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On the Cover: What Ann Neary '74 really likes, she discovered after decades in the business world, is working with kids—listening to them, hearing their stories, giving them a place where they can tell their stories. She returned to graduate school at age 50 and has been teaching ever since.

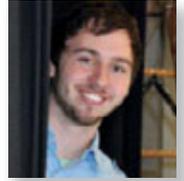
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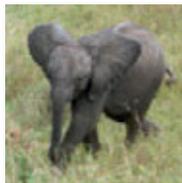


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A Message from the President



Dear Friends,

In May our friend and colleague David Morcom retired as this magazine's editor and the college's director of publications after 20 years at Colby-Sawyer. David served four presidents through growth and change and always deployed his inimitable sense of humor and amazing organizational skills without ever dropping the ball, or more aptly, losing a single sheet of paper. He stayed on task and remained steadfast in his devotion to serving and representing the college with professional publications and communications.

Those of us well acquainted with David were not surprised that he insisted on a quiet exit without fanfare or a hint of adulation on his behalf. Now that he has moved off campus and on to his well-deserved and no doubt carefully choreographed next phase of life, we are free to sing his praises, albeit with him in absentia. Let me be clear about what we will miss about David Morcom.

We will miss his ability to deliver publications that reflected the college's highest achievements in a way that made us proud of how much our community has accomplished. We will miss his close attention to detail and capacity for corralling colleagues around campus to focus on our shared goals. Perhaps most of all, we will miss his affection for Colby-Sawyer, and his belief that this college has the most beautiful campus and welcoming, caring community of any in the nation.

On a personal level, we will miss his hearty laugh and devotion to lifelong friendships. We will always marvel at the memory of his immaculate desk and color-coded filing system, which conveyed a reassuring sense of order and control even in the busiest times. We will miss his deep knowledge of and devotion to film, which made him a valuable resource and favorite movie-night companion for his colleagues, and his fanatical devotion to college and professional sports, which endeared him to those of us who shared these same interests. We will miss his intellectual curiosity and vast stores of arcane information that allowed him to speak fluently about so many subjects; personally, I will miss his reminiscences about his days at NFL Films and his deep knowledge of sports lore. Finally, we will miss his dry wit and ability to spot and bring out the best in us, and his prodigious gift as an engaged and entertaining conversationalist.

In this issue, we welcome our new editor, Kimberly Swick Slover, and her colleagues in College Communications, Associate Editor Kate Dunlop Seamans and Production Manager Edward Germar. They bring a wealth of experience and expertise to the magazine and relish the opportunity to share with alumni, friends and the college community the stories and images that make Colby-Sawyer College the special and distinctive place that we cherish.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Galligan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Thomas C. Galligan Jr.
President and Professor of Humanities

COLBY-SAWYER MATTERS

A Winning Design to Honor Public Workers

Graphic Design major Kelsie “Hoolie” Lee ’11 of Wilmot, N.H., created the winning design for a new memorial that will be dedicated to public workers in New Hampshire who have died on the job. The memorial will be constructed on the grounds of the state’s Department of Transportation building in Concord.

Lee, who served as a volunteer firefighter with New London Fire Department while attending Colby-Sawyer, was motivated to create a design for very personal reasons: Her father is the director of New London’s Public Works Department, and in 2005, her friend Ryan Haynes, 20, of Danbury, was killed while working on a New London road.

Lee used what she learned in her Pathway seminar and other art classes in her design, which incorporates the property’s unique geometric shape as though the memorial were meant to be there all along. “My entire design is reflective of the fact that I can visit this space,” she says.

In homage to her home state, Lee chose black granite as the backdrop for the workers’ names and gray granite for benches that will provide visitors a place to sit and reflect.

“I wanted to represent the four seasons in which public workers perform their jobs and the 24 hours that constitute a day in which they are on call or working,” says Lee. “To bring these concepts to life the memorial is primarily constructed of four black granite slabs that will be cut to look like boulders: They represent our four seasons. Directly across from the slabs will be 24 shovels created from weathered steel and diamond plate at various heights to represent all the hours of the day.”

As the winning designer, Lee received a \$1,200 scholarship. She graduated in May and plans to start a graphic design business focused on serving non-profit agencies and organizations.

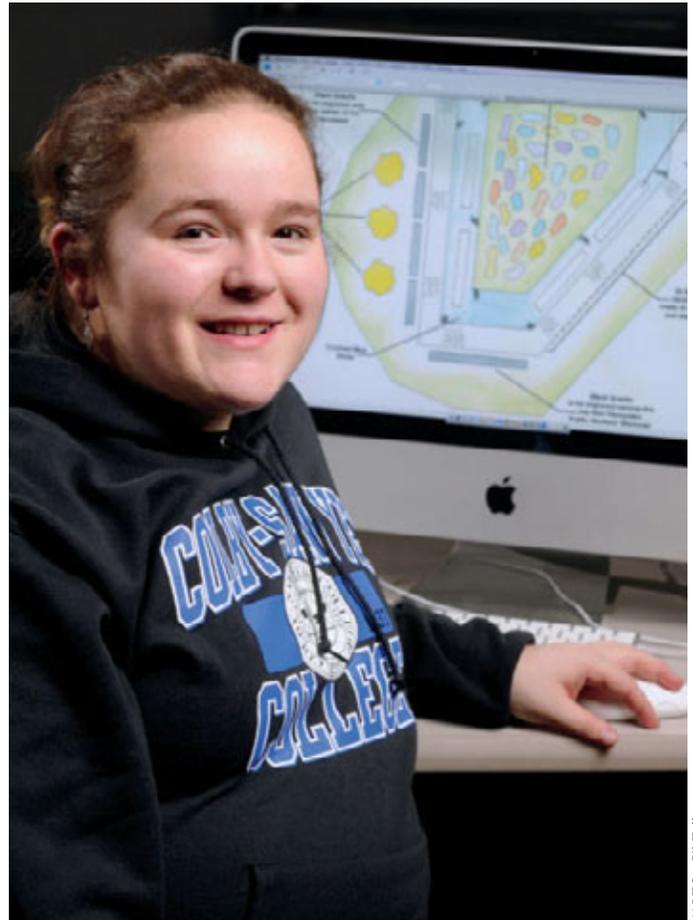


PHOTO: Gil Talbot

Graphic Design major Kelsie Lee ’11 created the design that was selected for a memorial that will be built in Concord, N.H., to honor public workers who have died on the job. Lee cited her Pathway course, Art in the Landscape/Landscape as Art, with Professor Loretta Barnett, as one of her inspirations.

To read Kelsie Lee’s article about her design process and view her memorial design, visit www.colby-sawyer.edu/currents/hoolie.html.

Year-round Learning: Summer Classes Debut

Colby-Sawyer launched a set of eight-week summer classes in June, attracting nearly 100 current students for a pilot program of 13 online courses.

Students often take more than four years to complete their undergraduate education due to financial issues, lack of preparedness, academic difficulties or other life issues, according to Academic Dean Beth Crockford. To make up for lost time, many students take summer classes at other colleges, which has long raised questions for the dean about the uneven quality of their off-campus academic experiences.

Last summer the Registrar's Office received more than 200 inquiries about summer courses students hoped to transfer to Colby-Sawyer. It was clear, says Dean Crockford, that the college was missing an opportunity—and it was one faculty members were excited to explore.

Thomas Kealy, associate professor and chair

of Humanities, was eager to teach an online course.

"I see it as a way to help the students who have very busy schedules during the academic year to meet some of their graduation requirements over the summer," he says. "I teach an exploration course in literature, so I kept that focus and goal in the forefront of my mind as I prepared the summer course. It was an excellent experience for me to return to the texts themselves and to use differ-

ent activities and strategies to create a user-friendly learning environment for students. It's not every day that we are asked to reinvent ourselves."

Director of Human Resources Sharon Beaudry, who teaches courses in Business Administration, used her experiences with online graduate classes to create her own online course.

"I had the opportunity to try out the class with a student studying in Washington, D.C., last spring and surprisingly, I got to know him better than I know many of my face-to-face students," says Beaudry. "Online classes will be important in the future and a way to offer interesting options to students."

"The time is definitely right to move in this direction," says Dean Crockford. "We're just getting started and I'm excited to help develop this terrific opportunity for broadened learning communities."



PHOTO: Gil Talbot

Alumna Honored for Peace Corps Service

In 1990, at age 53, Diane Shugrue Gallagher '57 served two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Cape Verde and went on to work as a recruiter in the organization's Boston office from 1993 to 1998. Since then Gallagher, now 74 and a resident of Brookline, Mass., has promoted the value of Peace Corps service by speaking at local schools and events in the Boston area. She especially enjoys sharing her experiences with Peace Corps trainees who are about to depart for their host country.

In Atlanta last May, former President Jimmy Carter and Peace Corps Deputy Director Carrie Hessler-Radelet presented Gallagher with the 2011 Lillian Carter Award. The award honors exceptional Peace Corps volunteers over age 50 who advance the organization's goal of promoting Americans' understanding of people from other nations.

"Peace Corps service had been my dream since the day President Kennedy issued his call to service 50 years ago," says Gallagher, who deferred her dream to marry and raise a family. "As a returned Peace Corps volunteer, I share stories and my love for my country of service with other Americans to bring my



Diane Shugrue Gallagher '57 receives the Lillian Carter Award from former U.S. President Jimmy Carter. The biennial award was established in 1986 in honor of Carter's mother, Lillian, who served as a health volunteer in India at age 68.

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rich experience overseas home to the United States and recruit the next generation of volunteers."

To learn more about 50-plus Peace Corps volunteers, visit www.peacecorps.gov/50plus.

Small Club, Big Ideas

From their successful efforts to remove paper cups from the dining hall and turn recycling into a competition to their proposal to bring wind power to New London, the Colby-Sawyer Chapter of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) has shown that protecting the environment can save—and even generate—revenue for the club and college.

In March Colby-Sawyer's eight-member team qualified at the 2011 SIFE Regional Competition in New York City to go on to the national competition in Minneapolis in May, where they attracted attention as a small college club with big ideas.

"The SIFE judges like to see clubs that have a large impact on the community, and sustainability initiatives were *big* this year," says Bill Spear, assistant professor of Business Administration and the club's co-advisor, along with Assistant Professor Jody Murphy.

"Our team has certainly broadened its efforts to do good in society. This year SIFE became the 'go-to' club when something needed to get done."

This year SIFE also hosted educational events for students such as Loan 101, Investment Forum, and Beyond the Bachelor's Degree, and coordinated a coat drive for area families in need.

SIFE President Anup Nepal '11, an international student who was involved with SIFE for four years, says the team's regional win was a great way to close out his college career. His experience taught him that business leaders must integrate their colleagues' good ideas into their plans and assist them in developing their skills. But he believes today's successful leaders can do even more.

"A good business leader is a socially responsible individual who can positively impact high numbers of people in society," Nepal says.

SIFE's sustainability efforts were the most rewarding projects for club Vice President Jake Daniele '11. "When I joined SIFE I became the head of RecycleMania and the Bring Your Own Mug Campaign, which involved me in sustainability efforts," he says. "We are getting so much support for the Wind Turbine Project from faculty and staff, but also from judges at the regional and national level."

Both Daniele and Nepal agree that the most important



These members of Colby-Sawyer's Chapter of Students in Free Enterprise made up the team that represented the college and won the organization's regional competition last spring in New York City. The team includes (from left): Ashley Blais '11, Chao Lu '12, Sarah Lewis '11, BJ Lavoie '11, Anup Nepal '11, Daniel Saltalamacchia '11, Jake Daniele '11 and Samuel Kenney '11.

lesson they've learned through SIFE is the value of team work. "Because we aren't the biggest team nor do we have a large budget...we learned quickly the value of collaboration," Daniele explains. "This is a great real-world lesson because in business you may have to work with different departments. SIFE has taught us how to effectively engage a large group to meet a goal."

Big ideas and effective teamwork are just the beginning; what matters most in business are tangible results. The SIFE students have also formed partnerships with Sodexo, Facilities, GreenROUTES and campus clubs, as well as with New London officials and businesses, to achieve ambitious goals. In the last two years, the club led students to recycle 11,185 pounds of material; saved on the purchase of 75,000 paper cups in the dining hall; and collected and recycled 691 ink cartridges on campus and in town. They presented their wind turbine proposal to New London officials and received an enthusiastic response, and raised the funds to pay for the next step: a feasibility study for the project.

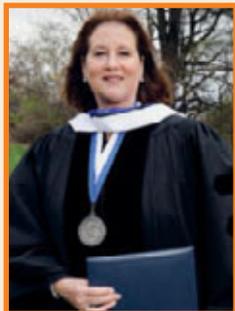
How has this small club achieved such big results? Their secret may be direct access to faculty expertise. SIFE member Sarah Lewis '11 told Professor Spear that Colby-Sawyer's chapter was the only team at the competitions that had its faculty members' cell phone numbers on speed dial.

