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May, we will journey for 5 days to Kanab, UT, to Best Friends Animal Society and help tend to stray, sick and abandoned animals. While there, we will take a raft ride down the Colorado and visit 2 national parks. Our daughter works full time at James Madison U. in VA and in her spare time is taking 3 master's courses towards possible graduation in Dec. 2011. As for me, after 3 years without a Labrador, I adopted Silver, a beautiful yellow female, 8 years old, and we are working towards her Therapy and Canine Good Citizen certificates. I am still cleaning out Walt's belongings and finding an amazing array of 'keepers' going back to his childhood and WWII clippings. We grew up together and many of these items bring back fond memories." Mary Jane adds that Silver did earn her 2 certificates and is now eligible to visit hospitals and nursing homes. **Joan Salmon Nesbit** writes, "I am busy with work and grandchildren; I see people from the past, but not CSC. I still miss **Barbara 'Bobbie' Smith Day-Schoen** and our 'get-togethers.' **Martha Marano Ackermann**, **Nancy Shumway Adams**, **Noel Henriques Brakenhoff**, **Sarah Bond Gilson '52 MT** and **Joan Salmon Nesbit** would get together when Bobbie went to CT visit her mother. We all miss her; so tragic." As for me, **Marilyn "Chasie" Chase** and I see each other often. Her back is much better but her knees give her trouble. We are planning a trip to Norway this summer. Last summer we went to Ireland. I've been busy with The Tea Party and 9/12 Project. Went to Tampa to see the Glen Beck/O'Reilly show; 16,000 people attended. I'll leave you with **Mary Jane Moeller's** quote: "Acts of kindness warm the heart, soothe the soul and make the

world turn more gently."

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1953

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Judith Treuchet Scott has Alzheimer's but enjoys hearing from old college friends.

1954

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Jane Doherty Johnson writes, "My grandson Joe attends Berklee College of Music in Boston, which is a dream come true for him. He auditioned for "American Idol" last year and made it pretty far, not to the finish, but it was a great experience for him to see how it all works. My son Jeff Bissell has been director of the School Year Abroad program in Beijing, China, for 11 years—it is an arm of Phillips Andover Academy. Since his children are now in college, they are moving back to the USA, and he will become director of the Chinese American International School in San Francisco this summer." Together, Janie and Bayard have 15 grandchildren, ranging in age from 4 to 22. **Nancy Sellers Mion '55** was proud to report that Christopher Bales Mion was born in Beijing, China, on Columbus Day 2009. She writes, "He is named after his uncle Christopher, the youngest of our 6 children, who was killed



(L to r) Nancy Angel Turnage '52, Marilyn "Woodsie" Woods Entwistle '52 and Elizabeth "Betty" Carlson Salomons '52 enjoyed a mini-reunion last summer at Betty's house in Ocean Grove, N.J. The gals were roommates in Colgate their senior year.

in an automobile accident several years ago." Her oldest grandchild, Lauren, was married in Atlanta in May 2009. Nancy added, "I miss my volunteer work at the VP's residence. I was there 8 years, but the regime changed! Maybe another opportunity in '12! Meanwhile, I love my Altar Guild work at church and projects with my garden club." **Joan Potter Nelson** recently returned from a lovely 10-day cruise throughout the British Virgin Islands. **Dorothy Colburn Holstine** was another traveler to the Virgin Islands for a week in Nov. 2009, where she and Jon celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary. They enjoyed watching Purdue play BB in the Paradise Jam Tournament and also went to Jon's 50th reunion at Purdue in the spring of 2009. He is still teaching college, much of it online for Am. Military U. Dotty has grandchildren playing Wii at their home and plans to try the games for exercise. Nov. 2009 must have been a good month for travel, as **Shirley Wright Cantara** writes of her trip to Costa Rica, where she and Bill rented ATVs and rode on the beach and up along mountain trails, and Shirley didn't dodge the opportunity to experience the canopy, zip-lining across the rain forest. After spending some time in FL visiting roommate **Percilla Horridge Savacool** and Ron Savacool, they were planning on visiting their grandsons, ages 15, 13, and 12 in NJ on their way back North during the kids' Easter vacation. "Our travels lately have been to locations east of us," writes **Sally Browne Foster**. "The Elderhostel programs are most interesting, particularly the founding fathers 3 presidents program in VA. We are looking forward to our annual trip to the Niagara-on-the-Lake's Shaw Theater Festival." Sally lives between Cleveland, OH, and Pittsburgh, PA, and a 1-hour drive south of Lake Erie. She added, "The Wii bowling is awaiting our move, in the far future we hope, to an assisted living residence." **Emily Spencer Breaugh** writes, "Can't claim any Olympic stars in my family, but do have 2 new baby girls born in Nov. 2009, bringing my family total to 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren ages 15

months to 32 years. Suddenly I am feeling old, yet still play tennis, paint and volunteer in the Aux. of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War." She mentioned that if anyone is planning to visit Branson, MO; Sedona, AZ; or Traverse City, MI, "Neal and I are in the know." To celebrate **Barbara Dennett Howard**'s 50th wedding anniversary at the end of Aug. 2009, the couple had a 16-day tour of Ireland and Scotland. Upon their return, they drove up to the CSC Alumni Fall Festival, but were sorry that there were so few from the class of '54 attending. Travel to Turkey in 2009 and Spain in 2010 was mentioned on **Joanne Ripley Spencer**'s card. She mentioned that she enjoys life in Rochester, NY, gardening, golfing, volunteering at the Red Cross and watching grandchildren at their sporting events. She adds that 2 are now in college, 2 will graduate in June 2010, and there are still 1 sophomore and 1 junior in high school. **Harriet Johnson Toadvine** jotted down a quick note that she had a great evening visiting with Carol and Charlie Sellnau. Harriet said Carol attended Colby and Charlie was in her high school class, Belmont Hill and Dartmouth. **Barbara Knight Price** has been spending time mapping out her New England trip for mid-Oct. She will bring her oldest daughter along to show her all the places where she spent her youth before moving and settling in the West. **Margot Thompson** was another classmate making plans when she wrote about coming to NH in the spring with her godchild, who also lives in CO. The 2 were to visit New London and CSC together, and no doubt Bailey received a good tour of the campus as she researched the college of her choice. They were invited to spend the night with **Anne Dwyer Milne** before heading south for FL. **Frannie Pryor Haws** continues to enjoy being a great-grandmother, being a soccer and t-ball mom and watching her growing family. She plays a lot of golf, goes boating and has found a niche for in-home dog sitting. **Arline Soderberg Ely** says it's nice to be semi-retired: "Time to modernize my home and take up new hobbies like snowshoeing and jewelry design.

My daughter Laura is still a beauty and clothing consultant and living in Minneapolis. Thom's business, as owner of Alaskan Bike Tours out of Skagway, AK, has been extremely successful doing soft adventures for all the cruise ships. My health is good and I continue to downhill and x/c ski." **Virginia Sbarra Boeck** lives in NJ but says their vacations are in ME now. She is president of the Verona Friends of the Library and also library trustee. She also attends meetings of the Verona Student Educational Assistance meetings where her husband Bob is a trustee. I've been hearing **Jean Cragin Ingwersen** mention Pilates and I couldn't find it in the dictionary, and no one I knew heard of it, so I asked Jean to explain it to me. I soon discovered it is probably best known in places where seniors congregate, or live in a group setting, so it makes sense that residents gather as a class to learn some fundamental principles of staying fit. Taking classes in learning how to maintain a healthy back that are led by a trained instructor is a smart way to go, Jean said, "The Sun Salutation requires a sturdy chair that won't tip over and there are about 5 exercises in a row. The hamstrings finally do stretch!" Great-grandmother **Nancy Brown Cummings** writes, "We are so excited and happy to announce the arrivals of our 2 great-grandsons, Grant T. Ullman, born 2/14/10 and Graham J. Tornabene, born 3/11/10. The proud grand-

mother is our daughter **Eleanor Cummings Bowe '74**. We are also thrilled to have our grandson Zachary Charron entering CSC this fall. We anticipate watching a number of soccer games during the next few years." Their summer cottage on Newfound Lake continues to be a family gathering place. In between gathering and reading your notes, I had a telephone call from Wendell Brown to tell me my dear CSC roommate, **Joan Batchelor Brown**, passed away. As with many of you, our friendship remained strong throughout the years and I have many fond memories of our times together.

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1955 Reunion

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SAVE THE DATE: Oct. 1-3, 2010—Our 55th Reunion! I know it is really hard to believe that 55 years have elapsed since we graduated from Colby Jr. I hope those years have been good to each and every one of you. I also hope to see you all on campus at some time during our reunion weekend. **Gratia Wrye Hamilton** has spent most of her years in Richmond, VA, raising her 3 children, while making at least semi-annual trips to her hometown of Duxbury, MA, to visit her parents. She retired from

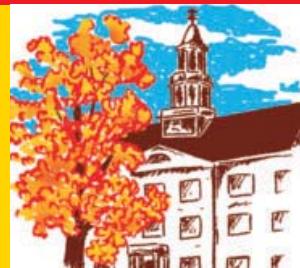
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the SunTrust Bank in '98 and has been enjoying her 7 grandchildren (ages 9½ to 25) since then. She, with 1 of her daughters and grandson, toured New England during this past year, introducing him to some of the family history there. Gracia keeps busy taking classes for seniors, being involved in her church and its prayer shawl ministry, working at the polls and traveling both inside and outside the US. She says she looks back fondly at her years at CJC and all the friends she made while there. Another classmate who is deeply involved in her church is Adrienne Pease Guptill. She has been instrumental in assisting in the organization of a new Congregational Church in Mashpee, MA, over the past 2 years. Their congregation now numbers over 100, with an active choir, bell choir and prayer shawl ministry. Adrienne, along with all her church work, is a volunteer at the Boys and Girls Club, a member of the Women's Club and volunteers for Elder Services of Cape Cod. She has been living in a 55+ adult community on the Cape and just loves it! She too hopes to visit on campus at some time during reunion weekend. Carole Binney Haehnel writes that she became a great-grandmother a year ago, and only wishes that Liam and his parents lived closer to NH than Dallas. Carole lives near Dartmouth College and loves taking advantage of all that living in Hanover offers. It was wonderful hearing from Connie Valpey Deschenes, who says that she and husband Ed are the proud parents of 5 children, proud grandparents of 12, and proud great-grandparents of 5! She and Ed enjoy spending time in ME when possible, enjoying some cross-country skiing. She and her sister Ann, along with their husbands, spend time in FL awaiting the arrival of spring in the Northeast. Connie adds that she and Ed both retired early, she from the Medical Library of Salem Hospital, and Ed from Sylvania, so that they could travel. They enjoyed several trips to Europe and one to AK over the years. It is always great to get e-mails from Rosie Carhart Keenan—she still maintains that great sense of humor we all knew at CJC! While she

says she doesn't have any news right now, she does still stay in touch with Elaine Gilman, Barbara Curtis Sturgeon, Nancy Colby Garipay and Betty Ann Godschall Westphal. Rosie won't be able to join us on campus for our reunion, but her thoughts will be with us (and I know ours with her, too). Hoping to join us on campus for at least part of our reunion is Irmeli "Imie" Ahomaki Kilburn. She keeps busy in and around Needham, MA, and often ventures to Brattleboro, VT, to visit her daughter and son-in-law, where he runs a fancy jam business. She holds a great fondness for her memories on campus—Mountain Day, walks around campus and, of course, Oct. 15, 1954, when she and Bob became engaged on campus! Nancy Sellers Mion says that she sent her news to JoAnne Greene Cobban, so check the Class of '54 news for her update. Martha Dodge Wilkerson reports that she finished her book that she has been working on for some time titled *The Simon Patch Story: Saga of a Rebel*. We can find it on Amazon.com. Her daughter Betsy Craumer is an artist whose work can be found in and around New England. Martha's 2 grandchildren are in college, and as she says "Life Marches on." Please join in at our reunion—hope to see you all there!

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1956

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Thanks to all of you gals who sent Christmas cards and notes. Alma Gillespie Niemiller and Bob are in Venice, FL, most of the year but spend at least 2 months in the summer and fall at the family homestead in Hinsdale, NH, to spend time with family. Alma says Venice is only 20 miles from Sarasota, so if anyone is in that area give her a call. Augusta "Gussie" Crocker Stewart generously donated one of her paintings to Colby-Sawyer last fall for the Fall Festival and drove up to see the wonderful offerings that were gathered for

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the Festival. This effort was to raise much-needed money for the renovation of the Sawyer Art Center. Mary Gale Gilchrest writes that she saw Ann Boyd Seidel and Al last summer. I, Nancy Hoyt Langbein, spoke to Judy Tinsman White recently and caught up on our replacement joints! Judy had her hip replaced in the fall and I had a 2nd knee replaced in Jan. Judy says good ol' arthritis seems to like all her joints, so who knows what's next! Barbara McIntire Haskins writes that she keeps busy now that she has retired from showing her dogs. She only has one dog at present but will perhaps get a puppy in the spring. Barb spent a day with Joyce Carron Hall in NH last summer where Joyce has a summer home. Barb has a granddaughter who graduated from Roger Williams U. in June 2009. I received a Christmas card from Ralph and Carol Molander Linsley standing in front of their Faulkner Light House in ME on their 52nd Anniversary. Sally Maras Culbertson lost her husband, John, in May 2009; they had been married for 28 years. She said that there was a memorable tribute to him at Seattle U. where he taught for 18 years. Sally and John's 3 sons attended his memorial service. Sally is so glad she moved back to OH and is near family. Ruth Rissland Kreuter and Hank own Wyndemere Farm (established in '72) in Lebanon, NH. They have exotic bamboos plus Christmas trees which they say are Santa approved and reindeer fertilized! Cynthia Oswald Sipos was decorating her beautiful home in Sugarland, TX, for Christmas as the snow fell (2nd time in 10 years)! Cynthia hasn't changed

a bit since I saw her at our 35th reunion! She sent me a wonderful picture with her 7 grandchildren. Arlene Annan DeMoss is very proud her son Lee Sherman, who won a "Webby" for the blog he writes for Mint.com, and his wife just wrote a cookbook for Williams-Sonoma called *Appetizers*. Arlene's daughter Lori is CEO and president of Financial Strategies, Inc. Arlene and Rich are still enjoying their RV and have taken great trips with Adventure Caravans. In the fall of 2009 they went on the Great River Road trip following the Mississippi River from its headwaters to the Gulf of Mexico. Marcia Copenhagen Barrere says life is better on the river—especially the seasonal parade of the "snowbird" yachts and cruisers passing by! Marcia and Dick love to have family and friends visit and she says the guest room is always ready. Her daughter has an incentive travel/destination management business and keeps her clients busy, and happy, going to places like St. Kitts and Australia. Their son Willie navigates the troubled waters of the Somali pirates and takes his 960-container ship as far east as Mumbai for 4 round trips per year. Our congratulations go to Marcia and Dick, who celebrated their 50th Anniversary in Jan. 2010. Gloria Wiley Hughart and Tom have lived in Bedford Village, NY, for 50 years; Tom has been minister of the Bedford Presbyterian Church for 35 years. Gloria says he has retired for the 5th time but is kept very busy managing his business now concentrating on geriatric care. Gloria keeps active with exercising and quilting. In the spring of

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2009 they traveled to the United Arab Emirates, and they were so impressed with the beauty that surrounded them as they visited Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Aman and Bahrain. Gloria also went on a desert safari. In the summer they went on a cruise to the Fjords on the coast of Norway to the North Cape and back to Bergen. Gloria saw **Patricia Harbison Sauter** while in Venice, FL, and she speaks often to **Lynn Millar Cash**. Gloria says she always enjoys reading news of classmates, so please, gals, help me out or I will blast e-mail you! Till next time...