A Legacy of Leadership

Anne Winton Black '73, '75 was presented with an Honorary Degree of Humane Letters at Commencement on May 7 in recognition of her humanitarian character, superior intellect and the positive, far-reaching consequences of her life and work. For the last 20 years, she has served with deep dedication on the college's Board of Trustees. Since becoming the board's first student representative in 1972 until the end of her tenure as chairman in May 2011, Anne Winton Black has been an engaged and invaluable leader in our college community.

A resident of Canton, Conn., Black served as vice chairman of The Campaign for Colby-Sawyer College and as co-chair for the Confidently Colby-Sawyer: Succeeding Together campaign, both of which exceeded their financial goals. As chairman of the board she oversaw the completion of the Curtis L. Ivey Science Center and Windy Hill School, as well as impressive growth in student enrollment and full-time faculty. Under her leadership, the college has grown stronger in all critical areas of its mission.

"Anne Winton Black is one of the



Anne Winton Black '73, '75

most amazing people with whom I have had the good fortune to work," says President Tom Galligan. "She is intelligent and professional, personable and dedicated to Colby-Sawyer. She analyzes thoroughly and comes up with viable, creative and appropriate solutions. During our five years of

working together I have looked to her for counsel, wise leadership, moral support and friendship. She always comes through. Her service to our college has been exemplary, and she is an inspiration to us all."

In 1990 Black was the recipient of the college's highest honor, the Susan Colgate Cleveland Medal for Distinguished Service, the same recognition given to her father and former Trustee Chairman David H. Winton in 1987. The awards symbolize gratitude for the remarkable leadership, counsel, devotion and caring that this alumna and her father have provided to Colby-Sawyer College.

With the completion of her term as trustee chairman, Anne Winton Black leaves a legacy of enduring friendships and extraordinary influence on her alma mater's past, present and future.

Board of Trustees Elects New Chair

Thomas C. "Tom" Csatari of Hanover, N.H., was elected chair of the Colby-Sawyer College Board of Trustees in May. Csatari joined the board in 2005 and succeeds Anne Winton Black '73, '75, who stepped down from the board in May after completing her term as chair.



Thomas C. Csatari

For the past three years, Csatari has served as chair of the board's Academic Affairs Committee, where he's done an outstanding job, according to President Tom Galligan. "Tom is an intelligent, compassionate and dedicated person, who, with his wife, Judy, has done great things for the college through the creation of the Gladys A. Burrows Distinguished Professorship in Nursing," he says. "They have contributed much to every community in which they have lived and worked."

Csatari holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Dartmouth College and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the Vanderbilt University School of Law. He has practiced law since the mid-1970s and returned to New Hampshire in 1997 and now works with Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC, where he specializes in estate planning, probate administration and healthcare law.

An active member of the Hanover and Dartmouth College communities, Csatari is vice president and a director of Theta Delta Chi and serves as a moderator for the Dresden and Hanover School Districts. He was a member of the Upper Valley Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors for six years and a director of David's House for seven years, including three as its president. Csatari also served as the 25th reunion co-chair for his class at Dartmouth and as a member of its Committee on the Student Life Initiative.



In her final Commencement ceremony as chairman of the Board of Trustees, Anne Winton Black presents a student with her diploma on May 7. Black was presented with an Honorary Degree of Humane Letters at the ceremony.

PHOTOS: Gil Talbot

Student Newspaper Goes Digital



The first online edition of the *Colby-Sawyer Courier*, the student-run campus newspaper, was launched in April by then-editor Amber Cronin '11 and the student staff. Founded by students in the late 1960s, the *Courier* will now be available exclusively through an interactive news site developed by the students and faculty advisor Donna Berghorn, associate professor of Humanities. Assistant Director of Publications Edward Germar of College Communications provided technical assistance and training to the students.

The move away from a print publication toward an online presence will assist Media Studies (formerly Communication Studies) students in preparing for careers in industries such as digital media arts and online journalism, according to Professor Berghorn. The effort also supports the college's commitment to achieving environmental sustainability by reducing our use of energy and natural resources required for printing and distributing the newspapers.

Other newspapers flourished earlier in the institution's history: Colby Academy published *The Voice* beginning in the early 1900s, and the *Kearsarge Beacon* was founded in 1942 at Colby Junior College.

Read the *Courier* at www.colby-sawyer.edu/courier.

Building a Diverse, Dynamic Community

Pamela Serota Cote joined the college in August 2010 as the first associate dean for International and Diversity Programs. Here she discusses the college's efforts to diversify and internationalize the campus.



Pamela Serota Cote

How would you describe your new position?

I work with existing programs, such as Progressive Scholars, to address the college's diversity goals, as well as with our international programs, such as Global Explorations. I'm looking at how we can internationalize the entire campus.

How do students benefit from international programs and experiences?

We're such an interdependent world. People need to have an understanding of other cultures and languages and know how to work with people of different backgrounds. No matter what field students go into, it's going to serve them well in terms of advancing their careers if they can show they can move between cultures and have that kind of sophisticated awareness and knowledge. Right here in New England, students are going to see that having global competency will help their careers. Linking to the world is one of the college's strategic themes, and I see my position as helping us move toward that goal.

What brought you to the college and this newly created position?

College is such a critical time in students' development. I gained so much in my undergraduate years, and I feel this is the best setting for me, the work I want to do and the difference I want to make. I also like being at the beginning of things; it's exciting to have an influence on the direction of a program or a place.

How are you involved in developing and supporting diversity programs on campus?

The diversity piece is a big part of my job, and the Progressive Scholars program is my primary focus in that area. This year we will welcome the fourth class of scholars. The program was created but there hasn't been a central person to oversee it or advise the students. I'm playing that role now, but ideally others will help me to put on workshops, take students to off-campus programs and be more available. I hope that as we move forward, we will all think about these issues, own the value of diversity, and contribute to creating a really dynamic community here.

Read the complete interview at www.colby-sawyer.edu/currents/cote.html.

Educating and Empowering Women

Colby-Sawyer College will sponsor “What Women Want Now: The New Hampshire Women’s Caucus,” on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011. The caucus will provide a lively forum for discussing the issues most critical to women in the state, nation and world, and equip participants with education, resources and tools to work toward improving the status of women.



Sheryl WuDunn

Sheryl WuDunn, co-author of *The New York Times* best-selling book, *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*, will deliver the keynote address.

The New Hampshire Women’s Caucus will begin with three consecutive panel discussions of major areas of concern for women: health; the economy; and global issues. Each panel will consist of three expert speakers, each of whom will present and advocate

for specific issues, followed by a question-and-answer period.

In the lunch and caucus session, participants will discuss and vote for the issues within each topic area that they believe are most critical and can be addressed most effectively through collective engagement and action. The results of the vote will be presented as the Caucus Platform prior to the keynote address.

Three afternoon workshops will provide resources and tools to help participants bring about positive changes for women in their local communities, in the national discourse and politics, and in the global community. These instructive, interactive sessions will highlight ways to create awareness, build community and inspire collective action aimed at societal engagement and change.

The sessions will focus on creating change through the use of traditional and social media, collaboration with community-based and non-profit organizations, and participation in legislative processes and governmental and political organizations.

“The New Hampshire Women’s Caucus seeks to bring women of all ages and political persuasions together to focus on critical issues where profound changes are needed to improve the lives of women,” says Assistant Professor of Humanities Margaret Wiley. “We want women to see themselves, both individually and collectively, as agents of change, armed with the education, resources and tools they will need to bring about the change we seek. We know that when women work together, we truly have the power to improve the lives of women and their families.”

Visit www.colby-sawyer.edu/nhwomenscaucus to learn more and reserve tickets.

A New Home for Artists and Art Lovers

Artists need a place to call their own with resources and space to create and exhibit their work. That’s why Colby-Sawyer is committed to building a new fine and performing arts center that will inspire creativity and appreciation of the arts.

The Sawyer Fine Arts Center, built in 1959, no longer meets the needs of a growing college and art department, according to Chair and Joyce J. Kolligian Distinguished Professor for Fine and Performing Arts Jon Keenan. The arts have changed, along with the student body, he says, and sophisticated technology is now essential for graphic design, photography and other digital media.

“The new arts center will be a state-of-the-art facility that is closely integrated with other academic programs on campus,” Professor Keenan explains. “Its beautiful design, expansive mountain views and natural light will create an environment conducive to creating and enjoying the arts.”

The college selected The S/L/A/M Collaborative of Glastonbury, Conn., to design the new arts center, and after careful analysis, the firm recommended a site close to the library and other academic buildings. The design incorporates some of the campus’s most interesting architectural and natural features, including barn-like structures built of clapboard and wood siding and fieldstones on the face of the entryway.

In keeping with the college’s commitment to sustainability, the center’s roof will be built at angles to accommodate solar panels. The builder will use green materials and construction practices within a design that takes advantage of natural ventilation and light. A light-filled lobby will host art shows and other gatherings of up to 230 people, and visual arts studios will span three north-facing floors. A 500-seat auditorium and a 200-seat black box theater will accommodate both large and small theater and musical productions.

Generous alumni and friends provided early support, and fundraising for this \$21-million project has been reinvigorated with plans for a bold new design and direction for the arts center, according to Vice President of Advancement Beth Cahill. “The arts enrich our lives, and Colby-Sawyer must provide a home for them as inspiring as the work our students and faculty create,” she says. “The new arts center will bring the college and area communities together to collaborate and extend our role in the region as a center for arts and culture.”

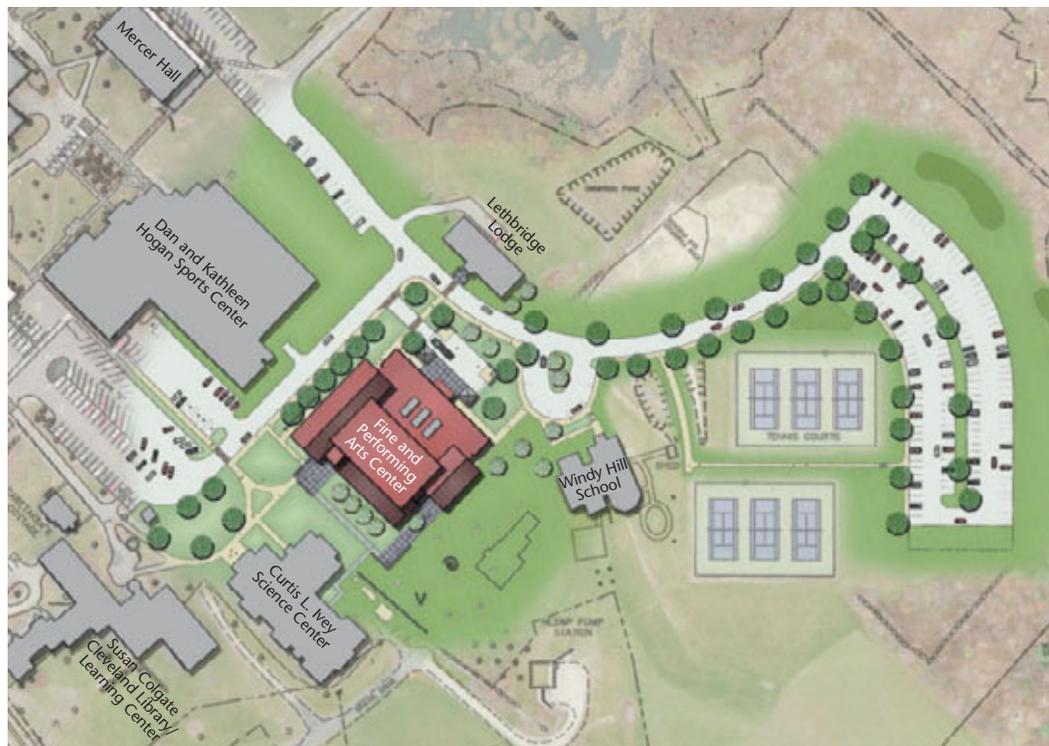
Arts Center Steering Committee Co-Chairs Ellie Goldthwait ’51 and Robin Mead ’72 will work closely with the college to invite the support that will ultimately make the new art center possible. Alumnae Heidi Gray Niblack ’68 and Sally Shaw Veitch ’66 have already contributed generous leadership gifts to the project.

Since their retirement, arts and culture have played major roles in the lives of Heidi and John Niblack. "I'm at the point where it's nice to be able to give back to the institutions that have been a meaningful part in my life," Heidi explains. "Plus I get the satisfaction of being around to see the impact that a philanthropic gift can provide. I have fond memories of the old art center and student lounge, a relatively new building on campus when I attended. My husband John remembers the lecture hall and auditorium in that same building from his Gordon

Research Conference days, so this project resonated with both of us. Helping to build a lecture hall in the new art center seems to be the right thing for us to do for the college at this time."

Similarly, Sally Shaw Veitch is enthusiastic about this opportunity to support Colby-Sawyer students' education in the arts and to ensure her alma mater's continued success.

"I've come to know Colby-Sawyer College through my visits to campus



This site plan by The S/L/A/M Collaborative depicts the location selected for the new arts center on campus.

COURTESY OF THE S/L/A/M COLLABORATIVE

for the President's Alumni Advisory Council meetings and through my time with President Tom Galligan, other staff members and meeting faculty and students," she says. "I am proud of my college's success, and want to do what I can to provide some of the financial support needed for it to continue to thrive and compete. I know that a new and vibrant arts center is crucial to the future of Colby-Sawyer, and I hope that other alumni will be as inspired as

I have been and will join me to help make this project a reality as soon as possible. The students deserve it!"

All those involved in the project believe a new fine and performing arts center will enhance students' and the faculty's development as artists, as well as provide a beautiful setting in which to celebrate the essential and ennobling role of the arts in our community.

Celebrating Success

Graduating Fine and Performing Arts students celebrated their achievements during the opening reception for their Senior Exhibition at the Sawyer Center. The students include (from left): Alyssa Sarno, Lelia Brooke Lackey, Matt Lohmann, Kelsie Lee, Danielle Finocchiaro, Evan Shaw, Chloe Sempere, Samantha Castonguay, Megan Sievert, Toby Theodore, Caitlin Thornton, Julie Doherty, Stefan Didrichsen and Max Gaughan. Megan Sievert received the Presidential Purchase Award for a black and white photograph entitled "State of Mind." Matthew Lohmann was also recognized with the Presidential Purchase Award for an acrylic painting called "Pulse." Alyssa Sarno was presented with the Susan C. Harp Graphic Design Award for her graphic design movie poster entitled "Shooter."



PHOTO: Amanda Rossi '11

Serving Students and Society

Remembering Professor Donald Coonley

Donald E. Coonley, a professor who taught for 18 years in the Communication Studies Program, passed away on Wednesday, June 8, after a long illness. He joined the college in 1989, leaving a tenured position at Connecticut's Sacred Heart University for the opportunity to start a new video production program and community radio station, WSCS 90.9 FM, at Colby-Sawyer College.

Professor Coonley was known as a warm and inspiring teacher, mentor and friend. In a 2007 interview for this magazine, he explained his teaching philosophy: "I'm one of many educators...who believes that the intellectual and social life of students can be invigorated based on two essential goals: to serve the needs of the students and to serve the needs of society. Education must provide such personal benefits as self-reliance and specific training, as well as develop a wider sense of community responsibility."

Through "Colby-Sawyer Insights," the college's first student-produced video program, students learned as much about storytelling and community service as they did about video production. Professor Coonley often reminded students that "this is not a video class...it's a communications class that uses video as its medium."

Communication Studies graduate Katie Srednicki '06 says Professor Coonley's influence changed the course of her career. "I don't know if I would have pursued production without him," she says. "I always thought I was going to be a writer until I took his video classes and fell in love with telling stories through a lens."

Similarly, Rob Peaslee '95, who now teaches in the College of Mass Communications at Texas Tech University, says



Professor Don Coonley was recognized with the Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence in 1992 and the Jack Jensen Award for Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership in 1994.



Professor Coonley on the set of "Wind Crossing" in 1980.

COURTESY OF NANCY SERRELL

Professor Coonley continues to inspire him on personal and professional levels. "I feel lucky to have known and studied under Don. He remains the template for what I try to do on a daily basis," Peaslee says.

In 1999, Professor Coonley produced "Celestial Reckoning," a multi-media play he wrote about Colby Junior College during World War II. The production highlighted a fascinating time in college history, when First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt visited campus and President H. Leslie Sawyer offered encouraging daily talks to students at chapel services. "Celestial Reckoning" involved 75 students, faculty, staff and area residents in a stage play laced with video sequences that provided excellent learning experiences and a great opportunity for community outreach.

Professor Coonley found the 1940s especially interesting because he said "the kind of community that was here then would never occur again. It was a time from which we were far enough away that we could implicitly compare it to where we are now."

His best memories of Colby-Sawyer came from seeing his students at work in the world, such as in 2001, when he traveled to New York City with a class to do a story after the terrorist attacks of September 11. "I've always been most proud of the way our students went out into the community and interacted with people. The students were always treated professionally, and they became professionals as a result of that respect," he said.

Shortly before leaving Colby-Sawyer in 2008 to pursue documentary filmmaking, Professor Coonley reflected on his many years of teaching. "My hope is that my students will one day say 'Some of what I've become, I owe to Don.'"

Associate Professor of Humanities Donna Berghorn has no doubt of his impact on his students and faculty colleagues. "Don shared his passion for video and the visual image with so many generations of students, and they have said repeatedly that his influence on them will last throughout their lives," she says. "Working with him was one of the greatest gifts of my life."

A Life Shaped in Clay

“Gerry Williams Retrospective: A Life in Clay,” an exhibition of 75 works from the span of his career, will celebrate the life and work of one of New Hampshire’s most revered and respected artists.

The exhibition, curated by Jon Keenan, chair and Joyce J. Kolligian Distinguished Professor of the Fine and Performing Arts, opens on Thursday, Sept. 15, with an artist’s reception from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Marian Graves Mugar Art Gallery at the Sawyer Fine Arts Center. A film about Williams, “An American Potter,” will be featured at 7 p.m. in Gordon Hall. The exhibition, free and open to the public, will continue until Saturday, Oct. 22.

Named in 1990 as New Hampshire’s first artist laureate, Williams has been a model and source of inspiration for potters for nearly 50 years. His life and work have drawn on a diverse set of roots: the American Arts and Crafts Movement, the post-World War II rebirth of craft-based studio art, and his early years in India, where his parents were educational missionaries. The experience of living his

most formative years in another culture shaped Williams’ response to modern life in America and his chosen work. Gandhi’s example, especially his emphasis on the practical and symbolic role of basic craft practice, made an indelible impression.

“There is a lot of the spirit of India in my work, though not necessarily in the form of pottery. The political effigies that I do certainly come from my India experience because I look after them not as sculpture, but as folk art,” Williams says. “The ambiance, the dignity of crafts, the importance of manual labor, and the spiritual necessity of the humanistic core of crafts all come from my background in India.”

Professor Keenan describes Williams as a longtime friend and mentor and expresses appreciation to the artist and his family. “Gerry has supported and inspired the Ceramics Program at Colby-Sawyer College for many years,” he says. “We are grateful for the opportunity to host this exhibition as a tribute to Gerry’s important and venerable career.”



This stoneware vessel with incised lines is called “Mythopetic Form” and was created by Gerry Williams in 1999. The 25 x 12 inch piece resides in the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester, N.H.

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Exploring River Communities

In their field study course on River Communities in May, Biology and Environmental Studies students and faculty members rafted down the Colorado and Green rivers to study the geology, biology and historical artifacts.



(Above, l to r): Ashley Reynolds '08, Jeff Marc-Aurele '11 and Ryan Bernstein '13 pass through Grey Canyon while rafting down the Green River in Utah. (At right, l to r) Associate Professor of Environmental Studies Laura Alexander, students and two river guides relax after paddling through Class IV rapids in Desolation Canyon on the Green River.



PHOTOS: Nick Baer

CSC Fund 4K Challenge Seeks to Buck Trend

On your mark, get set, go! The Colby-Sawyer Fund 4K Challenge began on July 1 and the college hopes alumni and friends will participate in this year long fundraising “race.” The goal is to reach a total of 4,000 donors, including 3,000 alumni, for the Colby-Sawyer Fund by the close of the fiscal year on June 30, 2012.



The Colby-Sawyer Fund 4K Challenge

That goal represents a significant increase in participation from previous years, but according to Vice President for Advancement Beth Cahill, it’s one that can be achieved. “Alumni participation is falling at Colby-Sawyer and nationally,” she explains. “We need to reverse this trend to secure funding for the college’s future.”

The idea of setting a participation goal rather than a specific dollar amount came from a small group of donors who approached the college with a challenge: If the college could secure 4,000 donors, this group would collectively commit to giving up to \$250,000 to the Colby-Sawyer Fund.

Vice President Cahill didn’t hesitate to accept the challenge. “It’s a significant increase, and it won’t be easy,” she says, “but we are confident that we have the ability and, most importantly, the dedicated alumni to help us over the finish line.”

A series of fundraising events is planned throughout the coming fiscal year which, in keeping with the racing theme, has been dubbed “sprints.” Expect President Galligan, a marathon runner, to be actively involved in the challenge.

To learn more about the Colby-Sawyer Fund 4K Challenge, please visit www.colby-sawyer.edu/giving or call the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving at (800) 266-8253.

—Mike Gregory

The College Welcomes Renowned Mexican Artist

Internationally renowned engraver and muralist Sergio Sanchez Santamaria spent several weeks on campus this spring, visiting fine arts and history classes and offering workshops on printmaking and engraving techniques. Santamaria, a native of Tlayacapan, Mexico, works in the classical tradition of Mexico’s great engravers Guadalupe Posada and Leopoldo Mendez, creating intricately detailed portraits of important people in Mexican culture. His engraving was featured in an exhibition on campus earlier this year, “Mexican Art from Outsiders to Contemporary,” which featured works from the collection of History Professor Randy Hanson. One of the highlights of Santamaria’s residency was the creation of a large mural in the Wesson Honors Suite on the fourth floor of Colgate Hall, on which he worked closely with many student artists.



Sergio Sanchez Santamaria (inset) guides Kameron Mertz '12, Melissa Quinn '12 and Chris Diego '12 as they contribute their painting skills to the dramatic mural that covers an entire wall in the Wesson Honors Suite.

PHOTOS: Ed Gernar



A Poet Talks to Herself

Assistant Professor of Humanities Ewa Chrusciel, a native of Poland, has published her first book in English, *Strata*, which she describes as “a hybrid text incorporating letters and poems (that) investigates issues of identity, mediation, protest, Central European politics and the Sublime.” Below are excerpts of an interview in which Chrusciel asked, and answered, questions about her work that she has always wished to be asked.



Why do you write in your non-native language?

Experience determines the choice of the language. To change your language you must change your life. I changed my life by flying to the U.S.A. Writing in English is the work of smuggling metaphors from one language into another. It is a work of bilingualism and mistranslation, so it is a constant mental shuffling between the languages, between these two conceptualizations of the world. Writing in two languages creates bewilderment for us and for our readers. It changes us. It transports us to new places.

And writing poems is a way of being in two places at once?

Writing comes from a longing for the presence of another place, for bilocation. My desire for linguistic bilocation is related to my bilingualism, which means inhabiting two cognitive places at once. Bilingualism is for those who are unable to let it go, who nest in two places at once. For those who dwell in impossibility. Poems bilocate to express what is ineffable. To give tribute to Mystery; to the insufficiency of any language.

Why so many animals and birds in your poems?

I see Beauty in animals. I see Mystery in animals. And, as Flannery O’Connor says, Beauty will save the world. I think Beauty has teeth and it terrifies. Poetry is a tribute to such Beauty. That wildness comes from the fact that poems are tigers that jump out of us. That wildness is my response to Mystery.

Do we write poems or do poems write us?

If we think we already know what to write, we never encounter the subject of a poem that should “write us.” Likewise, if we already know what we are reading, we never learn anything about literature. Without the sense of surprise, bewilderment and discovery, there is no literature; there is no learning. The opening up of a subject is what Jorie Graham calls the “poem’s occasion,” when we let ourselves meander and encounter the subject which changes us.

The self-interview was published on nervousbreakdown.com in May 2011. To read the entire interview and poems from *Strata* visit www.colby-sawyer.edu/currents/ewa.html.

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Children swing on a rope down to a river. Water is shocked by this splutter. We stay on shore, even though we know the water is master of gravitation and will save us from flight. Unlike Mary’s Yes, a swing into hearts ajar.

I dream of the day when my syllables will hold rough wood, my letters will be sewn in a stove or fireplace. It’s not the sacrifice we resist, but the beauty. The intensity of the instance burns. For it has to turn into another instance. There is nobility in asking the same thing over and over.

Children swing on a rope down to a river. Water is shocked by this splutter. The truth burns us before it falls away. We remain on shore.

When did she start to witness evanescence? The animals saw her suffering in light and saw that it was good and took her light in suffering. A dog started to bleed. A cat died after she left. Life was not enough. The occasional splutter of light. The simplicity of smile. There is nobility in asking.

Children swing on a rope down to a river.

Nico’s Aya speaks of light and evanescence. The blessing of his Grandmother. Woven DNA patterns. Now it has holes and no warmth, but the child holds onto it and repeats: “AYA’s church.” Not knowing that Aya, his grandmother, wove him into Being. There were many blankets. The plants saw and knew it was good. There is nobility in weaving the same blanket over and over. We are impatient to rid ourselves of time. It takes centuries for Arctic plants to spread and form a quaking mat, a circumference of clarities.