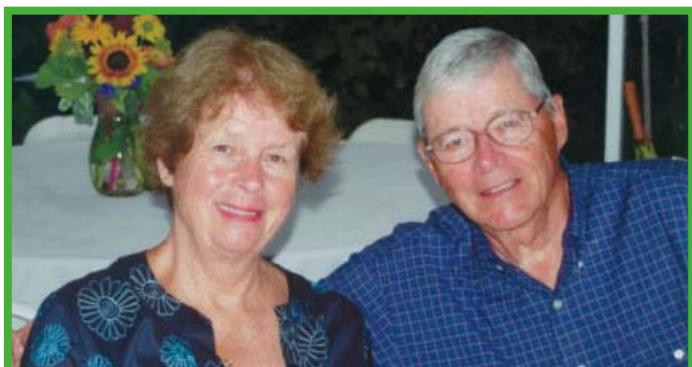
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Cynthia Grant Chandler and Jim have been married for 50 years and have 1 son living in Orange County, CA. After nursing school Cynthia worked at Francis Delafield Hospital and then managed the medical intake program in Paramus, NJ, for ITT's sub-arctic Early Warning System until '59, when Jim finished his surgical residency at Columbia. He went to Vietnam with the Marines for a year, and Cynthia retired. From there they went to a brand new medical school at UC San Diego, then to Charlottesville and the U. of VA, then to a heart valve research center in Newport Beach, CA. They finally landed at the U. of CO in Boulder in '95. They love to travel abroad to open their minds to other cultures and life outside of medicine. **Judy Provandie Johnson '60** writes,

"I thought I wrote to you a few weeks ago, but that's my view from this age, either remembering something that didn't happen or forgetting something that did. I'm still working, but the future looks bleak; I work for an oil and gas law firm and the new stiff penalties in CO are really affecting business. In May I am taking my very 1st trip to HI to see my granddaughter graduate, and plan to spend a week there taking in the sights. Then I am trying to persuade a girlfriend to accompany me to Mexico in the fall, where I will stay with another friend who lives in Puerto Vallarta. If I am unemployed, I plan to spend my entire time in a gym, since I qualify for Silver Sneakers through Kaiser, getting firm and losing flab. Health is really, really good, but as you know, when we age, we shrink and spread and that's what I have done." **Eunice Haugan Fly** writes, "My view from age 72 is splendid! Two years ago I got my 1st grandchild, which was followed by another one a year later. Even though they are in London, I really want to be able to travel to see them as often as I can and I am working on keeping my energy up to be able to enjoy them for many years to come. My husband, Tom, and I downsized 10 years ago, which has really simplified our life. I have taken a break right now from volunteering, which I have done my whole life, so that we can travel as much as we can. Recently I had a nice phone conversation with **Kim Yaksha Whiteley**. She was trying to put together a mini-reunion in the Carmel area in May." **Pam Senn Anderson** has kept in touch with **Suzanne Nadler McCloskey** through e-mail. Pam's been liv-

ing in FL for the last 35 years. She has 2 grandchildren living on the East Coast who are 17 and 13. Pam volunteers in a thrift shop 35 hours a week and is enjoying life. **Kim Yaksha Whiteley** writes, "20 inches of snow (29" in the drifts near my door) this weekend. Can be relaxed with no need to head out—but once the thaw/melt occurs, then I'll be anything but." **Debra Lamson Perkins** says that life is still very good and the abundance of memories is comforting, even if we don't remember accurately. This June she and her husband, Chandler, celebrated 53 years of marriage. Debra and Chandler have raised 2 sons and 2 daughters, who have added 2 granddaughters and 2 grandsons to the family; they all live in New London. A dozen or so years ago 3 of their children took over their real estate and insurance business, which had been owned by Debra's parents since '47. Their daughters, **Pamela Perkins '79** and **Stephanie Wheeler**, own New London Agency—Sotheby's International Realty and son Todd Perkins owns New London Insurance Agency. **Anne Bavre de Saint-Clair** wrote from Oslo about an event she experienced last Dec., when she found herself in the center of town early one morning. "President Obama was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize the day before. He and the First Lady charmed Norway to pieces. They were leaving Norway and I found myself completely alone on a street below the Royal Palace while the presidential motorcade passed on its way to the airport. I was wearing a red coat and a red cap this very cold morning and was thus rather conspicuous. Overwhelmed with gratitude for the two years of precious education I was offered as a scholarship holder at Colby from 1955 to 1957, I waved my arms in an awkward manner. A beige arm inside the presidential car waved back! Later I saw on television that Michelle Obama wore a very elegant beige coat while climbing the stairs of Air Force One. I was thrilled. How sweet of her to wave back to an old lady even though she could not know if I could see at all." **I, Jill Booth Macdonell**, had a lovely reunion with **Gail Tofani**



Debra Lamson Perkins '57 and her husband, Chandler, in August 2009.

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'56 and **Patricia Lowry Keeley '56** near Palo Alto and caught up on 3 generations of news. I continue to do photojournalism of the poor, writing, gardening in my front yard, beekeeping in my back yard and chasing my grandkids. Hope to get together with **Deborah Kent Springer**, a wonderful friend and an accomplished artist, when she's at their summer place on the OR coast. I'll also visit **Janice Eaton Atkins** and tour Houston and see a cousin there. Had a great chat with my old buddy **Sandra Hazen Clement**, vacationing in South Beach, FL; she was spending the year doing mini vacations to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Please continue to send news of how it is to be an elder, as this seems to be of interest to many. It continues to be a pleasure to be your class correspondent. Thank you.

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Is it me or are the years going very quickly at this time of all of our lives? My hope is that all of us in the class of '58 have met our dreams and desires and continue to go down the path of life with our memories enabling us to enjoy the years to come. My life has come full round, still working 40–50 hours a week and being productive with marketing and sales. I can't imagine not working! Here is the web address

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Barbara "Bobbie" Wood '61

If you grew up with Oscar the Grouch rummaging in his trash can or Cookie Monster devouring his favorite food, then you've probably heard Barbara "Bobbie" Wood '61. A longtime television sound effects artist, she started out creating aural landscapes during the early days of "Sesame Street."

Born in New York City, Bobbie became heavily involved in the drama program at Colby-Sawyer. "I practically lived at the theater," she says, doing everything from stage managing to lighting to scene painting. She continued her education at the School of Theatre at Boston University, before heading to New York to pursue her dreams. After a series of stage managing jobs off-Broadway, in Greenwich Village, and in New Jersey, Bobbie was approached by a sound effects artist she knew. He had been commissioned to design sounds for a new children's television show, "Sesame Street," but needed to find someone to actually create them during live taping. "I said, Oh, I've never done that before," recalls Bobbie, "but I can learn!"

The fledgling sound woman learned quickly, using prerecorded cassettes and records, which she would play as the action took place on camera. She also learned the art of *foleying*—creating sounds live by using materials at hand. The sound of Cookie Monster eating cookies? Created by crunching up potato chips. "'Sesame Street' was a very creative program," says Bobbie, and she was forever coming up with boings and crashes to match the antics onscreen. Bobbie has fond memories of muppet creator Jim Henson, who she recalls as something of a kindly perfectionist, always asking for one more take. When he launched "The Muppet Show," Bobbie did the pilot episode, but production of the show was then moved to England.

Bobbie laughs as she describes her career as "a lifetime of solitary confinement, stuck in a booth all by yourself with your toys." In 1975 she left "Sesame Street" to go to the ABC network, where she was assigned to various shows, including soap operas "All My Children," "One Life to Live," "Ryan's Hope," and the game show "The \$20,000 Pyramid." Eventually she was permanently assigned to "All My Children," and would go on to win four Daytime Emmys for her work on that show before moving to ABC News in the early 1990s. Bobbie eventually retired in 2000, after 25 years at ABC.

These days, Bobbie busies herself with dog breeding, exhibiting and judging, a hobby that developed in parallel with her sound effects career. Given a Lhasa Apso in the late 1960s, she decided to breed her and went on to win three ribbons with the puppy at a dog show. Since then, Bobbie has bred numerous champion dogs, receiving the American Lhasa Apso Club's Register of Merit Award as a top breeder and trainer, and has judged dog shows both nationally and in many countries, including England, Ireland, Australia, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark. It seems she has finally stepped out of that solitary booth.

—Mike Gregory



for my video on the anniversary of the '84 Olympics and about my company Pageantry World: www.youtube.com/watch?v=oiizOgegjcs. I still miss my husband of 46 years, but "life goes on." I guess it is called "moving on" and is just what I have done. I just returned from a wonderful 2 weeks in the Caribbean with a very special person who has come into my life. I even went zip-lining 1,400 feet through the rain forest in Antigua at 40 mph with 80,000 monkeys watching us. See my Facebook for a photo of me with 3 little baby monkeys in diapers! Would I do it again? Probably not, but it was fun. Also, I have

returned to classes, taking a Rapid Sales course and in my spare time taking guitar lessons. I guess this is my late-in-life midlife crisis, making sure that I have experienced everything possible. We need news (e-mail is the best). I know there are many stories out there so please keep in touch.

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Editor's Note: Welcome and special thank you to Patricia Canby Colhoun, who has agreed to serve as class of 1960 correspondent.

Hello, Class of '60! Don't forget we have our 50th reunion Oct.

1–3. Hannah "Haydi" Caldwell Sowerwine received the Distinguished Alumni Award in May 2009 for work in Nepal with her husband, David. Her roommate Ann Hoar Floyd came from Martha's Vineyard to help Haydi celebrate. Haydi and David have been working on projects with Dartmouth engineering students. Marcia Goodale MacDonald has spent her winter at their condo on Sanibel Island, FL, with her husband, Jerry. When home in Saratoga Springs, NY, Marcia volunteers with Hospice Skidmore and the Women's Health Care and Maternity Unit of Saratoga Hospital. Son Jeff, 45, lives with his family in Ashland, MA, and is with Citizens Bank in Providence. Their daughters, 11 and 13, love basketball and lacrosse. Son Peter, 42, and his family live in Stowe, VT, where Peter is in sales. His wife, Joanna, is the athletic director for Stowe High School and girls' tennis coach. Their children are Skyler, 6, and Bo, 4. All play tennis and hockey and ski. Daughter Ashley and her family live in Oakdale, CT, where she has her tour company. Goodie took a tour that Ashley designed for 7 friends in Italy. Linda Read Stewart lives in Scotland, where she is on 3 curling teams and plays tennis. Linda and Anthony's son Andrew runs the Hope, ME, General Store near Camden. Andrew and Shannon have Harris, 2, and baby Matilda. Linda's daughter, Lindsay, and her husband have Cameron, 3, and Elise, 1. Linda and Anthony have a small house near Hope for their summer and Christmas visits to the States.

Mary Joyce Klapproth Forsyth was a Med. Tech who shared classes with us. Joyce lost her husband to Alzheimer's. Our condolences. Joyce returned to CSC with her daughter and had fun with her med tech friends at the reunion. Ann Hoar Floyd married Tom Barrett in Aug. 2009. Her former husband, Peter Floyd, an Episcopal priest, performed the beautiful ceremony overlooking the Chappaquiddick beaches. Last fall the CSC Marine Communities program used Ann's property for their pilot project involving 11 CSC students, 2 professors and her 16-year-old grandson, Drew, who studied the land and waters



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of Martha's Vineyard. **Sally Stevens Johnson Rood** wrote of fond memories of our days on campus. She asked about Patty's raccoon coat. Sally hears from **Deborah Stevenson McGuidwin** and **Bobbie McCabe Warner**. Sally enjoys retirement, which gives her time for visits with her mother, daughters and grandchildren and time for tennis, walks, photography and knitting. **Deborah Stevenson McGuidwin** roomed with Sally and now lives in Gainesville, GA, with her husband, John. They are the parents of Matt, John, Ann and Sean. Debbie went to Puerto Rico to welcome a new grandson, son of Sean who is a MSG in the Army and who trains ROTC candidates in Puerto Rico. Debbie and John spend part of the year in Ormond Beach, FL. **Ann Parsons Klump** is Aunt Parsnip in her busy clown business and enjoys having her daughter and family back from England with grandchildren who are 4, 6, 7 and 8. Ann does part-time respite work, takes college courses and is a caregiver for her husband, John. **Barbara Swanson Smith** and Lyman still live in Sutton, NH. They returned to Marblehead, MA, last summer to spend time with **Ellen Cook Barnes** and Gene and **Betsy Foss Dinsmore** and Pete. **Charlotte Heyl McLaughlin** keeps in touch with her roommate, **Julie Dornemann Steck**, who lives in Cleveland with her husband, Bill, 3 children and 5 grandchildren. **Caroline Clark Chipman** and her husband, Curt, have retired from MI, where Curt was a professor of mathematics, to enjoy the peace and quiet and contentment of Harpswell, ME. **Sally Kimball**

Campbell keeps in touch with Goodie and **Gretchen Polk Caines**. **Andrea Woronka Enos** retired after 38 years of teaching. She has 2 daughters, who are attorneys, and a new grandson. Andrea and her husband, who is semi-retired, split their time between E. Sandwich, MA, and Boca Raton, FL. She wonders about **Ann Wiggins Hunt '61** **MT**, **Harriet Butler Boyden**, **Melinda Rees Winkler** and **Marianne Harvey Olsen**. Atlee Caldwell has lived in Nashua, NH, for the past 10 years, where for 6 years she has owned and operated Heaven Sent Nannies, using all her past HR skills. She also has a life coaching practice. Atlee's daughter has 3 girls living 10 minutes away and her son has 2 girls and a boy living in MT. Atlee enjoys knitting and quilting, spending time with family and friends and staying healthy. **Sue Barto Monks** writes, "I have been fine and busy with The Women's Fund of Western MA, an organization that works on behalf of women and girls in the 4 counties of western MA. I also play lots of platform tennis and bowl. Bill and I continue to travel as much as we can, and we both love the theater and attend several plays monthly." Sue also offers her support of the sugaring project going on at the Colby-Sawyer campus. I, **Patty Canby Colhoun**, am pleased with the responses from my classmates; e-mail is a blessing! Life in The Villages, FL, is full. I am a Villages Homeowners Assoc. representative, work with my black lab (who is a pet therapy and READING dog), serve on the Dynamic Dog Club board, take French class, work on my golf, play in my gardens, and still do

my rug hooking. My son, CB Dushane, lives in Denver and is general manager of the 2nd largest bicycle store in the country. My daughter, Ann Canby Dushane, lives in Paris. She came to visit in April to celebrate her 40th birthday, and my sister, Sally, also came from Vancouver. **Judith Butler Shea** and her granddaughter and other grandmother came for lunch. Great to catch up. I look forward to seeing a huge number of our class returning for our 50th reunion, Oct. 1–3. Bring lots of memories and photos.

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1961

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President Tom Galligan and wife Susan opened their home for a holiday party on Dec. 1 for the alums in the Upper Valley/Lake Sunapee region. I have enjoyed catching up with **Connie Lewko Jones** and **Anne Mansell Moodey**. It was great hearing from **Sally Cook Gregg** via e-mail after so many years. She keeps in regular touch with **Sara Read Walden** and a few others. She mentioned having dinner at The New London Inn some years back. She also remembered the "Market Basket" (not the grocery store), which is now Lake Sunapee Bank. **Martha Clark** reports that she has "totally" retired from the United Nations. She maintains an apartment in NYC but spends most of her time at her condo in Hanover, NH. She enjoys her volunteer work at Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital and the Hanover Garden Club. **Sally Reynolds Carlin** and Phil

reside in Columbus, OH, but winter in northern MI and FL. They keep very busy between their kids and grandkids. **Susan Heath Bint** and husband Brian were soon to leave for FL for several months. Speaking of wintering, my husband Verne and I left the end of Jan. for a 6-week vacation in Palm Springs, CA. We were joined by our family for 2 weeks. It hit the spot after a cold and snowy winter.

1962

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Hi, everyone. Thanks for all your e-mails. I will put all your news in this or the next issue. **Sally Mollenberg Lawlor** was just laid off from GE Healthcare and is trying to decide what to do next. She has 2 grandchildren in Salt Lake City. She skis with **Judy Smith McCracken**, **Carol Earley Adams**, and their children and grandchildren every weekend at Sunday River in ME, and she and Carol are taking their broods to Mexico for vacation in June. **Edith Moser Apostal** writes that she and her husband live in the Lincoln Park neighborhood of Chicago, and she keeps active as a residential real estate broker working with her son Nicholas in a team associated with Caldwell Bunker known as The Apostal Group. She would love to hook up with any classmates living near Chicago. Nicholas, 33, is planning a summer wedding on the island of Karpathos in Greece. Her other son, Peter, 31, is living in Portland, OR, working for Hostel International. **Carol "Cris" Carpenter Hudson** is not retired yet, as she still is in the business of renovating homes,

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painting and wallpapering. She is living happily in Old Orchard Beach, ME, just a half mile from a beautiful beach. She also skis a bit, walks a lot, bikes and still plays tennis when she can find a partner. She is divorced, is proud of living independently and is enjoying her 3 sons, 4 grandchildren and her 95 year-old mother, who is still a ball of fire. Over the years she taught elementary school, worked for Habitat, is now an active member of the town recycling committee and has been studying Carl Jung. If anyone wants to visit her, she would relish it. **Susan Shonnard Brenner** writes that her husband, Albert, was production designer on the movie "Valentine's Day" and that you can also see him onscreen. Susan is also once again working in the film industry, doing background/extrawork. So far she has appeared in "Mad Men," "Desperate Housewives," "Big Love," "Parks and Recreation" (in a gray wig) and "Middle," and she may be seen in upcoming movies as well. **Pam Proctor Makin** and her husband, Dick, have retired to Naples, FL, but still maintain a house in Montclair, NJ. They have 3 children and 6 grandchildren. Time is taken up now with golf (which is harder than any job), bridge and eating! Pam recently had breakfast with **Sally Roberts Burgess** and me after 48 years of never seeing each other. Maybe next year we can get some more of the Class of '62 who live in the Naples area to join us. **Barbara Greenspan Jacobson** writes that she and her husband, Carl, have lived in Menlo Park, CA, for the past 40 years. They have 2 children: a daughter who lives in San Francisco with her husband and son, where she is part of a small jewelry company and a freelance grant writer, and

a son who has his own television production company after being with Magical Elves as their CFO. Barbara and Carl are retired and travel a lot, and this year they are off to Germany, Scandinavia and China. **Betsey Soule Boothby** retired just before turning 65 after about 30 years as a social worker in the child care field for Charities ME. She enjoys doing various primitive type crafts, which she sells in a local gift shop. She and her husband, Gary, spend 4 months each year camping in New Harbor near the Pemaquid Point Lighthouse. They have 7 grandchildren; their oldest grandson is a sophomore at Miami U. in OH. As for yours truly, I got hitched for the 1st time to my long-time love, Dick Lee, in early Dec., and **Jill Schofield Wainwright** and **Penny Hills Arcone** joined us at our wedding reception in Jan. We will be continuing our celebration cruising the Baltic Sea in June. Life is good! One last thing—don't forget to give to the Colby-Sawyer Fund. Over 90% of the students receive some form of financial aid, and they are most appreciative of our gifts to the college.