From *Strata* by Ewa Chrusciel (published by Emergency Press)

The poem above was inspired by “that famous bog area in New London (N.H.), ...covered by a quaking mat of plants,” according to the poet.

Becoming Your Best Self

Jaycee McCarthy's journey of self-discovery

*"Everything you do
changes what you are
on the inside."*

–Jaycee McCarthy '11



By Michael Clark



PHOTO: Amanda Rossi '11

Jaycee McCarthy played the ridiculously self-absorbed King Gorgeous III in a sweet and funny production of "The Enchanted Pig," directed by Julie Vogt and performed in February 2011. The production included dancing and singing by young students from the Windy Hill School, who were costumed as little pigs and princesses. On stage with the king are (at left) Dan Moir '11 as the Prince from the West and Suzanna Brown '11 as Princess Wonda, and (at right) Kayleigh Flynn '11 as Princess Gonda and Andrew Francis '11 as the Prince from the East.

Shortly before graduating on May 7, Jaycee McCarthy '11, a Communications Studies major from Salisbury, Mass., arrives for this interview after his last final, visibly tired but attentive. He sits up straight at the chair's edge, words tumbling out before his brain has a chance to catch up.

What did you want to get out of your college experience?

I chose a small school so that I could get involved in a lot of things. I hoped I would continue as a leader and grow as a student and person. I think I achieved those goals.

Can you list everything you've been involved with here on campus?

I was president of three organizations this year—the Class of 2011; a theater club called the CSC Players; and the Campus Activities Board (CAB). I also mentored at the elementary school down the street, worked in Admissions, and was a member of Alpha Chi and Lambda Pi Eta honor societies. I also did the (college) theater shows, which is different from the theater club.

Why so involved? What drives you?

Jaycee laughs and then sighs, settling more comfortably into the chair.

I like being involved and organizing things. I enjoy education and teaching others, helping other people, and I think that's a big part of leadership. The clubs I'm involved with aren't academic—they're more like interests, so it's a great opportunity for me to teach what I've learned inside and outside the classroom to others who don't necessarily have the opportunity to enroll in the same classes or programming or theater.

PHOTO: Ed Germar



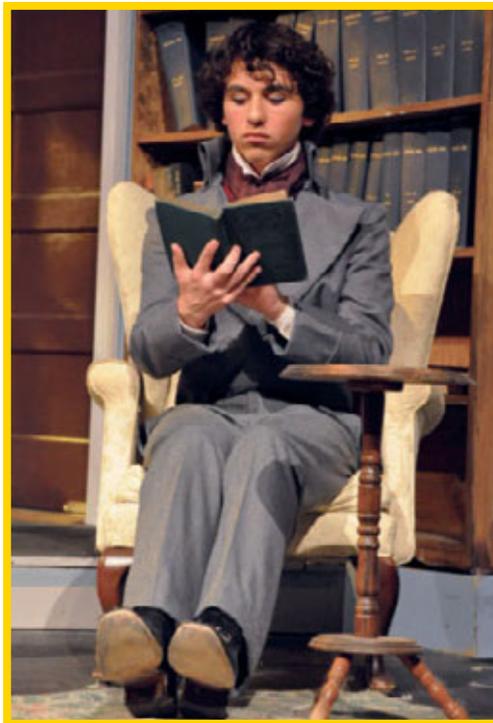
Jaycee's favorite and most challenging role was that of Pozzo in "Waiting for Godot," which was performed in February 2010, the final production directed by Professor Jerry Bliss. Jaycee as Pozzo stands at the far left, tugging on a rope, with the two main characters, Vladimir and Estragon, played by Nic Richard '10 and Noah Richard '10, at center, and Megan Ruggiero '10 as Lucky.

Have you had opportunities to teach in these leadership positions?

Yes. At last night's meeting of the CSC Players the leadership positions were filled for next year. At the beginning of the semester I was worried about where the club would stand after this year. My friend Suzie (Suzanna Brown '11) and I are the last of the founding group and now we're leaving. But yesterday I looked around and I was like...they really have this under control. Suzie and I gave a little speech about how we feel we can let the club go and it will proceed with the same momentum and spirit. One of the students stood up and said, "We look at you like an uncle or a dad." And then someone else said, "Or a grandfather." He laughs.

You studied in Poland your junior year. Did you always want to study abroad?

From the beginning I planned all my classes so that I could graduate in four years, double minor and study abroad. My grandmother was Polish; she passed away when I was 16 and I never got to ask her about a lot of things. So that's when it clicked that I should go to Poland to study. I lived



For the stage adaptation of Jane Austen's classic novel, "Pride and Prejudice," Jaycee took on the role of Mr. Fitzwilliam Darcy opposite Suzanna Brown '11 as Miss Elizabeth Bennet. Directed by Deborah Barton and performed in fall 2009, it was a collaborative performance between the college and Sunapee-Kearsarge Intercommunity Theatre (S.K.I.T.).

in Krakow, just outside the city center. Krakow is big enough to feel like a city in a fast-paced environment. Only people in the city center speak English, so if you're struggling you can find someone, but if you want to get into the culture, just go five seconds out and you're there.

What did you take away from your study abroad experience?

That I really like to travel and I like being in a city. I liked learning about the culture, meeting new people and living on my own. You go out on your own to college, but there I was thousands of miles from anyone I knew. There were only five Americans in the program, and I lived in the same flat as two Americans and a guy from Germany.

I took four classes: two film courses related directly to my major, a Holocaust course and a Polish language course. The language course helped a lot, and we got to do a lot of outside work for the Holocaust class. We met with Jewish groups that go to Krakow to visit the 'hell' the prisoners went through, then they go to Israel, which is like 'heaven.' We went to Auschwitz with them and got to have lunch and ask questions.

Did that experience inform your decision to direct the play "Our Class"?

(The play, written by Polish playwright Tadeusz Slobodzianek, is based on the slaughter of 1,600 Jews in Jedwabne, Poland, in 1941.)

Before I went I knew almost nothing about my Polish heritage; I knew we had Polish Easter and Polish Christmas. I had a few Polish sayings from my grandmother stuck in my head, and so when I went there I realized this means this, and oh, that's why she would say that. I was able to pull together pieces of my grandmother's personality, what we still do as a family, and appreciate what it means to be Polish.

I came across the Polish play "Our Class" while I was taking a directing

class and wanted to jump right into it. My professor told me to go for it. The original assignment was to do one scene, but we ended up doing a full staged reading, in costume, with blocking. It is one of my favorite achievements as a student.

Was part of your motivation to do “Our Class” to provide a theater experience for Colby-Sawyer students that was darker?

It was a chance for actors to dive into their characters, to work on their voice and make their character come alive to achieve a catharsis for the audience. Some of my other stage roles were in “Pride and Prejudice,” “The Enchanted Pig,” “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown” and some “SNAFUS,” which are student-written plays. I directed a play my sophomore year and then this year wrote one and directed another.

You’ve been able to combine what you learned in your experience abroad, your love of theater, and your enjoyment of teaching. What’s next?

I’m exploring the idea of traveling, doing some scholarly work abroad, perhaps something like a Fulbright Scholarship. I know I’d like to be in a fast-paced city environment with cultural diversity.

Did you come to Colby-Sawyer knowing you wanted to major in Communication Studies?

I was interested in going to law school at that point, so I picked English with the pre-law track because in researching law schools, I found they like to see English and history majors. And then I took Media Criticism with Melissa Meade (associate professor of Humanities), and I immediately thought, “This is definitely for me, what am I doing in English?” I switched my advisor and went right for it.

What do you love about communications?

I like communications because it’s so broad. I like learning and asking questions, and that’s what communication theory classes are all about. It’s not necessarily about getting questions answered; it’s about leaving with more questions than you started with. In all my classes I enjoyed relating what I was learning to pop culture. I like analyzing the culture that we live in and what it means to our society.

What do you love about theater, and what was your most challenging role as an actor at Colby-Sawyer?

I like acting a lot, but I also like directing. My most challenging role was in Professor Jerry Bliss’s last show, “Waiting for



PHOTO: Amanda Rossi '11

In November 2010, Assistant Professor of Fine and Performing Arts Julie Vogt directed the American premiere of James Shirley’s 1635 play, “The Lady of Pleasure,” adapting the Jacobean era play for “The Real Housewives of London” and the Mod Era of 1960s England. Jaycee played the role of Kickshaw and is shown here with Juliette Longvall ’14, who played Isabella.

Godot,” written by Samuel Beckett. Beckett is hard to do anyway, so being a sophomore and not necessarily knowing the world of Beckett...I probably didn’t ask as many questions as I should have. I still get the most recognition for that role.

What big changes do you see in yourself from your time here?

I did theater in middle school and took a break and didn’t get back to it until later in high school, and I was afraid to commit myself to it. During college I realized this is what I really want to do. Now I’m okay saying that theater is a huge part of my life and will continue to be. I’ve also become better at communicating, both through my major and through my leadership experiences.

Looking back on my experience abroad...there’s so much you don’t even think is important, but in hindsight you go, wow, I ordered my own meal in Polish? I spent a day sitting by the river, reading a book, living my life in a whole other part of the world? I learned so much more about myself than I did even about academics. It’s as much about the culture as it is about anything else. Everything you do changes what you are on the inside – every argument, every congratulations, every moment. ■

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West Meets East

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Connecting Communities through Friendship Families

By Cindy Benson

PHOTO: Marsha Johnson '59

West Meets East. In August 2008, Duong Ngoc Thuy "Zui" Nguyen '11 boarded a 30-hour flight in Hanoi, Vietnam, to attend Colby-Sawyer College. Nguyen, then 19, had attended a local university for a year to study international trade and decided she would get a better education in the United States. Her mother had studied nursing in the Czech Republic and encouraged her daughters, Duong and her younger sister, Anh, who is also a student at Colby-Sawyer, to study abroad and "see the outside world."

While Nguyen was searching for a college, a friend who had studied in New England sent photos of the fall foliage, which piqued Nguyen's interest. She researched her options and found Colby-Sawyer, which not only looked beautiful but was ranked among the top regional colleges in New England and offered

the generous financial aid Nguyen needed.

Once accepted, Nguyen prepared for the experience of a lifetime. "I was both nervous and excited," she says. "This was my first time away from my parents."

The idea of studying away during college was something Nguyen had been mentally prepared for since sixth grade, when she was accepted into one of Hanoi's top schools, one of only 30 students in her grade. She specialized in English and took additional lessons after school at an English language center.

"I knew from the time I was young I wanted to study abroad," Nguyen says. "Other relatives and friends had done

it, and it is becoming more common in Vietnam."

Home Away from Home

Zui Nguyen is part of a fast-growing population of international students at Colby-Sawyer that has increased from five in 2008 to more than 100 projected for fall 2011. Twenty nations, ranging from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe, are now represented by students on campus, a result of the college's recent efforts to expand its international recruitment and to globalize its student population.

Every international student is matched with a local Friendship Family, a program administered through International Student Services at Colby-Sawyer that provides more support and connections for these students. Nguyen was matched with Marsha Johnson '59 and her husband Bruce

"I knew from the time I was young I wanted to study abroad."

—Zui Nguyen '11

as her family away from home, and they began corresponding over the summer before she arrived at Colby-Sawyer. Marsha Johnson, an active alumna who lives in New London, first introduced the idea of Friendship Families to the college; she and her husband had years of experience in hosting international students and had traveled extensively. They were excited to welcome another student into their lives.

When Nguyen arrived in New London by coach, she stayed with Marsha and Bruce for a few days before moving onto campus for Student Orientation. After relaxing in the Johnsons' home on a lake and exploring the White Mountains with them, Nguyen felt comfortable with her Friendship Family and was certain that she had chosen the perfect part of the country in which to attend college.

While the warm welcome continued, the cool weather set in right away that fall. "The summer clothes I had packed were not useful here. It was cold already!" Nguyen recalls. That was the year an ice storm forced the college to close a week

early for winter break. The following year, a second ice storm caused a power outage and another school closing. Nothing in Vietnam, where the temperature stays above 40 degrees, had prepared Nguyen for snow and ice, but she was game for almost anything and even learned to ski at Mt. Sunapee.

"She took ski lessons and Bruce spent four days helping her along, giving her a few pointers. She wanted to know why she had to learn to turn!" relates Marsha, laughing.

During Nguyen's first week in the United States, Marsha and Bruce dubbed her "Zui" since her Vietnamese name begins with the "zoo" sound, but was difficult to pronounce. Nguyen seemed happy to take on a nickname and even her own parents call her "Zui" now. Marsha and Bruce have taken Zui to the Barn Playhouse, the Northern Stage to see "Les Miserables," and to several performances at Dartmouth College of the Gospel Choir and Dartmouth Idol.

"Our children are grown, so we've enjoyed sharing and enriching Zui's life



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Duong "Zui" Nguyen (right) and Anh, sisters from Vietnam, were together in May to celebrate Zui's graduation from Colby-Sawyer College. Anh followed in her sister's footsteps and will be a junior at Colby-Sawyer in the fall.

here," Marsha explains. "Whenever we've asked her to do anything, she always says yes. She enjoys people and likes to do almost anything."

American Education Equals Success

A strong student, Nguyen was accepted into the Wesson Honors Program at Colby-Sawyer and majored in Business Administration, completing her studies in just over three years. "Business Administration is a popular major among international students since it makes it easier to get a job anywhere, especially if we want to go home (to work)," she explains.

More than half of Colby-Sawyer's international students major in business and most hope to put their skills to work in their home country. To obtain a visa to study in the United States, international students must prove they have strong ties to their home country and plan to return. They do, however, have the option of applying to the U.S. Immigration Service for an extra year of employment related to their major after graduation.

If international students decide to go on to graduate or doctoral programs, they can apply for another year of employment between each level of schooling. At that point, if they hope to stay in the United States, they would have to find an employer willing to sponsor them for a work visa. As a result, these students must plan far in advance and have very specific goals when they come to this country. It's a big com-



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"The best thing about having a Friendship Family is I know there's always someone for me to turn to if I run into trouble."

—Zui Nguyen '11

Zui, shown here on a boat cruise for international students and Friendship Families on Lake Sunapee, describes her Friendship Family as "supportive and understanding." She likes that she can just be herself with them without being judged. "We love spending the night playing Scrabble together. They introduced me to alpine skiing when I was a freshman," she says. "Every winter, we enjoy our time at Mount Sunapee. They have taught me lessons I could never learn in a classroom. I also learned about holiday traditions and things as simple as how to run a dishwasher."

mitment and a sacrifice for their families, but they value an American education and believe it is the key to success.

Nguyen hopes that someday she'll be able to start an organization to help other Vietnamese students study abroad. "When we go abroad we learn about the ways that people do things differently. It's important for people to learn about diverse ways of thinking and being. Vietnam is a monoculture and people are not exposed to differences that much," she says.

In the last two decades, it has become more common for Vietnamese students to seek a college education in the United States or Europe. "The education system in my country is out of date," says Nguyen. "Our curriculum emphasizes theory rather than practice. Students are required to take all classes designed by the school, some of which are irrelevant, such as Marxism and Leninism. We do not get to choose what to study. The U.S. has the liberal arts model that allows us to follow our dream. Here I was able to take courses like studio art, earth science, and classes such as Exploring Nature, Health and Wellness, along with courses in my major. I also took writing. I love creative writing; that was one of my favorite courses."

Nguyen was active outside the classroom as well and joined the Dance Club and the CSC Singers. She tried swimming lessons and participated in Cross Cultural Club. "A major adjustment I made to adapt to life here was learning to participate in group activities. At home we don't hang out with such big groups, everything is more individualized," Nguyen says. "Life here is very different. I come from a pretty busy city where we do not get to see nature a lot. It is cool to have my nature class go outside of the classroom to learn about the trees and animals of this area. We identified tracks of mice, chipmunks, deer and turkey. I've seen a lot of birds, including the loons on Pleasant Lake."

That Nguyen and her sister studied abroad is not unusual for students of their generation, but the fact that their mother studied abroad is. "Women of my generation, particularly in big cities, have been more active in almost every aspect of life in comparison with our parents' generation. We have equal opportunity to



PHOTO: Marsha Johnson '59

The Nyugen family welcomed daughter Zui's Friendship Family, Marsha and Bruce Johnson of New London, N.H., and their granddaughter, Katy Svec, to their home in Hanoi, Vietnam, for dinner in January 2010 during the Johnsons' three-week visit to Vietnam and Cambodia. The Johnsons visited Katy, who was studying in Vietnam as part of a "gap year" study abroad program before college. (Above) Nhuang Vu and Binh Nguyen (on left) relax with Bruce and granddaughter Katy. (At right) Mrs. Nguyen and Marsha Johnson. The couples communicated with assistance from Katy, who was learning the Vietnamese language and was able to translate.



go to school and pursue our own career," Nguyen says. "A lot of our friends also come to the U.S. for their higher education; some go home after they finish school, some stay."

In fact, she says, many Vietnamese who study abroad come from her high school in Hanoi. During a visit to the Johnsons' daughter's home in Andover, Mass., Nguyen was introduced to a Vietnamese teacher at Phillips Andover Academy. She soon discovered that this man's father had been her former principal, his mother was her former teacher, and his younger brother had been her classmate in her Hanoi high school.

Extending the Family

Marsha Johnson's granddaughter, Katy, decided to study in Vietnam last year after graduating from high school in Massachusetts. She had met Nguyen at Johnson family gatherings and found out that she would be home for a few days

more when Katy first arrived in Hanoi. Katy was able to connect with Nguyen's family and Nguyen's mother extended a hand of friendship to her many more times throughout the year, inviting her to a meal and hosting her for the weekend.

In February the Johnsons traveled to Vietnam and Cambodia to visit Katy and see the sights. They were welcomed into the Nguyens' home and spent an evening visiting and talking with her parents. Katy translated as best she could as they sat around a low coffee table, eating delicious spring rolls, traditional noodle soup, shrimp and vegetables. For dessert, Nguyen's mother presented a beautiful platter of bananas and watermelon. The Johnsons kept their coats on during the chilly visit because most homes there have no central heating and Zui's mom likes to keep the doors and windows open to enjoy the fresh air.

What Nguyen misses most about home are family gatherings like the one the Johnsons enjoyed, and the busy city streets where she and her friends can go window shopping and buy food from the many street vendors. Small tables with low plastic chairs provide makeshift sidewalk cafes where Nguyen and her friends hang out and eat noodle soup. "It's kind of like some of the restaurants in Hanover that have tables outdoors on the sidewalk,

"Zui is a very self-reliant person. These kids have got to have a lot of inner strength just to be here."

—Marsha Johnson

but not as nice," she says, laughing.

Reflecting on what she admires most about American culture and people, Nguyen says without hesitation, "The people here are very kind-hearted. They open their door to any student who needs help. For instance, this summer I wasn't sure what my plans were, and one of the staff members at the college invited me to live with her family."

It seems that families in the New London area are proving wrong all the stereotypes about stand-offish New Englanders as they reach out with hospitality and generosity to students so far from home.

"Zui is a very self-reliant person," says Marsha. "She's strong and keeps complaints to herself. These kids have got to have a lot of inner strength just to be here."

Those fortunate enough to befriend these international students are thankful they have made the effort and sacrificed so much to come to Colby-Sawyer College. Our community benefits in countless ways from this dynamic exchange of cultures. ■

Cindy Benson is the college's international student advisor as well as a writing consultant and mentor for the Academic Development Center. She was selected as Employee of the Year in 2010.

A Circle of Support

Five years ago alumna Marsha Johnson approached the Office of International Student Services with the idea of matching each international student with a local family to provide them with "a home away from home." Since then, the program has taken off, and every international student is linked to a family. Each year more families are recruited through the Alumni Relations Office, local churches and organizations such as Rotary Club, and today more than 50 local families are involved in the program.

Friendship Families offer many types of support to international students, from welcoming them into their homes and families and taking them sight-seeing, to meeting students' more practical needs such as providing occasional transportation to the bus stop, airport or shopping center. Friendship Families attend programs on campus as well, such as International Festival, Senior Awards and, of course, graduation. They also participate as a group in off-campus picnics, dinners and trips throughout the year, such as the orientation picnic at Musterfield Farm and the annual Thanksgiving dinner at one of the local churches.

"The Friendship Family Program definitely helps," says Johnson, stressing that the program is mutually beneficial. "The families have thoroughly enjoyed their experience. It's opened their world too." In addition, the program has strengthened the bonds between the college and the community as well.

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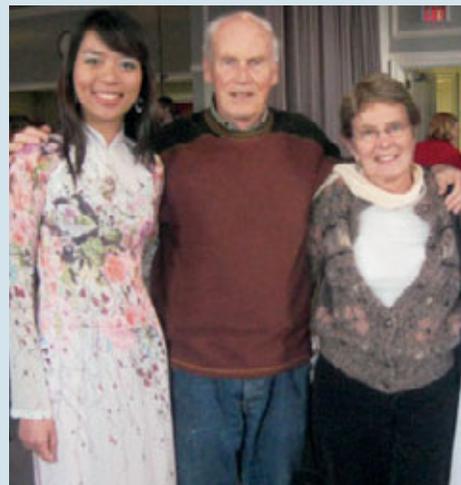


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Make a Joyful Noise:

Ann Neary '74 Finds Her Calling in the Classroom

by Kate Dunlop Seamans



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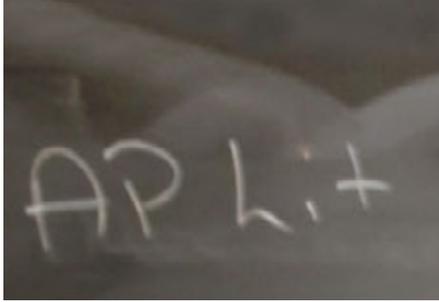
On a Monday morning at DeWitt Clinton High School in the Bronx, Ann Woodd-Cahusac Neary '74 prepares for her first class of the day, AP English Literature. She has brought chalk from home—teachers must supply their own—and arranges thrift-shop finds to serve as costumes and props for enacting scenes from *Macbeth*. Outside the frosted windows of the classroom is the school's perfect football field surrounded by a track.

A morning person who regularly wakes up at 4 a.m. to go to the gym before navigating the five highways between her home in Greenwich, Conn., and the Bronx, Neary stands at her classroom door to greet students as they come in from the hallway brimming with teenagers. "Good morning, gentlemen," she says to two boys. "Oh, I really love that dress," she tells a girl.

Just before eight o'clock, there are still some empty seats. The missing students, Neary supposes, are waiting to go through security. In a school rife with racial tension and 4,226 teenagers who need to remove shoes and belts before walking through a scanner, just getting in the door to school can be a challenge. And, after six years of teaching here, Neary knows how many other obstacles her students face in getting to class. She says that what they deal with is beyond what she can imagine dealing with and gives them "a huge amount of credit" just for showing up. One seat in the class will stay empty, though: a boy who lost his home at Christmas has disappeared. Neary had high hopes for him and is heartbroken.

Despite their burdens—drugs, abuse, being booted from their home or not being able to go to college because they have to care for their siblings—Neary's students do more than just show up: They are all senior honors students, and most will go to college in the fall. MIT, Vassar, Siena College, SUNY schools and others have accepted them, and they have options.

Perhaps no one is more proud of them than the teacher they affectionately call Miss and Teacher Mom, who not too long ago considered her own options and chose to be at the front of a classroom instead of behind a corporate desk. For the first 30 years of her working life, Neary inhabited the world of retail, rising through the executive ranks from buyer for Lord & Taylor and a stint at Brooks Brothers to vice president of sales at Ghurka, a manufacturer of fine leather goods and accessories, and operations manager at Two's Company. Then, ten years ago, came the attacks of September 11. When the unthinkable happened, anything became possible.



Once Lost, Now Found

Growing up in Greenwich, Conn., with an older sister and a younger brother, Neary was a good student at her high school of 3,000 students, but felt invisible. “I was kind of a lost-at-sea child; I was nothing special to anybody there,” she says. “I was very quiet and didn’t get into trouble, so nobody noticed me.” Neary’s guidance counselor thought a small college might be just the thing and suggested Colby Junior College for Women in New London, N.H.

“I remember going on a lot of college tours and finally setting foot on the Colby campus and thinking, *This is where I’m comfortable, I want to go here,*” recalls Neary. “I loved everything about it: that it was in the woods and all girls; that it was small. I thought that was divine. I loved the college experience, when you realize you have the freedom to do whatever you choose.”

At orientation in Shepard Hall on her first day, Neary met Sue Brown Warner ’74, also from Greenwich. They’d gone to the same school and never crossed paths, but they became close friends right away.

“We did so many goofy things,” says Warner. “We used to like to put on our ‘footie’ PJs and jeans and run down to Jiffy Mart to buy snacks in our matching shirts and socks.”

“It was a very safe feeling school; you could cross the street without looking,” Neary laughs. “And so it felt very natural. Sue and I were roommates senior year in Shepard and we’ve been connected at the hip ever since. Now she lives four miles away.”

A Liberal Studies major, Neary took mostly English classes with what she calls phenomenal teachers. “Professor Tom Biuso was a big favorite,” says Neary. “I credit him with my love of literature. I always loved reading, but he took us to unbelievable levels. We couldn’t wait to go to class. And Dr. Hoffman, he was spectacular. I had great anthropology teachers, and I had the Curriers [Harold and Esther] for science. I took zoology, how cool is that? And we went sledding with our professors, which I thought was terrific.”

“Ann is a giving and nurturing soul. There is nothing she won’t do for her family and friends. When my mother died at a relatively young age, Ann dropped everything to be with me and also to make sure her father (who had married my husband and me) was able to preside over my mom’s service. What I love most about Ann is her soft, gentle nature, combined with her steely loyalty to those she loves. And her sense of humor—when we’re together, we invariably laugh till we cry.”