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This time I received only 2 news updates. I asked for it late, my fault. I've had some surgery and was out of it for awhile. But things are looking up for me. My daughter, her hubby and their 2 little girls have relocated from Reno, NV, here to Naples, FL...

but I'm getting ready to leave for 5 months in VT. For my 5th year, I'll manage my B&B called Meadowood Farm. Check it out at www.meadowoodvt.com.

Mary Lee Burnham Scalise writes that she and hubby Vince are leaving for 10 weeks at a Tucson guesthouse on a 50-acre ranch near Sabino Canyon. She was travelling cross country to their upstate NY home just in time for spring in the Finger Lakes! Another traveler is **Sandra Newbert Fitts**, who was looking forward to a beautiful trip to Italy and the Greek Isles in June. On another front, she reports that **Marilyn "Mimi" Zimmerman Hoff** is having radiation therapy now. She's doing well, but any cancer is scary. Sandy's 5.5 years clear, so she's breathing easier now. She's wondering how many of our classmates have gone through this. Well, classmates, stay well, get tested, and enjoy life!

1964

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Hi, classmates. I am sitting here on the lanai in Key West...a mini vacation from Bonita Springs, FL, where Rick and I winter. **Betsy Stanton Stockdale** wrote to me looking for several classmates: **Frazer Gimber O'Neill**, **Susanna Adams** and **Nancy Nicola Lubchenco**. If you are out there, e-mail the school and they will pass your addresses on to Betsy. She and her husband, Frank, have lived in Woodside, CA, since 1976. He is a professor of medicine at Stanford U., specializing in breast cancer. Betsy is retired and enjoying learning golf. The kids and grands live in the Denver area and their son is in Hong Kong. Betsy and Frank travel a lot and enjoy getting away to their little place on Molokai. **Diana Tripp** continues with her art career in Boulder, CO. She writes that she tracked down **Patty Halbleib Werth**, who has loved living in Portland, OR, with her husband for 25 years. All 3 children and their spouses also came back to live

in the Portland area. Patty has 6 grandchildren, all under the age of 4. They do lots of babysitting and love to camp. They live on the Tualatin River and canoe often. Besides Diana Tripp, she has recently connected with

Mary Lee Burnham Scalise '63. Elizabeth "Lee" Reisner Murray writes that they now have 6 grandchildren—5 girls and 1 boy. One daughter lives close by, so she gets to babysit and see them regularly. Her other daughter lives near Philadelphia, so she visits there several times a year. Her 3rd daughter is still working on her doctorate and planning to move north after a year in MS. Lee spends most of her spare time as a volunteer treasurer of 3 non-profits, sewing, gardening and figure skating; she still judges at the local level and is now learning how to do the accounting portion of it. After retiring in Mar., **Valerie Taft West** and her husband are enjoying time to travel and spend time with family and friends. They have played some great golf courses and still enjoy the course they live on in Charleston, SC. Their 4 grandchildren delight them. **Eleanor Jackson Love-Ammermann** writes that she sold her house in Tuscany and will return there intermittently to find another house to restore. Because of the long and dreary winters in Tuscany, she is thinking of looking for a house in FL also. She would like to get in contact with **Julie Hodgson Broom**. Lastly, **Alice Lawton Lehmann** wrote that she and Bill welcomed a new grandson last Aug., joining his brother who is 2½. The grandchildren live close by, so they get to spend time with them often. Alice is semi-retired, and is

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responsible for just the financials with Lehmann Infomediaries. This gives her more time for outdoor adventures—running, biking, swimming and x-country skiing. She has also become an advocate for healthcare reform and the prevention of homelessness and toxic ingredients in personal products. Great hearing from you all. Keep that news coming.

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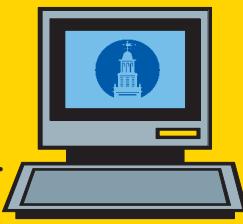
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Very exciting news is that **Tina Biggs Ferraro** has been selected as a Trustee of the College. She has been in that position since early last year. But very sad news is that **Anne "Sandy" Coburn Odell** died last summer after battling breast cancer. Word comes that **Beverlee Fisher Anderson** also passed away this winter. **Ann Gorman Schenck** writes, "Tim and I are both retired and enjoying our 3 grandsons (3 years old and under) who live near us in Wilmington, DE. I'm involved with a couple of community boards and take classes at the U. of DE's Academy of Lifelong Learning. We have a small place near Sarasota where we spend the winter, so life is good and full." **Victoria Hinrichs Silks** is living in Santa Fe. She writes, "Robert is working on his woven glass: check out www.wovenartglass.com. I am teaching Aura-soma and continue my painting on silk; the website is www.victoria silksdesignstudio.net." **Suzanne Hewson Wise** also lives in Santa Fe. She is a grandmother of 1½-year old Parker Mehlem, who lives in Denver, CO. Sue is busy with projects at the Santa Fe Botanical Garden and the NM Museum of Art. **Ruth Elliott Holmes** writes, "I am still busy and traveling with the handwriting business. For the last 2 years I have been consulting on 2 movies on Dr. Kevorkian. Hope to walk the red carpet next month. My daughter, **Sarah Holmes Tucker '95**, had a beautiful baby girl, Lindel Paige, last May, and I love my new role."

This link is to an article about how Ruth and her daughter are renowned regarding handwriting analysis: www.pentec.net/articles/signature060705.pdf. **Lois Gilbert-Fulton** writes that she turned 65 in Oct. and retired from 40 years of Early Childhood teaching. Jim also retired from teaching, though he still tutors and teaches high school math to GED students. Lois is starting up a reading tutoring business for children in K-5. Son Tom is going to the CT Culinary Institute and majoring in Italian Cooking. Her other son, **Chris Fulton '96**, is a financial analyst outside of Boston who has 2 little girls and a great wife, Kathleen. Lois's daughter Laura has an associate's degree and is working hard to earn money to get her B.S. in English. This from **Susan Clapp Douglas**: "I completed 4 years coordinating an environmental hands-on learning program for teens in CA, after which I moved back to OR to be married to John Friar in Feb. 2009. Since my move to the Portland area, I have been expanding my art studies, learning to paint in acrylics and do portraits in pencil and pastels. I work part-time as a notary signing agent for mortgages. My daughter lives in Denver and is a great hair stylist." **Pam Dodd** writes, "Have lived in Orlando, FL, for 12 years. Married. 2 sons, 1 step-daughter, 6 grandchildren, all in the NE or Midwest. I'm still doing Internet marketing; I sell astrology birth charts for babies and children at www.babybirthchart.com. There's also the digital version of an Amazon best-selling book on time management I wrote with my son, Doug Sundheim, at www.best-of-time-management.com." Pam's mom, **Margaret "Peg" Van Duser Hurlbut '40**, lives near Stuart, FL. She is still busy at age 89—she just renewed her driver's license! **Rosalie Belanger Sorenson** recently moved from her house of 37 years to a condo in the same town of Avon, CT. She has had 9 grandchildren born in the past 6 years—5 boys and 4 girls, the youngest of whom was 1 month old. Rosalie volunteers in nursing homes and is active in her church. **Susan Woodruff Macaulay** wrote to ask when reunion is—maybe that means

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she will join us. **Leslie Seymour Wears** writes, "My husband Ken and I are very grateful for the past peaceful year after several years of health challenges and losses in our family. In 2009 we celebrated my mom's 90th birthday in CT, traveled to CA to visit our son Grey, traveled to Italy for the Italian Car Guy Tour, and went on to the Czech Republic. We just returned from Grand Cayman. In the last year I bought a horse and am enjoying some riding again. We still live in the same house near Columbus, OH, and feel very fortunate that our older son Ty lives 10 minutes away." **Kate Earl Kostamo** has been living in Fort Worth, TX, for almost 3 years and enjoys her job as a wine consultant for a company called Goody Goody. In Sept., Kate spent 10 days in Bordeaux and Paris with 10 other wine consultants on an intensive tasting program at the Chateaux! Her son, Sam, is 25 and lives in Jacksonville, FL, where he works in the finance world. **Ann Hodgkinson Low**, a McKean-ite, will be working on the reunion committee. And as for me, **Chris Murray McKee**, I am still working in real estate in New London. I still teach skiing to handicapped people at Mt. Sunapee and I am on the President's Alumni Advisory Council at CSC. I have a granddaughter and another on the way. They live in Charlottesville, VA. And my son and his bride live in Boulder, CO.

1966

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Hello, fellow classmates. I'm sure that many of you are now "officially" retired but still keep

2006, and I have been working on reinventing myself ever since. A new grandson, Carter, was born in 2009, and grandson Eric is 5 and in kindergarten this year. I continue to work for the board of our homeowners association and am still active in our local Sierra Club group as Secretary and Fundraising Chair." **Jan Sargent Simblist** writes, "I'm semi-retired, which means I work as a consultant for Quest Diagnostics. Five years ago my husband and I moved to rural eastern CT from busy Stamford. In the warmer weather I kayak on the local lakes as well as coves in the LI sound and the CT river. I have a garden that increases in size each year. I belong to 2 book discussion groups and try to get involved with such political causes as advocating for health care reform." **Barbara Anderson Carvey** has worked as a blood bank supervisor and phlebotomist, and husband Phil works at home in R&D for assisted walking devices. They have 2 sons who have degrees in mechanical engineering from MIT; they, along with a son-in-law, work for Phil. One daughter recently received a master's in nutrition from BU and has a job at Natick Labs as a research dietitian for the Army. Their other daughter went to Simmons, got a master's in early intervention from Wheelock, and works part-time in the field; she has a 4-year-old daughter and a 2-year-old son. Barbara has volunteered at the children's schools and at their church; she and Phil also sing in their church choir as well as the Concord Chorus.

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1967

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Happy summer to the class of '67! How is it possible that so many years have gone by? **Anne Baynes Hall** is enjoying retirement and continues to enjoy being our class agent, but also finds time to volunteer at her church; besides doing all sorts of odd jobs there, she is the Chair

of the Convention Business Committee. She has also begun a new venture as an usher for the New London Barn Playhouse. In Jan., she adopted a rescue dog from AL. **Elizabeth Holloran Bourguignon** reports that they got a puppy in Dec. Her family went skiing at Attitash in Bartlett, NH, this year; they still stay at the house that her dad built in '54 in Jackson, NH. Daughter Amy, 32, was married in Sept. 2008 and son Greg, 28, is still single. Both children live close to home. Elizabeth still finds working with children at Needham Children's Center very rewarding. If anyone wishes to cruise Casco Bay and stop off at Long Island, ME, where she stays from Aug. 1 through Labor Day, give her a call; she says, "We're in the book!" **Suzanne Reber Merriman** has enjoyed 3 careers: journalism, anthropology, and finance. These jobs have taken her from NH to Boston; Washington, DC; Chicago and San Francisco. For the past 27 years she has lived in the Northwest. "Zan" and her husband, Paul, have a combined family of 4 children, with 1 being married, 1 divorced and 2 who are "too young to consider either course." They mostly live in the country but have a "pied à terre" in the city and a "place of the heart" in San Miguel de Allende. Zan retired more than 6 years ago. She reconnected with **Penny Banks Peck**, who lives in the Boston area, and got a letter from **Susan Holmes Schrotenboer**. **Frolic Taylor** says she's still running www.deerhillbandb.com and is collecting early Social Security. She's very healthy and happy with dogs, cats, and horses on 300 acres. She would love to



Sis Hagen Kinney '67 (r) and Linda-Britt Redland Klemmer '66 (l) reconnected after 35 years at Linda's home in Chapel Hill, N.C.

hear from **Elizabeth "Buffy" Antolini**, who was her dorm mate in Austin. As for me, I am continuing with my 4th graders at the rural school in southeastern SC. Husband Bobby and I continue to enjoy trips to either the NC mountains, the Raleigh/Durham area to visit with our 3 sons and 2 granddaughters, or VA to visit our daughter, who is working at Busch Gardens Williamsburg. My oldest son works as the buyer for a fence/deck construction company; middle son is a certified financial planner with Ameriprise in Cary; youngest son is a sous chef at Solas in Raleigh. I was finally able to catch up with my former Colby Junior "big sister," **Linda-Britt Redland Klemmer '66**, who lives in Chapel Hill, NC, and works as a guidance counselor at one of the high schools there. Her oldest son, Philip J. Klemmer, Jr., is a writer in Hollywood for the NBC show "Chuck." Her younger son is also in CA. Anyone have any idea what has happened to **Nancy Hess Coleman**? Last I heard, she was living in Beach Haven, NJ. Until next time, ladies.



Ethel Kimball Turner '68 and her husband on the "Other" Inca Trail in Peru.

other students from India, China, Holland or Japan." Raquel came to CJC from Colombia, South America. If you are in touch with any other foreign exchange students, send me a note and I will pass the info on to Raquel. **Catherine Michel Bacot** came to Colby from Paris. We lost touch years ago, and I would love to find her as well. **Margery "Margi" Tichnor Bialeck** writes that her 1st grandchild, Emily Grace, was born in Jan. 2010. As for me, I lost my best friend in Feb. when my sister, Caroline McWilliams, passed away. She was an actress and director and, most importantly, a great mom, sister, daughter, aunt and friend. Our sons were born in '83 6 weeks apart, so our 2 families spent every Christmas, winter and summer vacation together. Caroline had unbelievable friends who supported her; I have formed close bonds with many of them. My nephew, Sean Douglas, is creative like she was, and is a talented musician and composer who recently performed at South by Southwest in Austin, TX, with his band, Burn Down the Mission. My son, Casey, graduated from Northeastern last May. He's living in Jamaica Plain, MA, and recently started his 1st job. Hugs and peace, Kelly.

1969

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Hello, class of '69! Please look below for a correction; in the last column, I inadvertently switched the news for **Teresa "Terri" Reynolds McKeon** and **Margo McVinney Marvin**. I apolo-

gize profusely and like to think that you laughed while living vicariously through each other's descriptions. Correct news: **Terri McKeon** lives in Minnetonka, MN, and has 3 boys, all of whom are grown (the last one graduated from Boston College in May), and 2 granddaughters ages 3 and 6. Her husband, Jack, is retired, but still consulting. When Terri's not traveling, she's involved with the Assistance League of Minneapolis, where she's honored to be President Nominee this year. **Margo McVinney Marvin** is now retired. In the summer she lives in Bridport, VT. In the winter she lives in Gold Canyon, AZ. She and her husband Dave love retirement and celebrated their 40th anniversary in Oct. **Meredith Bennett** and **Jeane Morrison Bennett '37** had a winter in VA more typical of New London. Meredith says, "I should have dragged out my skis and snowshoes. I spent a lot of time shoveling snow and teaching my neighbors optimal techniques!" **Pam Ruth Hersey** talks with and/or writes to many other Colby classmates: **Barbara Crockett Collins '67** in Snohomish, WA.; **Randi Van Dusen Thekan '67**, happily retired in AZ; **Pamela Prescott King '68**, happily retired in Rockport, ME; **Marion Cate MT '69**, who is still hard at work and loving life in Davis, CA; **Louise Cutting Dorian**, who is working in her own business in MA; and **Pamela Herd MacKellar MT '69**, my college roommate and bff, who is writing and teaching and doing great in NM. Pam writes, "I just finished my 4th book, *The Dangling Wire*, a romantic novel with a lot of neat memories (fictionalized, of course) of Colby trips and friends and funny experiences." She's also written the Takedown series, a murder mystery series. Pam has book signings scheduled in ME. **Elizabeth "Liz" Mulligan Jaques** is still living in Keene Valley, NY, and sees **Darsie Townsend, Emily "Bunny" Apthorp Goodwin** and **Katherine Baxter Torrance '67** frequently. She is teaching elementary music at Elizabethtown-Lewis CS half-time. She also teaches one morning at a spec. ed school and is her church secretary 3 mornings a week. They went to see their grand-

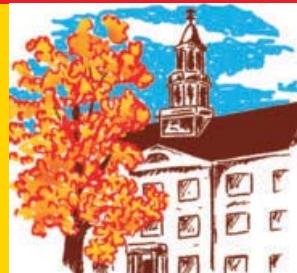
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children in the Denver area for Christmas, surprising them early Christmas day dressed as Mr. and Mrs. Claus! They spend their free time in the summer playing lots of golf. **Roberta Maxfield** is still living in Nokomis, FL. She writes, "My family all went to Tucson for my son's wedding and had a grand time. Amanda is a dream and will soon be leaving the Army and will join a dental practice in Nashua where she and my son, Jamie, bought a house. Josie, my daughter, is still in Lima, Peru, teaching, but will hopefully make it back to the States this year. We are heading to MN this June for Jim's oldest grandson's high school graduation. Have been to NH a few times in the last year and always enjoy catching up with roomie **Jane Cobb**. Am still kayaking, biking and volunteering with the Community Associations Institute on their membership committee." **Diane Wright Smith** has moved to FL but is, unfortunately (her word), still working. But as Diane says, it beats working in CT! She is looking for any '69 classmates in the Ft. Myers area. The family of **Debi Adams Johnston** is still flung around the globe. Ian, USNA '96, just finished a deployment in the Far East then went straight to Bahrain in the Middle East, where he will be until Jan. 2011. His family waits for his return in Taormina, Sicily. Garth, USNA '98, is in Victoria, BC, as an exchange submarine officer with the Canadian Navy. Alec, USNA '04, is in San Diego, working with the SEAL Teams. Daughter Emily, Sweet Briar '02, is in London, where she is one of the directors of the oldest auction house in the world. As for me, I make several trips to NH each year to be with my parents, but haven't had a chance to return to CJC/CSC. Oh, to be sitting with my tuna fish on English muffin in the student center once again!