—Sue Brown Warner ’74

In the close-knit, supportive setting, Neary flourished, even ran for dorm president her senior year. “That was a remarkable experience because I was so shy. Then I had to run for election? That was so new to me, but what I got from Colby-Sawyer was the idea that you can do things. You can try things. You make a difference.”

That message, she says, came from everyone on campus: her “big sister” mentor, the RAs, even her peers. With the presidency—won in part, Neary thinks, because of the station wagons full of home-baked goods her mother delivered on visits—she branched out and became a tour guide.

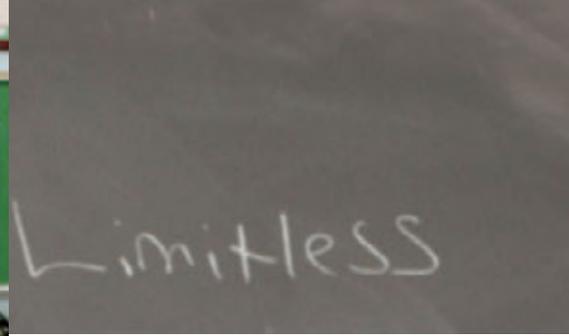
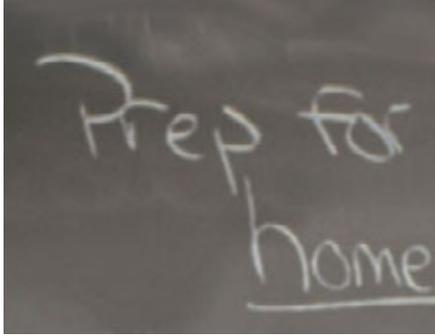
“I was a poster child for the school because I just loved it so much. I don’t think you could miss that if you were on a tour with me,” Neary says. “I loved everything about it. I loved the library—I love the new library more—the gym, the mountains. We even thought the dorms were beautiful.”

After two years in New London and wearing a rut in I-89 North going back and forth to Hanover every weekend, Neary was ready to continue her education in a city on a co-ed campus, and the roommates headed to Boston College. Ann missed Colby-Sawyer and continued to date her Dartmouth boyfriend, Matt Neary, but earned her B.A. in English Literature and followed an interest in retail to Lord & Taylor, where she completed a training pro-

gram to become a buyer. Prada replaced her college uniform of jeans, flannel shirts and combat boots for what Neary recalls as an exciting time meeting and working with designers. She also married a colleague and had her daughter, Emily Orenstein, who will be a junior at Colby-Sawyer this fall.

Life was full, and full of change.

“When I was younger my mom was really busy with work,” says Emily, an English major who, like her mother, lived in Shepard Hall for two years. “I always wanted her around more. I remember one morning she was dropping me off at school and I said, ‘You really should be teaching. I don’t know what you’re doing, but you should be a teacher.’”



Soul Food

When Ann bumped into Matt Neary again on the Metro North while commuting to Manhattan, it had been years since they had parted ways after their college romance. Matt, a periodontist, had three children from his first marriage, and Ann had Emily from hers. They married and had twins, Paige and Mack, now 14 and champion water polo players—Ann’s best friend Sue was again her labor coach and is the twins’ and Emily’s godmother. Ann traded the train ride to New York for a short drive to Ghurka and balanced work with raising her family and volunteering in her town, serving on various boards and teaching Sunday School.

“It’s important for me to love what I do,” Neary says of Ghurka, a family-owned business that at the time still created their leather goods by hand in Connecticut. But fine things lose their shine when towers crumble.

“I had an epiphany during the year following 9/11,” says Neary. “Matt and I were very involved in the work that went on after that. Matt is a forensics specialist and was down at the morgue once a week all night identifying remains. Through my church I volunteered once a week for a year at St. Paul’s Chapel near Ground Zero for a 12-hour shift overnight. I helped feed the workers and did whatever I could. All those late nights made me think about what’s important, and selling yet another fabulous business bag to a man so he looked good at a meeting really wasn’t what I wanted to do anymore. What I really liked was working with kids. I like listening to them, hearing their stories. I like giving them a place where they can tell their stories.”

Neary, whose own father had changed careers to follow his dream to become an Episcopalian priest at age 68, took a hard look at the possibilities and decided to return to graduate school at age 50. With her family’s support, she enrolled in Manhattanville College’s accelerated teaching certification program in February and was ready to teach in September.

“When she went back to school we’d do homework together,” says daughter Emily. “It was fun to see her start teaching. She got really into it.”

Six years ago, teachers were in short supply, especially in New York City schools. When Neary completed some of her required observation hours at DeWitt Clinton High, she was “blown away” by the phenomenal, creative teachers she met

Colby-Sawyer taught Neary the importance of individual instruction, and now she makes sure to get to know all her students and their abilities.

and decided it was the school for her.

“I pursued an assistant principal until she had to hire me. I used all my business skills,” Neary laughs. “I called, followed up, sent my resume, kept asking if there was a job. I had a contract from New York City and they can place you anywhere they want, so I was getting anxious. When you’re in business you don’t take a job until you have the next one, so the fact that I could have a job but didn’t know where, and might not know, until the day before school opened, was nerve wracking. Then DeWitt called and said they had a job for me in September. She asked when I could sign the papers? I was supposed to go on vacation that afternoon but I said, ‘I’ll come now!’ I’ve been here ever since.”

Neary has always excelled at everything she does, due to her boundless energy and enthusiasm, her friend Sue Warner says, but deciding to teach made perfect sense. “Ann was great at retail, but it didn’t feed her soul. Teaching the kids at DeWitt Clinton has given her amazing, creative mind and caring nature a terrific—and very productive—outlet,” Warner says. “She’s so much happier and has made a huge contribution in a relatively short time in the profession.”

Where the Boys (and Girls) Are

“Teaching is very exciting. I like there to be something interesting every single day and that’s where teaching mirrors the retail world,” says Neary. “I never know when I open the door what the kids are going to come in like. Your plans could go right out the window because someone’s been burned out of their apartment or their mother got arrested over the weekend. They don’t have dads. They come in with amazing stories.”

As Neary talks, her silver cross necklace catches the light, and her charm bracelet jingles. One of the charms is engraved with the word *Hope*, an emotion that fuels her work as a teacher and which she senses and seeks to sustain in her students. Though their daily concerns often revolve around the most basic human needs for food, shelter and safety, Neary

Right: Neary’s creative writing class shared their original fiction about “Hanging Onto a Dream” and discussed the big difference that small details can make in a piece of writing.

Pinks & blue

The Next Generation—Ann Neary's daughter Emily Orenstein '13

How did you decide to attend Colby-Sawyer?

I came from a huge high school and felt like a number so I wanted a small college. My mom had an alumni event and I decided to take the tour and ended up really liking Colby-Sawyer. I thought it was pretty and fit with what I was looking for. I liked the English program – I know I want to write, that's all I've been interested in since high school. I talked to professors and the president and everyone made me feel welcome. My mom tried hard not to be biased; she encouraged me to keep looking at schools but Colby-Sawyer was the only one I looked at seriously. I'm having my own experience. I have my own reasons for coming here, it wasn't just because she did.

What does teaching mean to your mom?

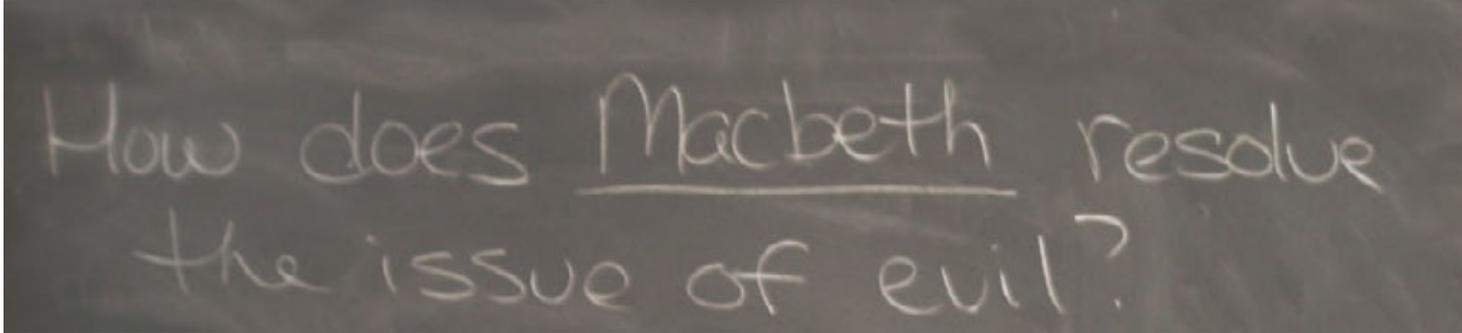
I can't bring up her students and expect a short answer. When she starts talking about teaching, that's it, it's everything to her, that's all she talks about, all the time. I feel like she's just really connected with teaching.

describes her students as warm, friendly, affectionate and wanting to do well.

"They really want to succeed. That's what gives me a lot of hope for them. Almost all of them will be first-generation college students and they have the ability, it's just a matter of whether they can sustain that knowledge to get to college," she says. "Once they do, they'll see they can match other students. I like to think that we, as their teachers, provide an environment that's encouraging and makes them feel they're good at what they do."

Ann Neary's classroom is not a quiet place. "I like active, joyful noise so my room tends to be noisier than some," she admits. The students are comfortable with each other and her, but also respectful and engaged—especially when she assigns the task of acting out *Macbeth* in 32 seconds or less. They break into groups and rehearse. When she presents a kilt for *Macbeth* to wear, a student named Kevin hardly pauses before announcing, "I will wear it" to applause. Vigorous sword play and dramatic dropping to the floor ensue, and it becomes clear these students *know* this play.





Much of the physicality in Neary's classroom comes from her experience of teaching an experimental all-boys class based on Dr. Leonard Sax's research into how boys learn—he says you can't teach boys the same way you teach girls.

"In a mixed class you have to gear some lessons to how boys learn, and when they learn and what they're open to," explains Neary. "If you only ask 'How do you *feel* about that poem?' they're not going to react because they don't want to talk about their feelings. But if you have a swordfight to represent that poem, they might get hooked."

In 2008, Neary knew when boys dropped out—after ninth grade—and considered what she had seen in her lower-level reading class for freshmen, which students entered with reading levels as low as second and third grade.

"They drop out and they're failures at 14, because they can't read and write," says Neary. "The social studies teacher says, 'Read this chapter on the Great Wall of China and the silk trade' and they're like, 'Read what?' None of the words make sense. So why would you want to come to school every day and be a failure? And be six feet tall and look like you're a grown man?"

Neary requested a group of incoming ninth grade boys and spent the summer learning how to teach them. She discovered, for example, that boys don't sit still. When school started, she gave one boy a clipboard on which to take notes while he paced. She put a Rubik's Cube in the hands of an excellent listener who simply needed something to fidget with. By March 2009, these boys had written poems of hope, apology, grief, despair and triumph that were published in the school's magazine, *Magpie*. Twenty-three of the 24 students passed and increased their reading levels by one or more grade levels.

Though a success, the school moved on to other projects and the all-boys class experiment faded away. The lessons Neary learned didn't.

"That class totally changed the way I teach," she says. "And because that was a relatively small class, it taught me—as Colby-Sawyer taught me—the importance of individual instruction. It's hard to do with a lot of children in your classroom, but the more time I can spend with each one, the better. It has a lot to do with noticing what each child can do."

Senior Veronica Vergara says Neary's attention and concern



Now, why the rush?

don't go unnoticed. "Ms. Neary is a special person who cares about her students and where their studies can take them," explains Vergara. "She gives us a lot of work, especially over the breaks, so we have time to digest what we read. Her main priority is helping us pass our exams. She knows how hard it is."

Neary, who volunteered to join the two-year Measures of Effective Teaching project sponsored by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, also knows that there's more to education than studying for an exam. "My students' lives here are sheltered even though it's inner-city New York," says Neary. "They don't go into Manhattan, which is just a subway ride away. They stay within their block though they say they want to travel."

To expand their horizons, Neary works with the Theater Development Fund, a nonprofit that provides a teaching artist in her classroom several times each semester. The ultimate benefit is free tickets to a Broadway show, and Neary overrides any hesitancy by mandating attendance. "They don't understand the value because they don't know what theater is, but they will get a big old F if they don't take part so they all come and then they love it," she says. "I spend the entire time watching them watch the show because they lean over the balcony in amazement at what a theater looks like, at the costumes and huge curtains. I push really hard for my kids to see theater."

Faith, Hope and Love

When Neary calls her students "my kids," it's indicative of what she has invested in them. She regularly provides snacks for her last class of the day because the students don't have lunch in their schedule, and last year she invited those who passed their AP exam to Greenwich to sail on her boat, *The Wild Goose*. Every day she goes home and thinks about what she could have done better or differently, and she carries her students with her.