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1970 Reunion

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Happy summer, everyone! Just a reminder that I am on Facebook (Gail Hoage), so contact me so I can reconnect and share some interesting news about you with the '70 alumni! First, some very important news on the upcoming 40th Reunion for the class of '70 from reunion committee members **Valerie Turtle, Nancy Teach, Deb Marcoux Deacets** and **Beth Constantinides Meurlin**. Save the dates Oct. 1–3 to celebrate during the Alumni Fall Festival. We'll also celebrate our 60th birthdays! We'll keep you informed about special activities like hiking or a picnic at Mt. Kearsarge, a Foliage Boat Cruise on Lake Sunapee, a cocktail party and a dinner that may include some of our past professors. Make lodging plans early because rooms are being booked already. Lodging info is

available at www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni/fallfestival. E-mail one of the committee members to tell us if you are coming or if you have ideas or questions: **Beth Constantinides Meurlin** of Oak Hill, VA, (bmeurlin@verizon.net), **Nancy Teach** of New London, NH, (nteach@colby-sawyer.edu), **Deb Marcoux Deacets** of Center Harbor, NH, and FL (d.deacets@yahoo.com), or **Valerie Turtle** of Ware, MA, (vlturtle@aol.com). **Carol "Kobe" Kobayashi** recently came back from a great vacation in Thailand, where her husband grew up. Her youngest son, Christopher, was married there! **Vincente Tang** is soon nearing the end of her 2 years teaching in Myanmar. After serving 20 years in the USAF, **Gail Beever Cook** and her husband work for Operation Mobilization, a Christian charity based in the UK, where they have been since June 2008. Gail has 3 grown daughters living in GA plus 3 grandsons. **Jayne Consiglio Hedlund** is living in Monument Beach and owns a wine shop in Falmouth, MA; visit her website at www.falmouthwine.com. Her daughter is a veterinarian in CA and her son lives in DE, working for Sam Adams and becoming a helicopter pilot. Loved hearing from **Valerie Turtle**. **Susan Pomerantz** is still working at ABC News on special events and other projects. Her fabulous journey has included 5 Emmys, 17 nominations and a Peabody Award! Sue says she would love to retire but her love for shopping would never allow it. She spends her weekends at home in E. Hampton and is in training to run the NYC Marathon in Nov. After graduating from Colby, **Beth Constantinides Meurlin** went on to UVM, met her husband,

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Wendy Hazen '70**What is your business?**

Wendy Hazen Designs, a publishing firm of my art work.

What are the most popular items you sell?

Definitely the portfolio and postcard calendars. Note and gift cards are very popular at the shows, but not so much on the Web site. The theme gift bags, Cape Cod and Maine, are new this year and people seem to really like them.

How long have you had your business?

The real question is how long has my business had me; since June of 2000. I was turning 50 in July, and I decided that I would teach myself watercolors. I had been drawing and painting with oils and acrylics since I was about 10, so it wasn't a huge stretch. Once I got started, I thought my paintings would make a great portfolio and postcard calendar. I contacted my friend, artist Nikki Schumann, who had originally done the first layout for the now very popular portfolio and postcard calendars. She said that it was perfect timing because after 22 years she was ready to explore some other art avenues.

How did you launch your business?

After doing all the paintings, getting the calendars printed, Web site built, I needed to get them into stores. Then, I thought I would become the store by going on the road and doing the art and craft show circuit. Packing up my tent, displays, product and originals, what a time I had. I would drive all over the east coast doing 55 to 60 art and craft shows a year.

How has the Internet changed your business model?

In my original business plan I was willing to give the show circuit five years, thinking that the Web

site would do most of the work by year five, but life happens. So at five years I re-evaluated and continued packing, unpacking, setting up and driving. I did the show circuit for nine years, but within the last five years my Internet sales have increased tremendously. So much so that I felt comfortable finally stopping the art and craft show circuit. What I understand from other artisans, my timing was perfect.

What has surprised you the most about your business?

The loyalty of my customers. We are like a huge family. Calendar season arrives and I hear about the new babies, someone fighting cancer, a person out of a job but wanting me to know they love the calendar!

How do you decide on themes for your calendars?

I am drawn to water and architecture. Those seem to be running themes. I don't necessarily paint a whole scene. I like to take a portion of a boat, landscape, windows in a building, or a screen door and really enhance the detail. I also like to think what each month means to me and what my customers have told me.

What are some trends that you notice?

People will ask me to paint the most popular things of the moment. For instance, flip flops on the sand, which I haven't done. Business is always good from September to January.

What do you think the future holds?

I think the uniqueness of the calendar will always intrigue people. And I believe the set of new paintings each year is what has people coming back year after year. Now, my note and gift cards are experiencing a decline in interest because of e-mail and e-cards. So, I'm trying to gather information on e-cards. And I'm encouraging people to mat and frame note or gift cards!

Any advice for today's art majors or budding entrepreneurs?

That saying, do what you love and something spectacular will happen—it's true. You discover that you are more clever than you knew. That thinking outside the box is great fun and seems to open even more "boxes" of solutions or ideas. And this is the final bit of advice: take time to laugh; it's the music of the soul.

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Keith, and spent 6 years traveling with him while he was in the Air Force; they are now living in Oak Hill, VA. Keith retired 5 years ago as the manager of Dulles Airport after 30 years there. He was also in the Air Force Reserve for 32 years and retired 10 months ago as a Maj. General. Beth retired from teaching about 9 years ago and then worked part-time in an assisted living facility planning activities for the residents. She has 3 grandchildren and watches after her mom, who is 87. She has 2 boys, 36 and 32. As for me, I'm busy at work and with my grandkids! Hope you will contact me on Facebook, by mail or by e-mail so I can add some fascinating facts about you, your life and your success. Happy, happy day to all of you.

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Ellie Goodwin Cochran recently attended the President's Alumni Advisory Council meeting at CSC, which includes alumni from '44 right on up to recent grads, and was very impressed with the college leadership and the great things that are happening. Also attending this meeting were Susan Rich Daylor and Sara Gray Stockwell. They meet twice a year to learn about the college's latest programs and initiatives and to give alumni advice on recent developments. They hope we will be able to get a great turnout at our reunion next year. It is hard to believe that we have hit our 40th! Ellie also reports that she reconnected with Jan Kunkle Sundquist, who has recently moved to AZ and Sherrill Howard '72, who is happily splitting her time between NH and OH. She also stays in touch with Karen Siney Fredericks and has enjoyed seeing her daughter's beautiful photography. She continues to work at NH Charitable Foundation as director of philanthropy. Nancy Bokron Lavigne writes that she and her husband, Jeff, are happily living in sunny CA. Jeff is in medical diagnostics and Nancy

sells real estate. They hope to take a cruise to AK this summer. **Angela George Laufer** is still living in Chester, NJ, and has 1 daughter left to get off to college next year. Three other daughters have finished school and have their careers underway, and the oldest is now a partner at her husband's firm. Angie has been selling real estate for over 20 years! **Jean Bannister** says that she and her daughter, Jillian, spent this past Christmas and New Year's in Egypt and had a fabulous time. Her daughter has been teaching in Senegal this past year but will be heading back to the states to study for her LSATs. **Anne Alger Hayward** and I have been doing a few real estate deals on Cape Cod, and I am also her property manager. Real estate is picking up on the Cape, and since I am the keeper of this column, I thought I'd put in a plug! If you ever want to own a piece of Cape Cod, now is the time. Please send me an e-mail any time you think of something for the next column and I will try to keep all the pieces together. Until the next deadline...

1972

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I hope this update finds you all well and preparing for your various 40th high school reunions this year! How strange is that! Do you realize that as of this fall, we will have known each other for 40 years? Thanks to those who



Kristen Johnson '72 welcomed her grandson Jude Lampka last June.

responded to my e-mail blast for news, and to those who didn't get my blast, I would surmise that the college doesn't have your e-mail address; it would be great if you would share it so we can get some news from you! **Judith Young de Groot** claims she can still sing the Burpee Dorm song. Judy has been married for 33 years and has lived in E. Greenwich, RI, for 26 years. She is a 1st grade teacher and loves it. Both her children are at Boston U., which is where Judy went after Colby and met her husband, Greg. Judy's daughter is in NYC and her son is a lieutenant in the Air Force, stationed in GA. He has brief deployments to Southwest Asia. Judy would love to hear from any Burpee-ettes; let me know if you want Judy's e-mail address. **Jane Woodworth** is still doing her weekly radio show on WESO in Sturbridge, MA, and is also a zealous Tea Partier and continues to run her law firm. **Kristen Johnson** sent me a cute picture of herself with her grandson, Jude. Lucky for her, she gets to see him weekly since she commutes from Greenfield, MA, to her job at La Coste Gallery in Concord, MA. She is working part-time in the arts and has become an avid gardener. **Dale Hicks Turner** writes that her daughter has opened a chocolate shop in South Boston called The Blue Marble Chocolate Café. She makes handmade chocolates and has various coffees, teas and desserts. **Karen Faloon Durham** is still in southern CA working with McDonalds Corp. She has a beautiful granddaughter as of July 2009. The baby and her parents, Karen's son and daughter-in-law, are living in Richmond, VA. Karen makes it a point to get there frequently to visit, and completes the trip with a visit to her daughter, who is living in Nashville. Karen's daughter will be married in Sept. 2011. Karen would love to catch up with any classmates living or visiting southern CA. **Nancy Gillen Kunis** writes that she was planning a get-together in late Mar. with **Joanne Hill Munyon** and **Patricia Lannon Brown**; she promised to send more details. I am looking forward to catching up with **Lydia Biddle Thomas** and **Katharine Norris** at our 40th (choke) high school

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reunion at the end of Apr. As I write this I am looking forward to a visit from my son, Robin, who spent 6 weeks in Haiti this winter with the 82nd Airborne. In May, my daughter, Kathryn, will graduate from Syracuse and will be off to take on the world. Wishing you all the best of health and happiness and will continue to look for some news from you all!

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Hi, everybody. I'm sad to report that **Debby Easton Ellisen's** husband, Arthur, is heading into the end stages of ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). She says they are doing okay. Arthur has a terrific attitude, enjoys his family and friends and embraces each day. In addition, hospice and Debby's co-workers are a big help, as are their church and its members. Arthur and Debby's son Chandler, 22, was a thru-hiker, class of 2008, for the entire Appalachian Trail. Daughter Emily, 19, is playing lacrosse at George Mason U. Debby is still working full-time at Synthes, buying software, hardware and other IT-related items for 5 facilities in PA. **Sue Brown Holtham** is retiring in July after 35 years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. She is looking forward to enjoying the summer, traveling and spending time with her

and Bill's grandkids. **Pamela Moe** has a new name: **Pamela Moe Dunn**. She's living in Waterford, CT, and is corporate HR manager at Crabtree & Evelyn. **Patricia Brink** writes, "I'm living in Southbury, CT, where I'm helping out my 93-year-old father. I moved here about 6 years ago from Mystic, CT, where I was director of media relations for CT College in New London, to help him take care of my mom, who died in 2004 of Alzheimer's. I spent the prior 12 years as a press secretary in DC, and before that worked for 9 years at a newspaper in Salt Lake City, where I skied, hiked and thoroughly enjoyed my existence. Earned my Master Gardener certification through U. Conn recently. I would love to hear from anyone who remembers me!" **Emilie "Pete" Daniel** has been living in Randolph, VT, since 2007. This is her 2nd year as executive director of the Greater Randolph Senior Center. She visits her former home in Panama regularly. Pete is happy to provide tips on Panama to anyone who is interested. **Ann Woodd-Cahusac Nearn** and I visited the campus last month, which is in great shape. A terrific new sugar house stands just outside the science center and students are actively making maple syrup from sap collected from the trees in front

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Laurie Ferguson '75 of Andover, N.H., was recently named one of New Hampshire's "Outstanding Women in Business" for 2010.

of the school on Main Street. And we got to tour the building site of the fantastic new Windy Hill School—a beautiful space on the other side of the science center overlooking the mountains. It never ceases to amaze me how CSC continues to evolve and grow, while maintaining the exact same feeling we knew back in the early '70s. It's a real tribute to the great leadership of our college on the hill. Till next time.

1975 Reunion

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Laurie Ferguson was recently named one of NH's "Outstanding Women in Business" for 2010. Laurie is 1 of 6 women chosen this year from more than 150 submissions. For the past 6 years Laurie has been the executive director of NH Made, the non-profit marketing organization that is helping to strengthen the state's economy by increasing the awareness and demand for NH-made products and services. Through her leadership, NH Made has become an award-winning organization that promotes more than 800 businesses statewide. Laurie serves as chair of the regional Young Life youth program, teaches at her local church and volunteers on various town committees. She often speaks to civic groups, business groups and local colleges about business marketing and the benefits of supporting NH's local economy.

She has lived in Andover for more than 20 years and is mother of 2 boys, Buckman and Canon Brownell. To learn more about NH Made, visit www.nhmade.com. **Caryl Diengott** wrote that she received her master's degree from Suffolk U. and has been working as a medical social worker. Caryl is married in Billerica, and is involved in the community as a volunteer and choir singer. She would love to hear from people who remember her. **Carolyn Van Vleck** is a reading teacher at Job Corps in VT for at-risk youths from the Bronx, Brooklyn and other places on the E. Coast. In her usual fashion, Carolyn was able to update the whereabouts of a couple of other classmates. **Ellen Wallace** continues to teach special ed. in the Pittsfield, MA, school system. With her daughter graduated from college and her son ready to start college, she'll be an empty nester next year. **Sarah Munford** still owns her flower store, The New Leaf, in the Norfolk, VA, area. **Janet Lochhead Sullivan** reports that her granddaughter, Zoe Christine McQuaid, was born on Jan. 29, 2010, weighing in at 7 lbs., 13 oz. Congratulations to her and her daughter, Kimberly, and son-in-law, Sam! I too entered a new chapter in my life, becoming a grandmother to my daughter Elizabeth's son, Kamden Philip, born Apr 7, 2010. He weighed 11 lbs, 4 oz! He is beautiful and the family is doing great. My husband and I moved from New London back to VT in Oct. and are loving living in our native state! New adventures are on the horizon so I will have new news for the next Alumni Magazine. Please feel free to e-mail me with your news. Reunion #35 this fall!

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1976

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In early Dec. I picked up **Anne Tilney Brune** at the airport, and we drove to Wheaton, which her daughter, Tilney, attends. Tilney is my goddaughter and is an incredible singer; she per-

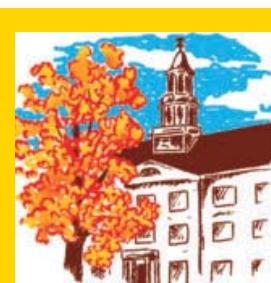
forms in Wheaton's a capella group and earlier in the year had a few solos. Later that weekend **Heidi Scheller '74, Katherine "Cabby" Herr** and **Mary Beth McEvoy Webster** shared in the annual Christmas Walk celebrations in Marblehead. Cabby met **Adalyn "Lynn" Esler Vail** in Feb. in NYC, where they celebrated living there in '81. Lynn lives in CA now. She heard back from **Katherine Burke, Elizabeth Clowney Byrnes '77** and **Carol DiGennaro Meyer**. For New Year's Eve, Cabby met **Heidi Scheller '75** to celebrate at **Marybeth McEvoy Webster's** home in NH. Her daughter Lizzie was the chef. **Dawna Cobb** still lives in Baltimore and serves as Dean of Students at the U. Of Maryland School of Law. Next year she will also teach ethics and professional responsibility to a class of law students. One of her extra-curriculars is serving on a grant review committee for the Baltimore Women's Giving Circle, a group of 300 women who each give \$1,000 a year to a foundation, which they then give away to non-profits that help disadvantaged women and children in the greater Baltimore area. Dawna's son Lucas is doing a "gap" year between high school and college. He taught English in Bolivia for 4 months last fall, is now working full-time at a bakery cafe and coaching middle school lacrosse at his old high school, and will attend Hamilton College in the fall. Her other son is a junior at Haverford College, where he is an accomplished runner. Dawna's husband, Paul, still teaches middle school music and has also qualified for the Boston Marathon. Dawna saw **Brooks Rolston** twice last year. Brooks

lives on a farm outside of Philly and works as a librarian. Last summer, Dawna had lunch with **Beth Bryant Camp '92** in the Development Office and spent a few minutes with the new president. Dawna notes that she's on Facebook if anyone would like to "friend" her.

1977

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Greetings, everyone! I got some great news from classmates, so hope you enjoy hearing from them as I did. **Therese Vaccaro** has fond memories of Mrs. Currier's Biology class and playing backgammon at Abbey and Colby dorms. She also remembers taking her little brother Justin hiking up Kearsarge and even Mt Washington; now he is married and lives in OR. Therese lives in Wilmot with her husband, David, and son Kai. David has been working at Proctor Academy for nearly 29 years. He was granted a year's sabbatical for this year, and they spent 2 months on Maui! Kai attended the Haleakala Waldorf School, Therese worked doing a bit of teleradiology, and David worked for the Pacific Whale Foundation studying the communication and songs of the humpbacks in Maui's waters. **Lynn Lovelett Elizondo** writes, "My daughter graduated from OH U. in 2009 with a teaching degree and married an OH State grad who was her high school sweetheart. After nearly 15 years



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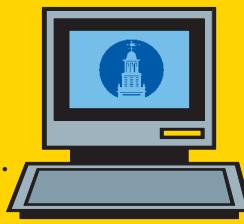
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of being a widow, I took the plunge again and got married again in Feb. 2010. Kevin and I had a wonderful honeymoon in Gatlinburg, TN, with my daughter and son-in-law." **Elizabeth Clowney Byrnes** writes that her husband is retired, but she's still working as a software trainer in the pharmaceutical industry as an independent contractor. They split their time between Naples, FL, and Nashville, TN. Her daughter Carson graduated in May from Rollins College and her son Tim is working on his degree at MTSU in TN. **Susan Gallup Filin** had a trip planned to Cape Cod in May, and until then she was busy with her flower business. **Kathy Brown Teece** writes, "My husband, David, and I just got back from a 10-day trip to Mahu to visit our son Alex, a 7th grade English teacher. Alex has been involved with Teach For America since June 2008 and will be heading back to the mainland after his 2-year term is up in May." **Amelie Gardella Johnson** lives in Dover, MA, with her husband, Tom, and 2 children, Gus, 13, and Olivia, 11. She's been in the high tech PR business for over 20 years. Amelie went back to her childhood love of figure skating and is an avid ice dancer. **Jen Taylor Rossel** writes, "Our kids are still in elementary school, though our oldest, Louisa, who just turned 11, will be moving into middle school next year. Our son Casey is 8 and in 2nd grade. We divide our time between visiting with my sister **Patricia Taylor Spa** '79, visiting my mom, who is 94 and lives with my sister in DE, and going to my husband's family home in Dennis, MA. I caught up with **Mary Ellen Blatchford Walker** '80 last summer on the Cape." **Andrea Clifton Harper** and her husband, Gary, went to Portugal, Morocco and Spain last fall. She continues to play golf in several ladies' leagues, along with tournaments at beautiful courses throughout AZ. Her volunteer work includes giving presentations about Bornean orangutans to the visitors at the Phoenix Zoo—home to Duchess, the oldest captive Bornean orangutan in North America. Andrea is still involved with Canine Companions for Independence, an agency that provides ser-

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vice dogs. To wrap up our class article, my good news is that I went back to work in Nov. 2009 at MAXIMUS, Inc. managing the learning function in the Boston office. My son is in the process of deciding on which college to attend next fall. Thanks to those who sent an update. I hope you all had a great summer!

1978

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Greetings from New London! I continue to stay busy with freelance work and volunteer activities. I also continue to sing with 3 groups: the Sunapee Singers (a group that sings mostly for hospice patients and at managed care facilities), the newly formed Kearsarge Chorale and the 1st Baptist Church choir. I am in my 11th year as a New London Historical Society Board member and have picked up the added assignment of rentals coordinator. I have become addicted to yoga and attend 3 to 4 classes a week at the Hogan Sports Center. I continue to keep in touch with my old roommate **Suzanne Horrigan Campbell**, who still teaches junior high in Hooksett, NH. Congrats go out to **Rebecca Reeves**, who married Greg Dundorf on Sept. 27, 2008, in Sandwich, MA. Rebecca and Greg live in Stockton, NJ. **Susanna Webster Ries** was unfortunately laid off from HP after working 27 years as a graphic designer. Luckily for Susan, she had been working from home for the past year, so didn't have to clean out an office! Worse, her town of Mount Vernon, NH, experienced a terrible murder. Susanna's daughter goes to school with the victim's

daughter; it was tough watching her get over her physical ailments, but today she is happy and walking like she was never in a wheelchair. Susanna created many stained glass "Candles of Hope" for her town's art show last Christmas and contributed a portion of each sale to the family. She is now teaching art a few days a week at the Souhegan Valley Boys and Girls Club in Milford, NH, and is seriously thinking of teaching as her next career. **Karen Griffiths Smith** lives in White River Junction, VT. After working 18 years as an optician, the 2 optical shops she had been managing at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center were closed. After being unemployed for 9 months, Karen took a position at the Eyeglass Outlet in Lebanon. Karen has 3 daughters: Avery, 24, Emily, 22, and Kelly, 14. Karen is in her 12th year performing in musical theater and last summer played Dorothy Brock in "42nd Street." On occasion, she shares the stage with her daughters. She sings every week with the Bel Canto Chamber Singers and her church choir. Karen keeps in touch with her friend and former singing partner **Patty Joy Stewart** '80 and enjoys seeing **Kathryn Kendrick Reynolds** and other CSC alums on Facebook. **Victoria Gallucci** continues her PR/promotions consulting for musicians and artists while pursuing a career in commercial voiceover work in NYC. She resides in Montclair, NJ, with her dachshund and, while still unmarried, is happily partnered with a "really great guy." **Mary-Jo Gagne** recently joined a new staffing firm as the VP of sales, with responsibility for a region spanning from Portland, ME, to New Bedford, MA. She works from home 2-3 days a week and travels the rest of the time. She and her husband are looking

forward to a Holland American cruise to the Panama Canal and plan to return to Italy again next year. Their 2 sons completed grad school and are both on their own doing very well. Thanks to those who contributed to this column. I expect to hear from the rest of you next time around! Hope you are having a great summer!

1979

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Hello fellow 79ers! I hope this message finds you and your loved ones making the most of these challenging yet groundbreaking times. I heard from 3 of our classmates via e-mail, but wanted to share that you can keep in touch, reconnect with old friends, learn what's happening in New London and so much more with Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter. The college has connections on all 3, with a wealth of information to keep us connected and in touch. **Karen "Huntz" Huntley Freeman** and her roommate **Josette "Josie" DeBragga-Levendosky** from Abbey dorm have remained friends, but Karen would love to see **Katherine Scott Rowell** '80, **Anne Phaneuf Falvey** '80, **Lee Bowers Desai** '78 and all other Med. Tech. majors. She invites you all to come to the Alumni Fall Festival, Oct. 1-3. I attended last year and loved meeting and playing with friends of my aunt **Nancy Wiesner Conkling** '58. Karen's son Jacob should know by now if he will be matriculating at Dartmouth this fall and her niece Stephanie is most likely headed to CSC. **Andrea Melville** has been nominated for an Emmy Award for her 90-minute documentary "An Island Kingdom" featuring the 400-year history of the Isles of Shoals, which has aired on NHPTV, MPBN and VPT. She is currently working on a project titled "Brush and Pen," which will portray the 19th century artists and writers of the White Mountains. Look for it in 2011. Andrea and her husband, Bill, live in Northfield, VT, with their

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Ronda Zimble-Farthing '80

As the director of broadcast production at The Lavidge Company, an advertising agency based in Phoenix, Arizona, Ronda Zimble-Farthing '80 has won numerous awards while working with such stars as Boston Red Sox pitcher Josh Beckett. She's come a long way, both geographically and professionally, since her days as a Theatre major at Colby-Sawyer.

Originally from the Boston area, Ronda transferred to Colby-Sawyer from a much larger school during her very first week of college. "I loved the camaraderie and the incredible setting, it was so warm and open," she says. After graduation, Ronda began a career in a show band, playing large resorts across the United States and Aruba. After five years of the touring life, in which she was on the road for 48 weeks each year, Ronda knew it was time to make a change. She ultimately headed to California. In Los Angeles, she found work as an extra in commercials and television shows, and gradually moved into production work. From assistant to coordinator to manager, Ronda rose through the ranks of commercial production, building a reputation and working on increasingly bigger accounts, including the famous "Dan and Dave" Reebok campaign during the build-up to the 1992 Summer Olympics.

Ronda moved to Arizona not long after the 1992 Los Angeles riots, a decision made with her family in mind. She continued to work in commercials, and was an associate producer on a movie of the week before jumping from the production world to an advertising agency. In her current position, Ronda has many responsibilities. She scouts locations, handles budgets, sets up production schedules, reviews tapes, conducts casting sessions, hires production companies – in short, doing everything that needs to be done to facilitate the work of her agency's creative department.

During her ten years at The Lavidge Company, Ronda has won awards at the local, regional, and national level for her work—including, most recently, an Emmy for a Phoenix Suns basketball commercial. When she's not working, Ronda can often be found at football games, cheering on her two sons, ages 13 and 15. "I'm thrilled with where I am," she says. "I'm at one of the top agencies in Arizona, and I love what I'm doing."

—Mike Gregory

2 sons. **Debra Taubert Morris** is still a partner with Tatum and continues to enjoy being a CFO and helping companies grow. She and her husband live in Southern CA and are getting used to the empty nest as their 18-year-old twins went off to college last fall. Debby vacationed with her sister-in-law **Alyson Priddy Taubert '81** in FL last Mar. Alyson has 4 boys ranging



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Greetings to the Class of '83! I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather. **Beth Knapp Olesen** writes, "My baby, Casey, will be graduating from high school this year. He has been accepted into the biochemistry program at the U. of Southern ME. He'll join his brother Jonathon who is studying sports medicine. His long-term goal is to be a physical therapist. A year ago I went back to work full-time at Unum as a Sr. Staffing Consultant. It was quite an adjustment from being a full-time mom, but I think I am finally settled in. In Oct. of this year I will be embarking on my 2nd 3-day walk for breast cancer put on by the Susan G. Komen Foundation. I had participated in the walk back in 2004, walking for an aunt who had just passed away and 2 cousins who were battling breast cancer. This past year, one of my cousins lost her fight. I felt it was the right time to take on this challenge and worthy cause again. You can learn more at www.the3day.org.

I am happy for any donations sent my way. I am also gathering names to add to a t-shirt that I will be wearing. I wore this in 2004 and would like to walk in the name of as many people as I can. Send names of loved ones my way and I'll add them with pleasure." As for me, **Gail Smart Scibelli**, I am now living in NY and working as the VP of Marketing for Organic, Inc. If you are ever in Manhattan, please drop me a line.

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Judith Damiano Shaffer married on May 16, 2009. She lives



A look back at Cerian Williams Hebert '87 and Letticia Kelly Brown-Gambino '88 playing maids in the production "How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying."

in NJ with her husband. **Cerian Williams Hebert '87** was in ME for awhile, NY, and briefly in FL, but she has been in NH for the past 14 years. Cerian has been married for 13 years and has 3 kids and a stepdaughter; her youngest is 10 and her oldest is 19. She works for a company that publishes a children's magazine and has published 3 books of her own.

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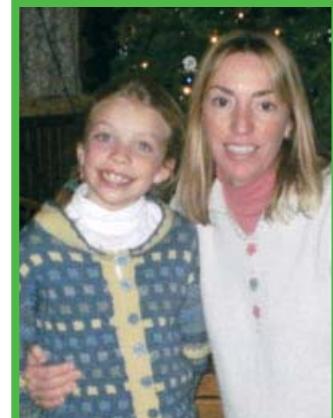
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Lisa McIntyre Matschner '90 and her daughter Hope.

1990



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Hello, everyone. I hope this letter finds you well. I am really looking forward to attending our 20th reunion in the fall and seeing lots of you back in New London on campus. **Greta Sanborn Shepard** is working for an educational consultant and still does a bit of antique restoration of painted finishes on the side. She has been getting back into photography, drawing and painting. Her boys, Jared, 13, and Thomas, 9, keep her hopping. Greta and her husband, Steve, try to get to the local gigs that Carla

Gordon Russell's hubby Andrew is in, The Molenes! Greta's oldest boy is in a percussion ensemble at school and his teacher is the drummer for The Molenes—small world! Greta occasionally talks to **Erin Kelley-Ernst '91**, **Blair Talcott Orloff '91** and just recently, **Holly Petro-McTague**. **Nancy Ellen Moniz Kenyon's** 1st book was published this year, *Coping With Your Parents' Divorce When You're No Longer A Child*. It's available through Amazon, Borders and other bookstores.

Lisa McIntyre Matschner and her family went to CO for Christmas. Her oldest, Wyatt, 12, is still swimming; he's been to FSU and UF to compete, and he also swam in 6 events at the Junior Olympics. Lisa's daughter Hope, 8, is playing volleyball. Her youngest, Trey, 6, is getting ready to play flag football. Lisa

is still working as a part-time speech pathologist in the public schools and helping in the kids' schools on her days off. She ran a half-marathon in Mar. Lisa's husband, Rob, is still working in Orlando in a CPA firm. That's all I have for now. Please e-mail me with any news you have to share. Everyone would love to hear from you!

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Editor's Note: Welcome and a special thank you to **Beth Bryant Camp**, who has agreed to help serve as a Class of '92 correspondent.

Greetings from New London! I, Beth Bryant Camp, recently saw Kim Cutter Jakola at a brunch in Newburyport, MA. Kim is doing great, living in Leominster, MA, and raising her 2 boys, Tanner and Peter. It's hard to believe that Peter is look-



(L to r) Jenny Lubrano Clayton '82, Ann Collela Chase '84, Alison Higgins '84, Peg Rogers Andrews '85, Marcia Brodhead '82, Sara Prouty '82, Maureen Dunn '80, Susan Burke '82 and Bridget Gallagher Davis '83 gathered for an Abbey Dorm mini-reunion in Boston in February.

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ing at colleges! I also recently bumped into Amy Coletti at a surprise birthday party we attended for a mutual friend. Amy is living in Boston and keeping busy with her daughter. I exchanged e-mails with Bridget Hester Fantini, who is living in Cambridge, MA, and working in the development office at MIT. Chrissy Lyons and I had the chance to catch up last spring at Dr. Clements' retirement party here on campus. Chrissy is in her 16th year teaching for the Everett Public Schools and serves as a mentor for newly hired teachers. She also is busy raising her son Franko, a freshman at Everett High, where he is active with baseball. She and her boyfriend recently celebrated their 1st anniversary. Heather Blake '90 continues to enjoy life in Denver working in real estate. Kelly Lynch Collins writes, "I left Yahoo and I'm working at Symantec doing e-mail marketing for the worldwide e-commerce team (Norton consumer business unit). The job is challenging and the hours are crazy, but I am learning a lot. My husband, Justin, and I have a new puppy who joined

our family a year ago and is a wonderful addition. I recently celebrated my birthday and have trips planned to Palm Springs and Australia. We are working on travel plans to both Brisbane and Sydney and welcome any travel tips classmates would like to share!" Jen Dubose Lombard is living in Chicago and is president of Lizzy Lift, which specializes in rental equipment and was recently featured in a premiere rental industry magazine. Jen has been married to her college sweetheart Rich for 17 years. They have a son. As for me, I still live in New London and enjoy my work in the Development office at CSC. I continue to keep busy with my daughters Ellie, 7, and Caroline, 6, as well as my husband, Nate Camp '98, who teaches, runs summer basketball camps and was recently awarded Coach of the Year in his 1st year as varsity coach for the Kearsarge Boys Basketball team. I hope all of you are well and will continue to send me your news and updates as well as stop in to say hello to me on campus! I, Jenn Barrett Sawyer, have been able to find a few CSC alum via the social networking world: Jen Dubose Lombard, Bridget Hester, Rebecca Brown Lucarelli '90, and Kim Thompson MacLauchlan...it's great and I suggest it to everyone looking around for that old dorm-mate. My hubby and I were lucky enough to spend a week alone in Sedona, AZ, for our 10th anniversary. In the winter, I was offered a full-time position as Spa Director of Solstice Day Spa in Hyannis. I had been working part-time there for 3+ years and now that my daughters are in school it could not have come

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at a better time. I saw Kristen Weber Lyon just the other day at the spa. She has a chiropractic office in Hyannis. Update from across the pond: Robyn True and her family are in the midst of moving to a new home. Get in touch—we like hearing what is going on in your corner of the world!

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Hello, all. In addition to her behaviorist job working with adults with disabilities, Holly Long Maturo of CT began consulting as a behaviorist working with children on various points of the autism spectrum. She writes "It's a truly a rewarding experience! I love working with the families and am learning as much from them as they are from me." Holly is also a board member for her son's hockey league. In Mar., the family traveled to FL, where Holly and her son had an amazing time swimming with the dolphins.

Liz Toole Witham is living in Reading, MA, with her family. Last Jan., she started a new job working for Six Red Marbles, an educational software development company located in Charlestown, MA. Liz's daughter Kate started kindergarten this past year and has an amazing artistic eye. Her son Xander, 3, is all boy—loving his superheroes

and cars right now. Liz regularly sees Laura McGuinn McCarthy '93 and her husband, Kevin, as they live in the next town over. Liz also stays in contact with Tony Librot, Leslee Cammett Murphy '93 and Patrice Wylie Skinner '98. Tracie Long Fitzpatrick in Newberg, OR, writes that she and her husband, Jeff, will celebrate their 7th anniversary this year; her daughter Kyleigh will officially be a teenager and her stepson Chris has ventured out on his own at 19, eager to conquer the world. She keeps busy working (12 years as a 911 dispatcher) and running Kyleigh to soccer and drum lessons (think AC/DC and the Eagles). When she can, Tracie tries to relax with a book and her little 4-legged buddy at her feet. Noelle Collins in CO has graduated from Regis U. with an MBA and a concentration in marketing. She is working as a marketing communications manager for the Dex Yellow Pages. David Morin has started his own design business, which lets him spend a lot more time with his son Jack, 7. Sorry I missed all those who braved the rainy weather at the reunion. I was looking forward to seeing everyone. However, at the time Corey and I were dealing with a few health problems.