"Oh, they live with me, they live at my house," she says. "At the dinner table my children will ask, 'How's So-and-So, is her dad out of jail yet? And when I have some tragic tale they're like, 'Oh, no, not her, really?' They come home with me all the time. I think about them around the clock."

That relationship doesn't end with graduation, either. A girl from Neary's first year of teaching still fills her in on college life. Students who graduated two years ago write to her about their search for summer jobs and hopes for the future. "Many of



Neary's best friend Sue thinks that in ten years Neary will still be teaching, working at her church and perhaps bragging about a grandchild or two.

them are English majors, which makes me happy," says Neary. "Some of them want to be teachers."

When Neary, a member of the President's Alumni Advisory Council at Colby-Sawyer, returns to the campus where she learned from teachers who made a lasting impression, she loves what she sees. "I had a hard time swallowing the idea that boys should be here because it was such a wonderful women's college," says Neary. "Now I like seeing men on campus, they seem happy and it's nice to have the diversity. I love listening to the professors; there are some amazing ones, as there were when I was there. I don't think that's changed, the caliber of instruction is excellent and if the students pay attention they'll get lifelong lessons. I love everything I see, though I know more things are needed—I love the idea of a new arts center. But what I see is all good."

Fitting words from a woman who wears her faith around her neck and her hope around her wrist, and who gives away a little piece of her heart to her students every day. ■

Left: Neary teaches two sections of Advanced Placement English Literature. Here, her morning class gathers around the teacher they call interesting, spontaneous, creative and caring.

Thousands of Little Moments

Finding Passion and Purpose in Africa

Story and photos by Jeanne Clark '11

I have been interested in Africa my whole life, and though I am not sure how this interest started, I know what fueled it. Throughout my childhood, the documentaries and television programs about Africa I watched made me want to experience the contrasting landscapes and incredible wildlife of the continent for myself. I never let go of that dream.

My first year at college was a very uncertain period as I struggled to determine what my time at Colby-Sawyer should look like. Then the tug I felt about going to Africa deepened when my Pathway, Migration, discussed the origins of mankind and the possibility of the first early hominids having come from Olduvai Gorge in Tanzania. I cannot help but think of Africa as the raw birthplace of the earth and my own species. My classes

“East Africa was the best and hardest teacher I have ever had.”

at Colby-Sawyer encouraged my mind to “take off its Western thinking cap,” as Associate Professor of Natural Sciences Nick Baer says, and practice a global perspective.

The School for Field Studies (SFS) is an organization with field stations all over the world for environmental, biology and public health study abroad programs. I was fortunate that the Colby-Sawyer Environmental Department has a partnership with SFS which enables seniors to study abroad during/in their fall semester, gain academic credits required for graduation, and have their directed research project (the most important aspect of the SFS program) become their senior Capstone. With the aid of my professors, I completed the application to spend Fall 2010 in Tanzania and Kenya.

I usually refer to my semester abroad as a dream come true. I wish I could properly describe the moment I was able to see the Olduvai Gorge, which I'd discussed in my Pathway class on campus, while traveling to Serengeti National Park on expedition in Tanzania, but that seems to be the overall nature of sharing my experience abroad: it's a struggle to find words that might not even exist for the purpose I need. In the months since I returned, I have realized that my time in East Africa colored my life in more ways than I could have ever imagined. I never expected to leave a continent with two countries permanently printed on my heart, affecting every thought and action I have.

The SFS program I attended begins in one country, where the students take classes and learn about the area, and halfway through the semester switches to the second country, where students conduct their final directed research projects. All the professors and staff at each site (Moyo Hill in Rhotia, Tanzania and Kilimanjaro Bush Camp in Kimana, Kenya) are from the area, except for the Student Affairs Managers—the “Mom” of each site—who were also Americans. I began my semester in Tanzania, studying wildlife ecology, wildlife management, environmental policy and introductory Swahili with 27 other American students.

My group had the honor of being the first students at Moyo Hill, as the site had just been built over the summer.

Sept. 5, 2010

We arrived at our Tanzanian camp site on Tuesday, and as our Land Cruisers pulled past the gates (which had beautiful elephants and lions painted on them by a local artist), we were met by everyone who works here: all the staff, cooks and professors were there to cheer and welcome us with huge smiles.

It was overwhelming to walk down this massive line of people, shake their hands, try to understand their Swahili, and attempt to remember so many new names. I couldn't believe how happy they were to see us.

They built this new camp site in the past three months and it is beautiful. At the original site, we would have been living in tents with little or no access to a private bathroom. Here, everyone lives in a little cement banda with three or four roommates and has their own bathroom.

Our chumba (a bigger structure for large groups of people) is in the middle of the camp, where we study and have all our meals and big meetings. We have one classroom, a small library and computer room and the staff has their own offices and bandas. The camp is surrounded by a fence of thorny bushes — believe me, you don't want to be caught in them.



Zebras graze in Lake Manyara National Park. It was incredible how close we were able to get to the wildlife and study their physical details through a pair of binoculars.



We watched giraffes on the move in Lake Manyara National Park. These gentle giants had no fear of a Land Cruiser driving beside them. One kick from their powerful legs can knock off a lion's skull.

As we plunged headfirst into classes and began to build relationships with our faculty and staff, I realized our classroom had no boundaries. Our classes were held in the designated classroom, outside, in town, in the surrounding areas, and—the best place—in the national parks. In Tanzania, we visited Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro Crater and Tarangire National Parks, with a final stint in Serengeti National Park for a five-day expedition.

The following is from a journal entry about our first safari in Lake Manyara:

Sept. 16, 2010

The first time we saw an elephant, I really wanted to cry. I'm excited to see everything here, but for some reason I've always had a soft spot for elephants. Entire families of elephants walked right next to our Rover, passing by like we weren't there. I could have reached out and touched them. Words will never come close to describing how beautiful they are, and how adorable their clumsy young are as they follow in the lines. Someone said they don't know how to use the muscles in their trunks yet, so they just kind of wobble their heads back and forth to get them to move.

When we got to the park, we drove through thick forest for a long time and came to a clearing with a stream and hippos. Our jaws dropped as we stared out into the distance, because leading to the shore of Lake Manyara were hundreds of grazing zebra, wildebeest and impala. It was so unreal to see so much wildlife interacting together in the same place, calmly grazing. I'm glad I brought my binoculars, because even when we are close to the wildlife, zooming in on their faces is remarkable. I had no idea how beautiful zebras are; I want one.



This photo was taken in front of the banda I stayed in at the site in Tanzania. To the left is Katie Kurtz, recently graduated from Santa Clara University, and to the right is Chris Amstutz, a senior at Brandeis University. Singing show tunes into the wee hours, crying from laughing too hard, and being taken care of when I was sick is how I remember these girls and how we helped each other adjust to a new culture.



This is the view of Mt. Kilimanjaro from the site in Kenya. The professors believe that this view helps students to forget their homesickness or troubles, remembering to live in the present moment. They are absolutely correct.

And another from our expedition in Serengeti:

Oct. 13, 2010

Spending five days in Serengeti National Park was one of the most incredible experiences I have ever had. "Serengeti" translates as "endless plains" and is sometimes referred to as the "ocean of grass." Imagine barreling down a bumpy road in a 10-passenger Land Cruiser, surrounded by tall, soft brown grass with patches of green with a few boulders on the horizon and a landscape dotted with acacia trees with, if you're lucky, a sleeping leopard or two in them. This is the bulk of Serengeti, but the park also has riverine and woodland/bushland habitats and several hippo pools. Hippo pools are the worst smelling thing you will ever encounter — I promise.

Our time in the park was spent doing many game drives, traveling lectures and several field exercises. My favorite field exercise was doing an assessment of bird abundance on a game drive, which helped us learn to identify the common bird species in the park. The bird life here is gorgeous, and it felt so good to be with students who get excited about one little bee-eater and will stop at nothing to identify the wildlife. We've all become attached to our bird guides; mine is now lovingly covered in mud and coffee because I bring it everywhere. The bee-eaters and starlings are my favorites.

Saying goodbye to Tanzania was emotional after setting down roots and calling it home for a month and a half, but Kenya welcomed us with open arms and a very different setting. Unlike the site in Tanzania, where we were part of the community life of little Rhotia, Kilimanjaro Bush Camp was in the middle of nowhere, with a greater chance of an elephant walking in than a person.

Nov. 8, 2010

Kenya is amazing. I enjoyed my time in Tanzania and was sad to leave, but falling in love with Kenya has turned out to be much easier than I anticipated.

Our site in Kenya, compared with Tanzania, is much more...wild. That might be the biggest reason why I fell in love with it. In Tanzania, we were in the community of Rhotia, but here we are off the beaten path, our camp is bigger, and wildlife is more abundant. And by wildlife, I mean that sometimes elephants accidentally break in. Our bandas are small wooden huts with no electricity or water. They are just a place to keep all our things and for mosquito-netted beds.

In Kenya, we visited Amboseli National Park several times and had an expedition in Tsavo West National Park. One of the major highlights of our expedition was to see a very rare animal, the African wild dog.

Nov. 15, 2010

The African wild dogs are beautiful and rare, and all our professors here have told us that little is known about any healthy populations in the area. During our drive to the sanctuary we saw not one or two but a family of 30 wild dogs hanging out in the shade, all different ages, sleeping, relaxing and playing. Time stopped. All of our cruisers were together and we crept up next to the dogs, taking turns to get a closer look, and gawked at their beauty and our amazing luck to witness something so extraordinary. All our professors, who have studied ecology and wildlife management in East Africa, said they had never seen anything like this — at best, they had only seen a few wild dogs in their entire lives. Everyone was holding their breath and each other's hands as we soaked in the moment.

My study abroad experience was full of these moments: difficult to describe, but overwhelming in feeling. There is something about living abroad that makes you see every layer of yourself. Being in a completely unfamiliar environment, surrounded by strangers, makes you seek to understand yourself in ways with which other experiences simply cannot compete.

I have come to realize that when people ask about my experience, I don't tell them a story from start to finish. My time in Tanzania and Kenya is the culmination of thousands of little moments that moved me more than any other time in my life. When I think of Tanzania, I remember losing my breath to elephants, holding local children in my lap during field lectures, and falling in love all over the place.

When I think of Kenya, I remember the cutting call of ibises in the trees, watching the land explode into life with the onset of a short rain, and sobbing in an airport because I couldn't imagine letting go of it all. East Africa was the best and hardest teacher I have ever had, full of lessons I am only now beginning to understand.

Nov. 24, 2010

I found a small bird in the bathroom sink today. The bathrooms are outdoors, so it seemed the bird got confused and smashed into the mirror. It looked like it had been struggling to get out for a while and I was scared it had permanently hurt itself. I threw a shirt over it, scooped it up, and sat with it in a quiet corner of camp.

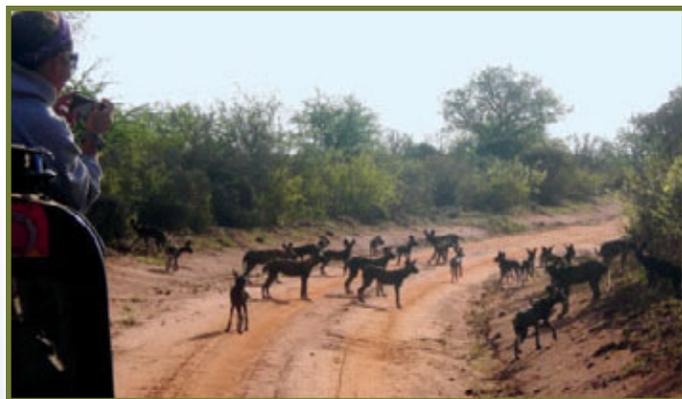
When I unwrapped the bird, it didn't try to get away. It eyed me for a while, then dozed. I cradled it and thought about how my time here is coming to an end. I wondered what lay ahead of me in America, what my next steps would be. I tried to push these thoughts away and just be.

I don't know how long I stayed with the bird, but just as my feet were beginning to fall asleep it woke up. Stood up and shook itself. Flew away. Nothing to it. It's funny how nature shows you how to move on. ■

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These are the bandas at the site in Kenya. They were more simple and rustic than those in Tanzania, and provided homes to several other roommates that I would have preferred not to know of (large spiders, nesting birds, armies of beetles and the occasional snake).



Seeing the wild dogs in Tsavo West National Park was an amazing gift we were able to share together.

Below: A mother elephant and her baby in Amboseli National Park.



Out to Sea and into the Mountains

Andrea Melville '79 moves from acting and dancing to producing artful television

Star Island, the second largest of the Isles of Shoals

by Kimberly Swick Slover

Sitting in the living room of her comfortable old house in Vermont, Andrea Melville '79 doesn't mind struggling a bit to travel back in time. It's been three decades since she had her own key to the Sawyer Fine Arts Center and spent many of her days and nights there. In some ways her experiences there set the stage for her current work.