Holly Long Maturo '94 (center) traveled to Florida in March where she and her son had an amazing time swimming with the dolphins.

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Everything is better now, but we needed a weekend away from New England. So our solution was to run away to Chicago. We had a great time wandering around the city. It was a perfect little mini-vacation in a stressful time. Thanks to all for writing in and letting me know how you're doing.

1995 Reunion

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Editor's Note: Special thanks to Wendy Mansson Olsen, who is stepping down as one of your class correspondents after serving faithfully since 2004. This is Wendy's final column.

Greetings from Portland, OR! Kirk and I have settled into our lives here and it's beginning to feel like "home." Our twin boys are 4½ years old and provide us with constant "rehearsal dinner toast material" with the things that they do and say every day. Our 2½-year-old daughter keeps us all laughing with her dramatic flair (can't imagine where she gets that from?). Eric Harlow '99 stops by when he is in the Pacific NW training with his ski team. Andrew Ferguson and his fiancée Erin Kelley bought a home in Boston and will be married in May. Katie Luecke Hillegas reports that on a whim she and her family moved to Wilmington, NC, in July 2009. She is still working at Adecco via home office. Their 3 girls are keeping them very busy. Jim Gowell and Nicole Mayo Gowell '94 are proud to announce the birth of Charlotte Julian Gowell on Oct. 31, 2009. Her big brothers, Mason and Harrison, love their little sister and have adjusted very well. Chris Kozlowski writes that The Chop Shop had its best year ever in 2009, when it was ranked in the "Top 3 Restaurants in NH" by the *Union Leader*. He is now Chairman of the Board of the NH Lodging and Restaurant Association. Chris spent time with Mark Cassinelli and



Celebrating during an August 2009 CSC mini-reunion are (back row, l to r) Tim Bilodeau '96, Marc Ellison '98, Charles "Obie" Miller '96, (front row, l to r) Mark Macenas '98, Scott Klark '98 and Ryan Milley '97.

Kevin McGovern at his and Christen's house for his 38th birthday party in Dec. Corena Reeves '98 and Chris Andriski have been regulars at the Chop Shop lately. Chris is hoping to have an alumni reception at the Chop sometime in the near future. Jill Rivers is living in Athens, Greece, where she has been teaching since Aug. 2008. She will be moving somewhere this summer but isn't sure where. Jill is hopeful that she will relocate to another country in Europe, but "the world is big!" she says. In 2009, Jill travelled to many different places, including Greece, Germany, the Netherlands, France, Hungary, Egypt and Tanzania. Jill volunteered with the Maasai people while in Tanzania, plastering a classroom and learning about Maasai culture. Rob Peaslee and his wife, Kate, welcomed their 1st child, Coen McCormick Peaslee, on Dec. 11, 2009. Rob is in his 2nd full year as assistant professor of Electronic Media and Communication at TX Tech U. Heather Quigley Tremblay is living in Saint Albans, VT, with her husband, Jack Tremblay '94, and their 3 children, Jacob, 6, Teddy, 3 and Ellie, 1. Heather is homeschooling the boys for 1st grade and preschool and really enjoying it. She is working as an RN part-time—just enough to maintain her license at a nearby Care Home working as an RN Overview Nurse. Matt Richards writes that as director of athletics at Southern ME Community College, in Nov. 2009 he hired Noelle Surette '08 as the assistant women's basketball coach.

Please e-mail us if any of you are considering taking on our role and have any questions.

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Hi, Class of '97. I, Regan Loati Baringer, had a crazy winter in MD where we were bombarded with snowstorms. Our oldest daughter Camryn is glad to be playing soccer again and our daughter Audrey and our son Larson love to just be outside. I just ran my 1st 5K recently, which was a lot of fun. Hopefully we'll do some traveling this summer, but with 3 young children traveling can be a challenge. Anyway, take care. Amy, here! Not a lot to report here in Saratoga Springs! The children continue to grow and amaze us each day. Our son Luke has become a fantastic skier and even our toddler Janie was on skis for the 1st time this year! We are heading to the beach this summer for a sunny and relaxing holiday. We are soon to see Erik Daly, his wife, Betsy, and their children. Big sister Harper welcomed a new little brother, Seamus, this Mar. I have seen some photos and he is a mini-Erik! Erica Wells Leighton is also doing well in NH and staying busy with work and her 2 sons. We would love to hear from more people so even if we aren't pestering you for info, feel free to e-mail us! Happy summer!

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Editor's Note: Special thanks to Kristin Sneider Mulready and Jen Rowell Pedersen, who are stepping down as your class correspondents after serving faithfully since 2003. This will be their final column.

Hello, class of '96! As many of you know, this is our last article. We have truly enjoyed being in touch with so many of you both on and off the record. Fortunately, we get to finish our final article with wonderful news! Amy Goldstein Carey, together with her husband and son Ben, welcomed Samuel Patrick to their family on Jan. 21. He was 7 lbs., 2 oz. and 19 inches. Amy and family are all doing well. Eric Lacombe wrote that he and his wife welcomed a daughter to their family in Apr., joining older brothers Aidan, 6, and Tyler, 3. Congratulations to both families!

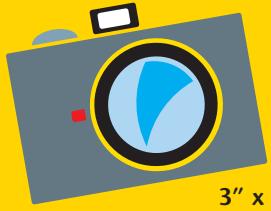
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Hello, everyone, and happy summer. Thanks to everyone who sent me an update. Keep them coming, and if you can reach out to other classmates that would be great. This update you will see a lot of us welcoming new babies to the world, and I am part of that crowd. My wife and I welcomed Levi Christopher to the world in Sept. 2009 and he has adjusted well to life in ME. Also, I started a new job in May as the executive director for the ME State Employees Association, SEIU Local 1989. It is a dream job and I am excited for the new challenge. If you're on Facebook, look me up and send me a friend request, or if you aren't on Facebook send me an e-mail and let me know what you are up to. **Sarah Wall Bates** recently moved to Kansas City, MO, and works for an in-house ad agency. Sarah's daughter will be starting kindergarten in the

fall. **Kevin Webster** and **Beth Ferreira Webster** report that they are doing well in Dartmouth, MA, and enjoying watching their 2 boys grow up and get into soccer and football. **Jodi Lambert Meader** is hunkered down in central ME with her husband and 2 girls, working at Central ME Medical Center. **Kate Ireland** recently got engaged to **Jeff DelliColli '95** and is wondering how her daughter became a straight-A student and not a star soccer goalie. **Kim-Laura Boyle** changed jobs this year and is now working for a physical therapy clinic in Lebanon, NH, while teaching classes at good ole' CSC. **Gary Kennedy** has gotten married and is expecting his 1st child in June. **Chuck Morrison** welcomed the birth of his daughter, Cadence Aston, in Feb.

Amy Carroll is living on Cape Cod and working as the assistant director of programs at the Riverview School while studying for her master's in psychotherapy. Amy will be the maid of honor in **Danielle Rychalsky's** wedding in June on the beach in HI. Danielle is living in Boulder and working as a hospice nurse. **Ann Neumann Hockbenbury** recently got married and is teaching 1st grade on the gulf coast of FL. **Chris Cousins** and his family live in Harland, ME, on a lake, where Chris works as a reporter for the *Bangor Daily News*. **Nate Camp** just finished his 1st year as the boys Varsity Basketball Coach at Kearsarge High School, where he was honored with Coach of the Year in Class I.

Nate traveled to NY to watch the NCAA tournament with Matt Follis '99, Marty Binette, Pat Quinn, Alexi Bobolia '00 and Brian Wilder '99. Pat Quinn is coaching basketball at Berwick Academy and Marty Binette and Missy Eckman Binette '99

welcomed their 2nd child in May. **Mark Macenas** and his wife love life down in NC. **Jill Rubchinuk LaChance** and her family grew by 1 last fall with the addition of a son. **Lynne Nixon Sansonetti** and husband **Mike Sansonetti '97** welcomed their 1st child Blake earlier this year. **Kelly Dudek Trella** now works in the corporate communications division within The Hartford. She and her family are doing well and enjoying lots of traveling. **Brian Karbel** started a new job as an account executive at Allurent and is getting married in Kennebunk, ME, this summer and looking forward to catching up with some old CSC buddies. **Nate Kelley** is also getting married on Cape Cod this summer. **Rob Gagnon** wrote to say that he is training for the Boston Marathon, among many other things. **Melissa Morgan** is living in Manhattan and working in Queens as a licensed social worker in an outpatient mental health clinic and volunteering during the weekends.

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Hi, everyone, thanks for taking the time to send your updates. It's great to hear about all of your news and milestones. **Shane Hoover** is still working



Shane Hoover '99 with his wife, Sarah, and their children, Sadie and Simon.

for Digital Federal Credit Union in mortgages after spending the last 10 years in banking. Shane recently hung out with **Frank "Rizzo" Abel IV '97** and **Chad O'Neill** at the Radeke Cabin in the White Mountains of NH for a guys' weekend. Shane held his annual Christmas party; in attendance were CSC alums **Jamie Gilbert '98**, **Nick Burchard**, **Chad O'Neill** and **Frank Abel IV**. Shane is also enjoying family time with his wife, Sarah, son Simon, and daughter Sadie. **Kara Crane Fonseca** shared that she is still working at The Park School in Brookline, MA, as a phys ed teacher and she also coaches soccer, basketball and softball. Congrats to Kara, who got married in June 2009 to Brian Fonseca in Boston. In attendance were her CSC bridesmaids, **Heather Gardiner Shupenko**, **Sara Burman Wantman '00**, **Adrienne Shrekast** and **Katie Reagan**. For their honeymoon they spent 2 weeks traveling around Turkey. **Angela Cloutier Walsh** is still living in Nashua, NH, with her husband Kevin. They have a 4½-year-old daughter named Aiden. Angela is an art



(L to r) Suzanne Blake Gerety '99, Melissa Eckman Binette '99, Ariane Lombardi Willey '99, Kelley Healey Blake '99 and Natalie Ciulla Katz '99 were together for a recent celebration in Portsmouth, N.H.

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Colby-Sawyer friends gathering for Kara Crane's '99 wedding in the Boston Public Garden on June 20, 2009, included (l to r) Heather Shupenko Gardiner '99, Sara Burman Wantman '00, Adrienne Shrekast '99, Kara Crane Fonseca '99, husband Brian Fonseca, Katie Reagan '99 and Dana Studley (non-CSC friend).

teacher at Nashua High School South. **Kim Kogut Cote** has been busy with upgrades to her house in Gilford, NH. Kim has been in her job at the Community Loan Fund for 8 years and had the opportunity to take a 3-month sabbatical. She spent this time working on a book she had been wanting to write, house projects and taking day trips around New England. Thanks to Facebook, Kim has reconnected with many friends from high school and college including classmate **Rebecca Lewis**. **Kristen Riley Ingoldsby** has been promoted to art director at Millennium Integrated Marketing in Manchester, NH. **Brian Beauman** left Dalbello-Elan Sports this year to begin a career as a secondary biology teacher at Concord High School in NH. **Rachel Woodbury Novak '98** writes that her husband, **Nat Novak**, started his own small business designing business cards, brochures and invitations. He recently completed beautiful invitations for a wedding of over 300! **Devin Healy** is still in FL and working for an orthopedic physician and is one of the certified athletic trainers for the Tampa Bay Storm Arena Football League. I, **Suzanne Blake Gerety**, will have a kindergartener in the fall! My son is 5 and daughter is 3—they grow so fast! My online consulting business, **DanceStudioOwner.com**, has been an adventure. I'm now a guest blogger and also contribute regularly to *Dance Teacher Magazine*. I'll be speaking

at the Dance Teacher Summit in NYC this summer. Connect with me on Facebook, Twitter or LinkedIn. Wishing the very best to everyone in the class of '99!

2000 Reunion

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Hi, all! I, **Jennifer Prudden**, got engaged last Aug. to my boyfriend, Brian, and we bought our 1st house in Melrose, MA, in July 2009. We are planning an Aug. '10 wedding in S. Bristol, ME. **Kate Lovell** and **Zanna Campbell Blaney** will both be

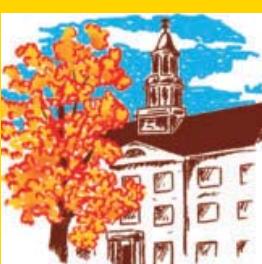
bridesmaids. My sister, **Molly Prudden '12**, will be a maid of honor. I've been able to visit with Zanna many times due to wedding planning. She and her husband, Nick, enjoy being 1st-time parents to their son Cavot, who was born on Sept. 9, 2009. I also got to visit with the Blaneys at Caroline Follis' 2nd birthday party. **Katie and Matt Follis** recently moved into a new house, which they built. **Kate Lovell** has moved to NYC and is waitressing and bartending at a restaurant in her neighborhood. **Jessica Dannecker** continues to travel to Asia periodically for work. I also get to see **Charles "Chuck" Gaede** every now and then since I met my fiancé through him. He and his girlfriend Jenn are living in Sunapee and have 2 dogs. **Colleen Ochteau Balzotti** was married in 2007 has been working at the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce as

a graphic design manager for 5 years. She and Brad have a 3-year-old son, Dominic. **Tara Strand** still teaches 1st grade at Lake Street School in Spencer, MA, and is working towards her Ed.D. at UMASS Amherst. She is living in Sturbridge, MA, with her fiancé, Dan, and their dog. They're planning a July 31 wedding on Cape Cod. **John-Paul "JP" Sanieski** is still working at Linden Hill School in Northfield, MA, a school for boys ages 8–15 with learning disabilities. JP says, "Maple sugaring season did not go to well for us here in MA. We were down about a 1/3 from last year. But it still tastes sweet!"

I, **Tara Schirm Campanella**, am getting settled in here in Lemoore, CA. I am getting my girls, Sofia and Gianna, ready for their 1st big deployment, coming up soon. My husband/their dad will miss many holidays and both of their birthdays, so I am hoping to keep them busy with lots of family trips! I keep up with many of my classmates on Facebook and it's great to see what everyone is up to.

New bride **Jennifer Wallerstein McPhee** is still living in Phoenix where she is an associate for David and Sam PR. She says she and her husband, Ben, "got married...again!" Jennifer writes, "All the planning paid off—we finally brought our families and friends together for the most beautiful ceremony in HI in Dec. 2009.

Danielle Dobson was one of my maids of honor and gave a great speech." Last spring, Jennifer and Ben spent a couple of weeks driving (and eating) their way through Italy, from Naples to Milan. They also visited his family and went to a wedding in Australia in Mar. 2009. Jennifer's next big trip for this year is supposed to be Japan. "I still live in upstate NY near my family," says **Julie Longtin Morales**. "My oldest daughter Payton turned 4 on Easter this year and her 2-year-old sister acts like she is 4 too! I still work with foster kids in a therapeutic foster program, which can be a challenge at times." I can't believe that we are coming up on our 10 year reunion! Sad to miss it! Maybe the West Coast members of our class who can't make it East need to organize a get-together. Hope everyone is well!



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(L to r) Brendan Carney '02, Thomas "Woody" Smith '01, Mark Rocheford and Erik Rocheford '01 enjoying some sunny après ski time at Alpine Meadows.

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Greetings, CSC Alums! Remember, you can send me your updates at any time during the year via e-mail or Facebook. In Aug. 2009, my husband, Jason, and I purchased our 1st home in Litchfield, ME. I am still with UMaine Extension as an assistant extension professor in 4-H Youth and Family Development. During this past year I did lots of traveling to Washington, DC, with youth from all over ME. Last fall during one of my work trips I was able to connect with **Melissa "Missy" Brown Kane** in upstate NY. Last winter I also visited with **Sean Peschel**, who is still living in NH. He finished his master's degree in counseling and is now a guidance counselor and loving his career change. **Tracey Guarda Perkins** is still hanging out in Colgate Hall! She is serving as the director of admissions counseling at CSC. Her daughter Abbey turned 2 in July. She and **Keith Perkins '99** are loving life in the Lake Sunapee area.

Heather Cole Thomayer works full-time at the animal hospital and part-time for a florist and as an assistant trainer. She is looking to travel out West this fall and to return to Australia next Jan. as an instructor for a horsemanship workshop. **Scott Lavigne** lives in Salem and works for Fidelity Investments in fixed income trading. He completed the Chicago marathon last Oct. and is getting ready to run the Boston marathon in a few weeks. **Kristin Ozana Doyle** writes, "I'm excited to see **Jennie Cocchiaro LaBranche** this summer when she and her family return from GA! I'm planning on a pretty busy summer before I go back to teaching in the fall." **Jennie Cocchiaro LaBranche**'s daughter Lily is 5 and the latest addition, Philip, is 7 months old. She looks forward to a visit back to NH to see family and friends. **Kim Morrison Miller** in NC writes that Peyton is 3½ years old, and loves ice skating and Tae Kwon Do. Her husband, Jay, is finally working from home for the US government, and they're enjoying family time together. **Sarah Outten** just purchased a house in Florence, MA. She's happy to be back in New England and will be pursuing her MBA this fall. She recently met up with **Courtney Norris Francisco '02** in Chicago

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Hello, everyone! I hope my fellow CSC '02 classmates are doing well! Many of you kept quiet about your recent activities, but **Nikki Fowler Martin** and I hope that changes soon. **Jennifer Buck Carney** and **Brendan Carney** are doing well and now live in W. Newton. Jennifer continues to take on more responsibility and freelance jobs while working at Imagitas, and Brendan's business, www.centralpathacupuncture.com, is growing. Brendan continues to work with Harvard Medical



Jennie Cocchiaro LaBranche '01 with her husband, their daughter Lily, and son Philip, the newest addition to the family.



Neil Ewing-Wegmann '02 with his wife, Kate, his stepson Shanon, and his daughter, Penelope Glynn, at the opening night of Neil's solo art show at the Play House Gallery in Portland, Maine, in February.

School in its Acupuncture for Physicians program and also works a part-time at the Harvard OSHER Clinical center in Brookline, MA, treating patients with needles, herbs and moxa. **Neill Ewing-Wegmann** is living in Westbrook, ME, with his wife Kate, 6-year-old stepson Shanon and daughter Penelope Glynn Wegmann, who was born on Oct. 3, 2009. He is still working as a graphic designer and just had a solo show of his paintings at the Play House Gallery in Portland, ME. Neil isn't the only alum to welcome a baby. **Drew Drummond** is living in S. Sutton, NH, with his wife, Amy



Drew Drummond '02 and Amy Potter Drummond '00 with their beautiful daughter, Addison Potter Drummond.



Courtney Norris Francisco '02 with her husband, Jim, and their sons Parker and David.

Potter Drummond '00, and the newest addition to their family: Addison Potter Drummond, who was born Oct. 28, 2009. **Courtney Norris Francisco** got to see **Sara Outten** '01 last fall in Chicago. Courtney has a new addition: David James Francisco was born on Nov. 5. Parker turned 3 in May and is a great big brother! Courtney is still able to work from home in Shaklee. She's also been able to ride again and was expecting to get her 1st investment project horse. **Casey Mitchell Mescher** and her husband Joe have been keeping themselves busy decorating their

newly constructed townhouse, which they bought in Mar. 2009. They continue to work for Dealer.com, and recently travelled to the Dominican Republic. As for me, **Cheryl Lecesse**, I am still living in Wilmington, MA, and working for GateHouse Media as editor of the *Concord Journal* in Concord, MA. I am very active at the Body Mind Systems Martial Arts Centers in Arlington, MA, and Woburn, MA, and in Feb. I was named an assistant instructor. As an assistant, I am helping with the child and teen classes, and also working to spread the word about this life-changing program. Thank you to those who sent in their updates, and I hope to hear from more of you in the fall!



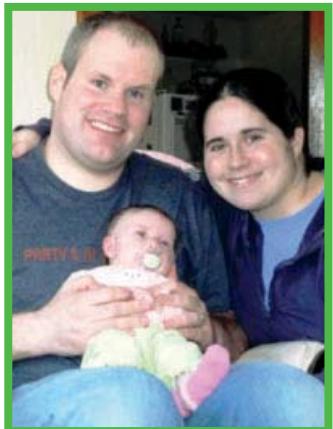
Liz Joseph '03 and her husband, Matt Ufford, pose for a picture on their October 10, 2009, wedding day.

2003

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Hope this note finds everyone happy and healthy. **Jess Wilfert** has been busy playing and coaching soccer. She is the head coach for the U-13 AC Milan Girls club soccer team (MA MAPLE league). Jess has also been attending Naturopathic Med School, which she has wanted to do for a long time. She's been able to reconnect with her family and old friends, as she's living



Matt Strand '03, Michelle Labrie Strand '03 and their daughter, Olivia.



Keri McGee Donovan's '03 wedding celebration took place at the Peddlers Daughter in Nashua, N.H., following the couple's honeymoon. Alumni on hand for the celebration included (front row, l to r) Gretchen Walker '04, Karyn Hoepp '06, (back row, l to r) Steve Haynes '02, Tracy Ernst '03, Kristen Horn Guerriero '03, Joe Jennings '05, Keri McGee Donovan '03, Groom Dennis Donovan and Rose Dow '04.



Keri McGee Donovan '03 (center) with bridesmaids Kristen Horn Guerrieo '03 (l) and Tracy Ernst '03 (r) during her March 2009 wedding to Dennis Donovan in Clearwater Beach, Fla.



Lauren Miller '04 married Michael Germaine on August 15, 2009, in Minneapolis, MN.

in her hometown. **Jonathan Dufort** moved into a house on the Hillsborough River in Tampa, FL, with his fiancée, Ariane, and their son Brandon. **Justin Svirskey** was married in Rye, NH, on Sept. 26, 2009, to Jessica Kennedy, an Assumption College

graduate. Among the guests were CSC alumni Sarah Valero Hollis, Krista Owens, Lauren Hallworth Wall '05, Joel Tuite, Jennifer Lubinski Tuite, Laura Fulmer Uden '04, David Uden and Jessica Templeton Fauci. Justin also started his own business in Oct. dealing with graphic design, web design and event media. In Mar., he and his wife vacationed in Mexico with Joel and Jennifer Lubinski Tuite and Thomas Remmers '02. In Mar. 2009 **Keri McGee Donovan** wed Dennis Donovan in Clearwater Beach, FL. They had a party at Peddlers Daughter in Nashua when they came home from their honeymoon. In attendance were Tracy Ernst, Kristen Horn Guerrieo, Gretchen Walker '04, Karyn Hoepp '06, Steve Haynes '02, Joe Jennings '05 and Rose Dow '04. Keri is living in Newburyport, MA, and is still a residential director with the



A group of CSC alums gathered to celebrate Justin Svirskey's '03 wedding on September 26, 2009, in Rye, N.H. (L to r) Sarah Valero Hollis '03, Krista Owens '03, Lauren Hallworth Wall '05, Joel Tuite '03, Justin Svirskey '03, Jennifer Lubinski Tuite '03, Laura Fulmer Uden '04, David Uden '03 and Jessica Templeton Fauci.

NorthEast Arc. **Jolene Rackliff Damon** and her husband, Mark, welcomed their 1st child, a girl named Magdalen, on July 31, 2009. **Matt and Michelle Labrie Strand** had a baby girl named Olivia Claire on Feb. 24, 2010. **Morgan Jenkins** is working at Verutek Technologies doing environmental remediation. **Liz Joseph** celebrated her Oct. 10, 2009, wedding to Matt Ufford in Quechee, VT. **Kelli Converse '04** was a bridesmaid. The newlyweds then honeymooned in a convertible up the coast of CA. They are now busy working on home renovations. Apr. 2010 also marked Liz's 7th year as an OB/newborn nursery nurse with Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. **Meghan Oriel Wallas** is the customer service manager for Madison Handbags in NY. Meghan started with the company in 2006 as a sales consultant. "Getting in at the ground floor

of the company has allowed me to help support my family and spend more time with my son Brody!" says Meghan. "It has also helped me to support the other women in business and products being handmade in America, which is extremely important



Michael Ricker '04 traveled to Haiti to help with relief efforts following the devastating earthquake that hit the nation in January.



These alums gathered to celebrate St. Patty's Day in South Boston. (L to r) Erin Sawler Massa '04, John Marsh '04, Stacey Fraser '04 and Justin DeHaan (Stacey Fraser's fiancé).



(L to r) Tina Valzania (Tim Morin's girlfriend), Tim Morin '04, Stacey Fraser '04 and Justin DeHann (Stacey Fraser's fiancé).

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to me." Joining Meghan in the Madison Handbag family is **Natasha Deane O'Donnell**, who became a sales consultant in 2008. I hope that everyone has a great summer and look forward to hearing from everyone later on this year.

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I hope everyone is doing well, and it was great to see all of you at the reunion. **Michael Ricker** finished grad school last year and is working for the Jersey City Medical Center as a paramedic. The day after the earthquake in Haiti, he was deployed as part of the Health and Human Services Disaster Medical Assistance Team and spent 17 days at the Petionville refugee camp providing medical and surgical services to 60,000 people! **Stacey Fraser** is living in Portsmouth with her fiancé, Justin, and was looking forward to their June wedding. Stacey is working at a number of museums in NH and MA. **Erin Sawler Massa** and her husband, Eric, are house hunting and looking to move this summer. She finished up her 6th year at

the Woodward School and will hopefully be starting Fitchburg State this fall for her master's in teaching. Erin saw **Stacey Fraser**, **Tim Morin**, and **John Marsh** at the St. Patty's day parade in Southie and recently went to the CSC alumni Celtics game with Stacey. **Lauren Miller Germaine** married Michael Germaine on Aug. 15, 2009, in Minneapolis. Her bridal party included **Kate O'Connor Anderson** '03, **Meghan Andersen** '03, **Lindsay Micarelli**, **Wendy Theall** '03, **Sarah Cailler** '03 and **Margaret Lambert** '03. Also in attendance from CSC was **Conor Anderson** '02. Jason Feitelberg has been volunteering with Crossroads for Kids, an organization dedicated to providing a safe and



(Back row, l to r) Karen Tryon Hoey '05, Tara Pannell '05, Dana Bickford '05, Acacia Batschelet Mehaffey '05, (front row, l to r) Kathleen Tryon (non-CSC friend), Kelly Vachon Ames '05 (holding Karen Tryon Hoey's '05 baby, Hayden) Stephanie Gehlbach, '05 Erika Tsipouras '05 pose for a group photo during their annual ornament swap.

supportive community for at-risk Boston youth, for the last 3 years. Jason recently was named to the Board of Trustees. He will also be partaking in a bike ride to raise money for C4K in Sept. and invites anyone in the Boston area to join. Jason started a new job in Mar. with Glacial Energy. As for myself, **Mary Lougee Lambert**, I have been busy trying to organize and update the house my husband and I purchased in Mar. I love being a homeowner, but it certainly takes up a lot of time!

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After living in the Caribbean island of St. Kitt's for the past 3 years, **Vanessa Mitchell** is back in Blacksburg, VA, to finish her last year of vet school. **Trevor Dorian** is married to Courtney Soderberg Dorian, and they are living in Enfield, CT. They have purchased a 3-unit apartment and plan to purchase more. Trevor is no longer a strength coach in professional baseball; he is currently the director and head strength coach of a sports performance facility in E. Longmeadow, MA, called ATTAIN Sports Performance



Kimberly Valentine Hayward '05, with her husband, Mike, their weimaraner Lula Mae, and their new bundle of joy, Garrett Robert Hayward. The CSC onesie was a gift from Garrett's aunt, Kellie Valentine '12.

(www.attainsp.com). **Elizabeth "Libby" Bent** quit her job at *The Hartford Courant* in Aug. 2009. After moving back to MA, she started a new job as a production artist for a pharmaceutical company in Braintree, MA. Libby also has a part-time job driving a horse carriage in Boston on the weekends. She is usually around Faneuil Hall on Sundays, so feel free to go visit her. **Tara Pannell** and **Brian Haddad** '07 got engaged in Nov. while on vacation in Captiva, FL. They are planning a Sept. 2011 wedding. **Shannon McNamara Frick** is working at the Children's Hospital on the Cardiac Step Down Unit. She and her husband, Mike, welcomed their 1st child, Owen Michael Frick, into the world on Mar. 17. **Gwen O'Neil Beaudet** graduated from MA College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences (Manchester, NH, campus) with a bachelor's in nursing in Dec. **Marissa Zinsser** married Brian Hayes and is now Marissa Hayes. She works in NYC for Jose Cuervo under their company Proximo Spirits as marketing coordinator.

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Kimberlee Valentine Hayward and her husband, Mike, welcomed a son, Garrett Robert Hayward, on Mar. 12, 2010. The family is living in Sunapee, NH, with their Weimaraner. **Jenni Beaulieu** began nursing school at MGH in the accelerated BSN program last May. Jenni still lives in Boston and occasionally hangs out and plays floor hockey with **Lea Severance**. She keeps in touch with her ole roomie **Liz Reinecker Campbell**. After 4.5 years of living in CT, **Allison Kelly** moved back to Beantown in Jan., living right around the corner from Fenway Park. She is now a part of the Child Life Department at Children's Hospital Boston. Allison works in the medicine intensive care unit and an intermediate step down unit. She trained for the Cape Relay, a 200-mile relay race with a 12-member team from the Children's Hospital that spans 2 days. Allison and boyfriend Paul found some time to hang out with CSC alum **Bob Behn** and wife, Kristin, in CT; Allison would definitely like to reconnect with other alums in the Boston area to help make the city feel like home. As for your class correspondents, **Monica Michaud** and her boyfriend, along with their Weimaraner and Jack Russell,

recently fostered a 10-month-old Weimaraner puppy until she could find her a forever home. It was quite the experience and Monica was extremely grateful to find such an amazing family for this sweet little girl. **Cody O'Leary** recently moved back to VT after accepting a sales position at the Hilton and is loving living in Burlington.

2006

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Editor's Note: Special thanks to **Tarren Bailey**, who served as '06 class correspondent from 2007–2009. Welcome and a special thank you to **Douglas Cote**, who has agreed to serve as class of '06 correspondent.

Greetings, fellow CSC alumni! Before delving into the '06 class updates, I would like to take a moment to introduce myself as the new class correspondent. For the past few years, I have been living in northern VA with my wife, **Elizabeth Park Coté '03**. Our son Harrison is now nearly 2 years old, and is a walking, talking bundle of energy. I recently began a new position with the American Society of Clinical Oncology, where I organize symposiums on cancer molecular markers, genitourinary cancers and gastrointestinal cancers. It is challenging, emotional work but I find it immensely rewarding. I am also working towards my MPA through Centenary College, with an anticipated graduation date of Dec. 2010. It is great to see that I am not the only '06 alumnus in the DC area. **Sarah LaRosa** is working towards her MA in International Education

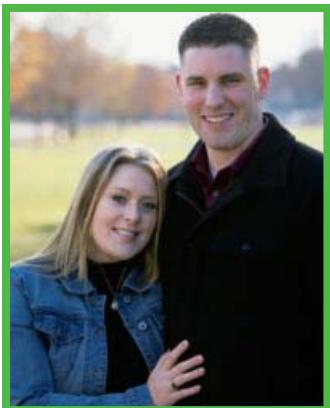


Ethan Wright '06, Travis Soule '06, Chad Nussinow '06 and Chris Houston-Ponchak '06 looking dapper in Bellingham, Wash., during the summer of 2009.

at George Washington U. She is also working as an ESL tutor at the Carlos Rosario International Public Charter School in DC. **Anthony Giacomini** is another alumnus who moved south after graduation. Dealing with snowmaggedon, Anthony says that he "moved to Delaware to get away from the snow, but it found him." He is working for an online marketing company, **ezanga.com**, and enjoys his work and his company. Weddings have been in the air for the class of '06. **Rebecca Boardman** married **Brian Schrader '04** in 2008, and they are now living on Pillsbury Lake. She is also attending grad school at Plymouth State for school counseling. **Beth Norris**, after having completed her M.Ed. in May, is now teaching 7th and 8th grade Language Arts and is planning her July 2010 wedding to **Sean Gildea '07**. **Allison Stacey** is working at Green Mountain College while working towards a sustainable MBA, and was looking forward to her wedding in June. **Jeffrey Blaszka** also got engaged in Jan. Last but not least on the romance front, **Will Peters** got engaged and is planning a Sept. wedding. Congratulations on all the recent and upcoming nuptials! The class of '06 continues to be heavily involved in athletics. **Ashley Lorance** is the head women's volleyball/softball coach at MA Maritime Academy, where she is also the coordinator of special programs in the admissions department.

Adam Perron played professional soccer in USL-2 for the Western MA Pioneers and has recently accepted an assistant coach posi-

tion with the Utica College men's soccer team. For the past 4 years, **Kara Bordeau** has been the competitive USS swim coach for the CCBA Swordfish in Lebanon, NH. She was also the head coach for the '09 summer season, and her team won the GSSA championships. She recently completed a 2-year massage therapy program through River Valley Community College and is studying for her licensing exam. Good work everyone on carrying on the example of Charger excellence. **Matthew Voss** is now a full-time paramedic for Rockingham Ambulance in Nashua and Manchester, and a CPR instructor and firefighter in Kingston. He lives with his wife Jennifer in Fremont, NH, where they are working to remodel their 1948 home. Matthew occasionally bumps into other CSC alumni. He wrote, "On one occasion, I was dispatched to a soccer field for a young boy having extreme shortness of breath, and when I arrived, I was met by a CSC '07 alum working as a certified athletic trainer." **Amara Spang Noel** has recently started a new job



Matthew Voss '06 and his wife, Jennifer.



Chris Houston-Ponchak '06 and Ashley Goulter '08 enjoy the warm weather in the Bahamas during their 2009 summer vacation.

Pierson/Bonin Wedding



Rachel Pierson-Bonin '07 and Dave Bonin '07 were married in September at the Lake Morey Resort in Vermont.



A large Colby-Sawyer contingency was on hand to celebrate. (Back row, l to r) Jennifer Austin (ESS Professor), Greg Austin (ESS Professor), Leah Salach '07, Chris Adams '04, Cheri Brisebois '10, John Johanson '07, Christiana "Laura" Nitu '07, Katelyn Sheaff Husband '07, Garrett Husband '07, Patrick McKinnon '10, Hillary Musty, Jenna Payton '09, Kristin Costello '08, Mason Jagel '08, (front row, l to r) Jean Eckrich (ESS Professor), Amy Beaton '07, Dan Munsey '07, David Bonin '07, Rachel Pierson-Bonin '07, Megan Langevin '09, Luke Letourneau '08 and Chris Rafferty '08.

with MaineToday Media. They operate multiple newspapers in ME, including the *Portland Press Herald*, *ME Sunday Telegram* and the *Kennebec Journal*. She and her husband enjoyed a vacation in FL in Apr. and she has kept busy entertaining her 1-year-old nephew. **Amanda Houston** writes that she has a very exciting career as the new visitor concierge for the Lincoln Woodstock Chamber of Commerce in NH, where she answers potential visitors' questions. She also helps plan and execute local events that bring people to the area. You can visit them online at www.lincolnwoodstock.com. Congratulations to everyone on all of your successes and accomplishments. It was has been a real pleasure to receive all of the updates and news from our classmates, and I hope to hear from even more of you for the next issue.

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It seems everyone has been busy! Laura Sawyer is now engaged

to her boyfriend, Adam Lambert. **Sean Gildea** and **Beth Norris '06** are also engaged and were married in July. Sean finished 32nd in the World Series of Poker Tour in Las Vegas. When not playing poker, he's working in software sales. He and Beth are living in Nashua, NH. **Janine DeSerres** married Anthony Tadakowsky in Sept. at beautiful Pats Peak. **Valerie Campbell Adams**, **Anne Walsh** and **Josh Daneault** joined them in celebrating! Janine continues to work at the New London Hospital and has been promoted to benefits administrator in HR. **Nicole Kenney** was accepted into the Accelerated BSN program at Duke U. to become a RN. She will gradu-

ate in May 2011. She still keeps in touch with **Kristine Prioli**, **Jordan Bernard '06** and **Kevin Crotty '06**, all of whom she saw during a pub crawl last Nov. in S. Boston. **Rachel Pierson-Bonin** and **Dave Bonin** were married in Sept. at the Lake Morey Resort in VT. They were joined by **Chris Adams '04**, **Cheri Brisebois '10**, **Hilary Musty**, **Jenna Payton '09**, **Kristin Costello '08**, **Mason Jagel '08**, **Megan Langevin '09**, **Luke Letourneau '08** and **Chris Rafferty '08**. **Matthew Merrill** is a Sergeant in the VT Army National Guard and is now deployed to Afghanistan. He has an 11-month-old son and a 6-year-old step-son. When he is home he works as a police officer



Janine DeSerres Tadakowsky '07 married Anthony Tadakowsky in September at beautiful Pats Peak.



Matt Merrill '07, a sergeant in the Vermont Army National Guard, is currently deployed to Afghanistan.



Sean Gildea '07 recently finished 32nd in the World Series of Poker Tournament in Las Vegas.

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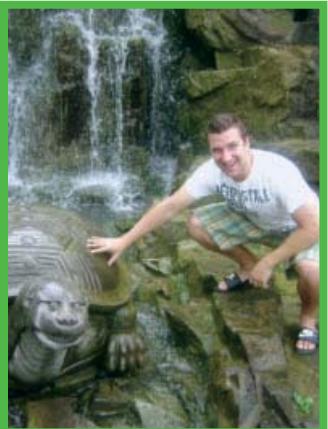


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Jumping for joy at Chris Houston-Ponchak's '06 25th birthday party in Brighton, Mass., are (l to r): Ashley Goulter '08, Sarah Heaney '08, Lisa Haedrich '07, Angela Eastman '08, Charlie Belvin '08 and Pat Sylvia.

with the Grantham, NH, police department. **Mary Eid** lives in Phoenix and is engaged to **David Seekford**; they're planning a wedding for the summer of 2011. **Katina Caraganis** is working at the *Fitchburg Sentinel and Enterprise* newspaper in Fitchburg, MA, as a sports reporter. She still keeps in touch with **Laura Sawyer**, **April Buchheit**, **Meg Hunt**, **Jimmy Giddings**, **Cory Marien** and **Melissa Ferrigno**. **Ashley Rodkey** was promoted to the assistant director of the Pelham Public Library in Pelham, MA, and is pursuing her master's in elementary education from UMASS Amherst. **Melissa Ferrigno** is still living in Sunapee, NH, and working for an insurance agency in Hanover, NH. She continues to cause trouble with **Brian Campbell '08**, **Michelle Isner '09** and **Laura Sawyer**.



Kevin Brisebois '08 in an oriental garden in Suzhou, China, which is known for some of the most beautiful gardens in Asia.

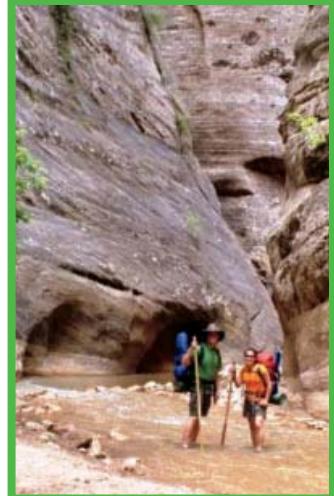
2008

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Sarah Heaney is still working as a receptionist at a busy OB-GYN office in southern NH and is looking forward to hiking, biking and camping this summer. **Kelly Dutra** is living in Concord, NH, and is an RN in the pediatric ICU at Dartmouth. **Holly Tumiel** is a case manager/social worker for Waban Projects in ME, and in her spare time still rides horses and competes. She's also looking forward to starting grad school in the fall to work toward her goal

of working in a homicide unit. **Aleshia Carlsen** and **John Bryan** have a cute puppy and are planning their wedding for the New Year. Aleshia also just earned her MA in school counseling. **Kevin Brisebois** will be working in Suzhou, China, for the next year for a plastic molding company called Nypyro, Inc. **Kyle Koch Taylor** was married in New London last Aug. and is living in Portland, OR, with her husband, Roddy. **Kim Simard** is engaged to **Zachary Ackles '07**, who proposed to her in front of Page Hall at the 2009 Graduation. They are planning a wedding for this Oct. Kim is working towards her master's in school counseling at River College. **Kristin LaRochelle** is living in St. Petersburg, FL, and is an RN in the Neonatal Intensive



Kyle Koch Taylor '08 and her husband, Roddy Taylor, hiking The Narrows in Zion National Park.

Care Unit at the Manatee Memorial Hospital in Bradenton, FL. She and her fiancé were married in Apr. in Clearwater, FL. **Meghan Belanger** and **Travis O'Brien '07** are engaged and living in Nashua, NH. Meghan is also in the process of getting her master's in school counseling at Rivier College. **Liz Gross** is working as a health educator for schools and communities in the Peace Corps in Moldova (Eastern Europe). She had to learn Romanian in 3 months and is teaching Health to grades 5–8, writing grants and trying to get potable water to her remote village. Nevertheless, she still manages to keep in touch with her CSC roots, and even gets postcards from Mark Wildermann (Campus Security).



Colby-Sawyer friends gathered to celebrate the marriage of Kyle Koch '08 and Roddy Taylor in August 2009. Pictured are (l to r) Kim White (former CSC staff member), Jean Eckrich (faculty), Kirsten Stoedefalke (faculty), Roderick "Roddy" Taylor, Kyle Koch Taylor '08, Charles Krajewski (staff), Stephanie Goggin '07, Elizabeth Krajewski (faculty/staff), Ashlee Willis '08 and Lindsey Santoro '08.

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Editor's Note: Welcome and a special thank you to **Elizabeth Cressman** and **Colin Bellavance**, who have agreed to serve as the Class of '09 correspondents.

The Class of '09 has been hard at work actively pursuing their dreams since Commencement! Thank you to everyone who sent updates! **Elizabeth Cressman** works as a pre-K teacher in a brand new preschool that opened up in Jan. She is also researching different grad school opportunities and enjoyed travelling back to the mountains of NH to go skiing this winter. **Colin Bellavance** had the opportunity to travel through Europe with his roommate and good CSC friend **Travis Plass '10**. They covered 10 countries and just under 15 cities and towns in 6 weeks. They also were able to meet up with **Whitney Clark** in Budapest, Hungary, for 4 days. Colin is now working at CSC as an admissions counselor. **Emily Birkhead** is attending Wheelock College and working towards her master's in social work. She plans on working with children in some way, but is uncertain as to what setting this will occur in. She interned last fall at a preschool in Roxbury, MA, applying her play therapy skills to many of the young students there. **Nicole Poelaert** continues to live in Duxbury, MA, and is working for Chandler Elementary School. In her spare time she enjoys camping year-round in the woods of New England. **Katey Kimball** is attending grad school and working at Keene State College as a campus safety officer. **Kim Elefante** is working for the NH Fisher Cats as their marketing and community relations assistant. **Alexi "Ali" Hodsdon** and **Jeff Parfitt** live and work in

VT. They are with the Addison County Counseling Services as autism interventionists. **Katie Bishop** is working at ME General Nursing Care and Rehabilitation as charge nurse and day supervisor. **Kara Walker** is working in NYC at a private middle school for underprivileged girls. The girls are accepted only if they qualify for a free lunch program based on their family's income. **Kathryn Migliaccio** is an Americorps member through the Providence Children's Museum in West Warwick, RI. She's involved with the outreach programs offered to underprivileged children in 2 of the local schools. After graduation, **Vinny Vilardi** interned with Major League Lacrosse in Boston as a production editor in their video production department. Vinny then had the opportunity to volunteer with Major League Baseball Productions and actually helped in the production of the 2009 World Series Video. Vinny has since accepted a full-time position with Major League Productions and is working in the company of such greats as Bob Costas and Hazel Mae. **Abby Cramer** is working as the learning commons manager at CSC's library. She is also researching grad school opportunities to pursue a degree in Library Science in Fall 2010. **Mason Law** moved up to Bridgewater, MA, in Feb. and started working as group experience coordinator with the Brockton Rox, an independent baseball team in the Canadian-American league. Don't see your name in the *Alumni Magazine*? Send us your updates and keep the good news coming! Best wishes on your future endeavors!

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Vincent Vilardi '09



As far back as he can remember, Vinny Vilardi dreamed of pitching in the major leagues. But when he realized that becoming a professional ballplayer was probably not going to happen, he found another way to break into Major League Baseball.

In his junior year at Colby-Sawyer, Vinny changed majors from Exercise and Sport Sciences to Communications Studies. It was after taking an introductory video production course taught by Assistant Professor David Reed that Vinny began to develop a passion for production work. "The entire Communications faculty was great," says Vinny, "but the professor who had the biggest impact on me was David Reed. Not only did he introduce me to the field of video production and educate me on the hardware, software and techniques used in creating films, he also spent many hours after class providing guidance and support."

After graduating in May 2009, Vinny interned with Major League Lacrosse in Boston as a production editor, turning raw game footage into highlight reels and creating commercials for upcoming ESPN televised games. Knowing that his internship would likely last only through the summer, he set his sights on his dream job at Major League Baseball.

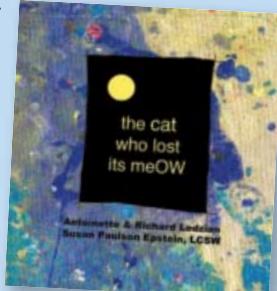
Having unsuccessfully sent his resume to MLB Productions before graduation, Vinny decided to get creative. He sent a demo reel of his best work to several MLB producers, having found their names on the back of the DVD case from the previous year's World Series film. The bold move got him an interview, which led to an unpaid internship working on the 2009 World Series video. "I worked closely with editors and producers," explains Vinny, "creating a 90-minute documentary that captured the best moments of the 2009 regular season, playoff games, and World Series. If you pick-up a copy of the DVD, look for my name in the credits."

Vinny describes the MLB Productions facility, located in Secaucus, New Jersey, as "an amusement park without the rides. It's filled with state-of-the-art technology, cool lighting that create a high-tech atmosphere, and everywhere you look there is a ballgame being shown on large flat screen monitors." Seeing Bob Costas, Hazel Mae and other well known sports celebrities around the facility only added to the excitement.

At the end of his internship, Vinny happily accepted a paid position at MLB Productions. He is currently a game logger, which means that during games he captures each play as it happens, labeling and tagging it, so that it can be added to the MLB video library and used for highlight clips. Vinny's goal is to become a video editor within the next few years and, if all goes well, eventually a producer. He may not have taken the path to Major League Baseball that he once dreamed of, but he made it there nonetheless.

—Mike Gregory

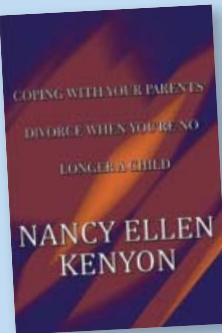
The Cat Who Lost its Meow (Chase-En-Point), the first book by **Antoinette Curtis Ledzian '66**, is a colorful and inventive work for children that covers some heavy issues with style and grace. Described as a "tale of loss, search, rescue and protection," the book is told through the eyes of a child visiting Grandma



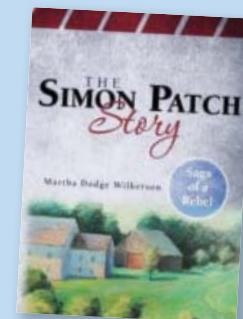
at the beach. Written and illustrated with Antoinette's husband, Richard, along with friend Susan Epstein, the book is the first release from the Ledzians' new publishing company, Chase-En-Point Press, created to publish children's, poetry, and photography books.

Nancy Ellen Moniz Kenyon '90 had her first book published in 2009. *Coping With Your Parents' Divorce When You're No Longer A*

Child (PublishAmerica) focuses on the forgotten, and growing, adult popula-



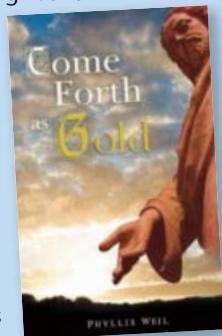
tion experiencing the dissolution of their parents' union. It offers practical advice on how to handle issues, such as setting boundaries, dividing your time, dealing with a parent's significant other, and how to talk to your own children about their grandparents' divorce. *The Simon Patch Story: Saga of a Rebel* (BookSurge Publishing) by **Martha Dodge Wilkerson '55** is truly a labor of love. Begun by her father, Leonard Dodge, decades ago, this true story set during the Revolutionary War was left incomplete following his death. Martha writes in the preface, "As his only child I have felt a sense of duty and of honor in wishing to complete his mission...." **Alison Lambert Vernon '90** started painting after the birth of her



(Lulu) is a collection of poetry by Joyce Shor Johnson, set to paintings by Alison, which celebrates the fun and imaginative world where everyone is a child. **Phyllis Woodall Weil '51** released her first book, *Come Forth as Gold*, last fall.

Centered on two years that Phyllis spent living in Jerusalem, Israel, the book chronicles her relationship with God and how her life was dramatically impacted.

Janet Spurr '76 has had great success with her book *Beach Chair Diaries, Summer Tales from Maine to Maui* (Falmouth



Heights), selling several thousand copies since its original publication in May 2008. The book was reprinted this spring, and Janet is now teaching writing workshops called How to Publish Your Book and Sales Boot Camp.



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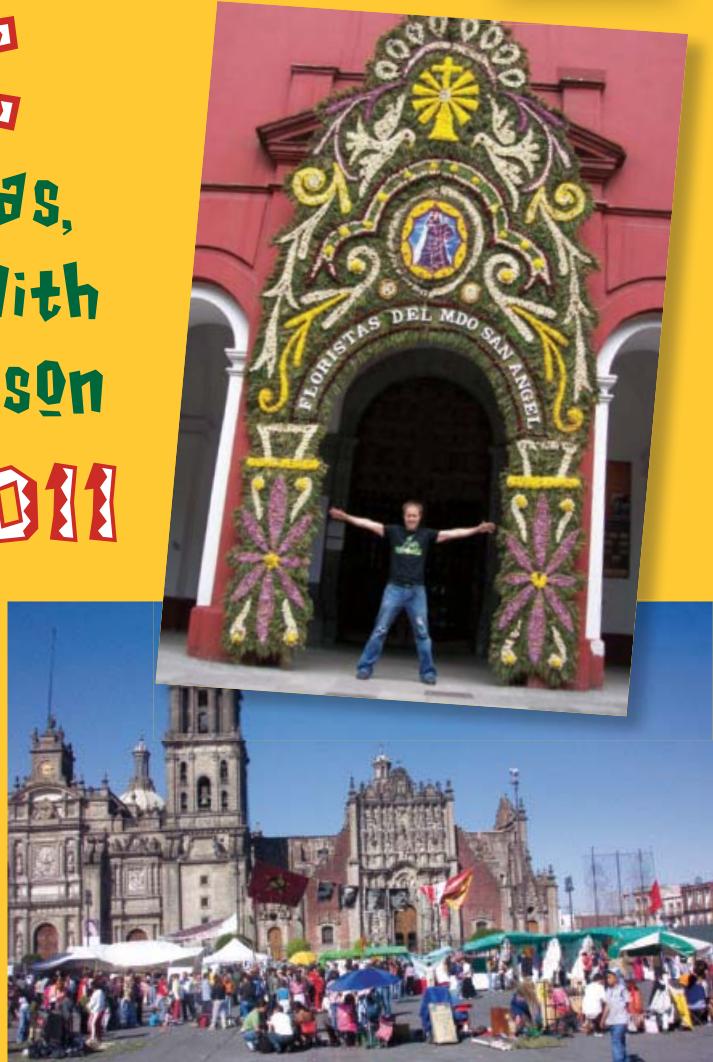
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