"I was into theater and dance in high school and couldn't imagine doing anything else," she says. "Even at summer camp I did plays and danced." Her mother converted the barn of their home in Hampton Falls, N.H., into a studio, where she taught painting to children and adults. Melville says, "I had that visual interest, too—painting, water colors, oils."

When it was time for college, Melville wasn't drawn to the large public "factory" kind of education that most of her peers were interested in. "I wanted something small and close to the mountains, so when I was accepted at Colby-Sawyer, it was like, whoa, a three-year B.F.A. program with professional connections to summer stock (theater); I should go."

On a campus with 800 mostly female students, Melville worked one-on-one with actors, choreographers and dancers who were also her professors, people such as Joel Conrad, Sally Draper and Eugene Youngken. She was involved in nearly every theater and dance production from 1976 to 1979, including "Three Penny Opera" in the role of a young

courtesan, "The Fantasticks" as The Mute and Luisa, and as the maid in "Blithe Spirit," and she designed costumes and sets for many more.

"The most important thing I learned is to be versatile—act-

ing, singing and dancing in many different styles is important," she says, "but I was also very involved with the technical aspects of mounting a show: stage management, design, lighting and sound. Even if you don't physically *do* all of those jobs in a production, it really helps to understand the entire package, what goes into putting together a production. You learn to appreciate the importance of every job and the meaning of working together. When it all works together, it's *amazing*."

The summer after graduation, Melville was cast in "Fiddler on the Roof" and "Brigadoon" at Prescott Park in Portsmouth, N.H., and that fall she joined The Looking Glass Theater Company in Providence, R.I., which performed in schools around New England. But like many talented and ambitious actors, she soon gravitated to the brightest lights, the biggest city.

"I met a couple of actors from New York City, so at the time I said, okay, this is what you're supposed to do," she says. She moved to the city and waited tables while auditioning for roles, the local custom for aspiring actors, and she picked up extra work in soap operas and films. While she enjoyed acting, she grew



Andrea Melville, at the top of the ladder on right, poses with other cast members from a production of "The Fantasticks" in a photograph that appeared in the college's 1977 yearbook.

more curious about what was happening behind the camera.

"In high school and at Colby-Sawyer I had done a lot of technical work, building of sets, so one summer in New York I did a crash course in how to use a camera and edit video. Then I started getting a lot of jobs—assistant director of a soap opera, crowd control on film," Melville explains. "When I worked on 'As the World Turns,' I was amazed because it took approximately 75 people who had to do their jobs well, every day. Even though it was a soap opera, I was very proud of the experience."

After eight years in the city, Melville decided she had had enough. "It was great, and I miss all the theater and the great restaurants," she says, "but I didn't want to become a city person."

She began sending out her résumé and was hired by New Hampshire Public Television (NHPTV) in the mid-1980s as assistant producer for its "New Hampshire Crossroads" and "First in the Nation" programs. She wrote scripts, set up shoots and coordinated crews—all that goes into telling stories for television. For the tenth anniversary of "New Hampshire Crossroads," she and a crew traveled to Old Hampshire County in England to explore the region where New Hampshire's founders lived. They traveled the countryside, filming the reconstruction of a thatched roof and the beguiling game of cricket, and their discovery of the grave sites of some of New Hampshire's founding fathers.

While at NHPTV, Melville won two Emmy Awards from the National Academy of Television Arts and Science's Boston/New England Chapter for two documentaries she produced. One was about the New Hampshire Festival Orchestra's production of Aaron Copeland's "Appalachian Spring" and the other was based on Superman's death in the comics and allure in contemporary culture, performed by the New Hampshire Symphony Orchestra.

"All the producers on "New Hampshire Crossroads" had personal interests—mine were theater, dance and music—and hiking," she says, laughing. "It was great because we could tailor a lot of our stories to our interests."

Melville also met her husband, Bill Marcinkowski, at NHPTV, and they married in 1993. They eventually moved to their current home in Northfield, Vt., and Melville was hired by Vermont Public Television as the producer for two programs, "In the

Public Interest," and "Rural Free Delivery," a 30-part series that attracted some of the station's highest ratings. She continued at VPT after the birth of their son Adam, but after a second child, Dylan, she cut back to a part-time fund-raising job. In 2006, while she and her family were visiting friends on the New Hampshire seacoast, she experienced a quiet epiphany that took her in a direction for which her life had been preparing her.

Island Magic

From their friends' home in Rye, N.H., Melville looked out over the ocean one morning to the Isles of the Shoals, a place she had often visited on high school trips and had always wanted to take her family. Finally, it was the right time to go.

"It was a perfect June day, not too windy, not too hot; the ocean was like a mirror going out," she said. "We had such a blast walking around on the rocks. This feeling came over me that this would be a great documentary—all the history and the funky stories and the beautiful location—but I figured someone had probably already done it."

While waiting for the ferry, Melville stopped at the gift shop to inquire about a documentary of the

Isles of Shoals. The woman told her no, they didn't have one, but they probably should because people ask for it all the time. Melville later contacted the executive director of the Star Island Corporation, which owns the largest islands in the Shoals, about her idea and received an enthusiastic response. She wrote a treatment outlining the film and applied for and received grants from the New Hampshire Humanities Council and Arts Council.

"I said, 'Okay, this is it, I gotta do it,' and I quit my job, and my husband's freakin' out!" Melville recalls says, laughing. "I had raised some money, certainly not all I needed, but I always knew I could do it."

Over the next two years, Melville researched the Shoals' history and visited as often as she could the next spring, summer and fall, filming about 30 days on nearly all of the nine islands with a borrowed video camera and tripod. "I would drive down (from Vermont) the night before and crash at my father's house and jump on the boat the next morning," she says.



White Island, where poet, writer and painter Celia Thaxter lived as a child while her father was a lighthouse keeper, is one of the Isles of Shoals.

By 2008, she had produced “An Island Kingdom: A Documentary Featuring the 400 Year History of The Isles of Shoals,” with her new company, Barking Spider Productions. The film begins with Captain John Smith’s discovery of tiny granite islands ten miles off the coast of New Hampshire and Maine, which he found barren and yet beautiful and surrounded by fertile fishing grounds. He mapped the isles, named them for himself and claimed them for England.

From 1640 to 1680, some 600 fishermen inhabited the isles in their heyday as the center of New England’s fishing industry. By the late 19th century, the fishing business had been largely replaced by a thriving tourist industry, with big hotels cropping up on the islands. Writer and artist Celia Thaxter established an artists’ salon at her family’s hotel on Appledore Island, which attracted many of the era’s artists, writers and musicians.

In her production notes, Melville writes of the “island magic” that draws people back time and again. The magic surrounded her as well when she ran into a college classmate, Jennifer Nye ’79, on Star Island, whom she hadn’t seen in 30 years, and again, when she connected with Celia Hubbard, who agreed to read passages for the film from *Among the Isles of Shoals*, a book written by the

woman she was named after, her great-great-great grandmother, Celia Thaxter. Melville knew she was fated to produce this film when her father showed her their family tree, which revealed that Sophia Peabody—wife of 19th-century writer Nathaniel Hawthorne who had published, after his death, his diary of a visit to the Isles of Shoals and Celia Thaxter’s salon—was the daughter of Melville’s great-grandmother’s sister.

In “An Island Kingdom,” which was nominated for an Emmy, Melville brings watercolor and oil paintings, poetry and prose, photography, film and period music together to set the scenes across time of the Isles of Shoals. It’s a captivating story full of old island magic.

Mountain Majesty

While filming some of the original paintings for “An Island Kingdom” at Banks Gallery in Portsmouth, Melville came across stunning 19th-century paintings of the White Mountains in northern New Hampshire. She learned that the works were representative of The White Mountain School of Art, a

loosely connected but influential group of artists and writers who brought the region’s wild beauty and grandeur into the young nation’s consciousness. Before she finished her first film, her second began to take shape in her imagination.

“Most people don’t know about the White Mountain School at all; it’s not that popular a school or style,” Melville says. “What was so compelling for me was that the artists were considered the first American landscape painters—there were about 400 of them—and many went on to form the renowned Hudson River School later in the 19th and early 20th centuries.”

“Brush and Pen: Artists and Writers of the White Mountains,” which Melville wrote and edited, directed and produced, and raised funds for over the last two years, was completed in January 2011 and is airing this summer on NHPTV and in small theaters and venues around the state. For this one-hour documentary, Melville tells a riveting, albeit compressed story of how artists and writers reflected and shaped the discovery and civilization of a mountainous wilderness.

Just as human tragedy attracts instant media attention today, news of an avalanche in the White Mountains on Aug. 28, 1826, that killed seven members of the Willey family

and two hired men spread across the country. Thomas Cole, who went on to found the Hudson River School of art, was one of the first artists to venture into the White Mountains wilderness and portray its beauty, power and majesty in his paintings as sublime expressions of God.

New England writers such as Hawthorne, Henry David Thoreau, Ralph Waldo Emerson and John Greenleaf Whittier followed, capturing their impressions in prose and poetry. Hawthorne’s visits inspired short stories such as “The Ambitious Guest,” based on the Willey tragedy, and “The Great Stone Face,” about the famed Old Man of the Mountain. Thoreau’s walks in the mountains led him to write about the region’s “surprising grandeur” and declare that “life consists of wildness.” Whittier connected the wilderness to the nation’s evolving identity, asserting that the mountains personified “liberty and peace” and his belief that “contact with nature is essential to character.”

Hundreds of other curious artists and writers set out for the White Mountains in search of subject matter and inspiration, and over time, their collective work transformed the nation’s view of wilder-



A painting of the White Mountains by William F. Paskell (1866-1951), who painted in an impressionistic style in watercolor and oils.

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ness from dark and dangerous into a place where God revealed his power and where people could find beauty and solace. “Brush and Pen” shows the region’s evolution over the 19th century from an untamed wilderness to a popular destination with as many as 300 grand hotels for affluent summer tourists from Boston, New York and Philadelphia.

By the 1850s, the nascent tourist industry was promoting the White Mountains as the “Switzerland of America.” North Conway became the country’s first artists colony, and by the 1860s earlier artists’ romanticized visions of the powerful and sublime in nature gave way to realism and detailed scenes of rural and farm life. Recognizing artists’ roles in creating interest in the region, many hotels began to employ artists in residence who created original works for tourists to take home. The end of the White Mountain School era came in the late 19th century, as the railroads made the region more accessible and photography arose as a more popular art form.

While her films document New Hampshire’s history, Melville makes it clear that the past is prelude to the present. “An Island Kingdom” closes with images of Appledore Island as the current home of a marine science center for undergraduate research and the carefully recreated and often visited garden of Celia Thaxter. On Star Island, visitors still rock on the lovely piazza and take courses at the isles’ last grand hotel. “Brush and Pen” concludes with interviews with devout collectors and conservators of White Mountain art and with footage of artist Stapleton Kearns at work, painting *en plein air* a scene in the style of his predecessors.

The Art of Life

Melville leads the way up the long staircase of her home to the second floor studio of Barking Spider Productions, a small room with a desk and computer where she edits and produces her films. While she is an independent filmmaker, she enlists the services of other professionals and friends and even family members for her productions. Her children’s piano teacher played “The White Mountain Serenade” for “Brush and Pen,” and colleagues have given voice to



A painting by Frank Henry Shapleigh (1842-1906), who was well known for his White Mountain landscapes and served as an artist-in-residence at the Crawford House for 16 years.

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long dead artists and writers. Her husband Bill provided graphics and son Adam, who with his brother Dylan attends a nearby Waldorf school, played the recorder for her recent film.

Melville is small and petite, with a clear and strong voice, redolent of her early life as an actress and dancer. Her passion for the arts has pulsed through her career and is evident even in the choice of her children’s school. She has found a way to pursue these interests independently while balancing family and community life. Melville still acts and dances in local productions, and she squeals gleefully while describing her sons’ performances in school theater productions and recent plunge into jazz and hip-hop dancing. “I think it’s genetic,” she says, with a hearty laugh that fills the room.

Asked if she has a role model in film, she hesitates, and then recalls the words of another New Hampshire filmmaker, Ken Burns. “After his film on the Civil War he said he was not an expert on the Civil War; he just brought all

these elements—historical readings and scholars and paintings and photography from private collections—together in a simple format.”

Through her work on “Brush and Pen” Melville uncovered a little known story she wants to tell: E.E. Cummings, well known for his spare verse and creative punctuation, had a vocation he was more passionate about than poetry: painting. Earlier this winter, while visiting an exhibition of Cummings’ works, Melville noticed the distinctive nob of Mt. Chocorua, which he had painted near his family’s home on Silver Lake, N.H. She regaled collectors

with the legend of Chief Chocorua, who is said to have cast a plague on many of the mountain’s white settlers whom he blamed for his son’s death.

“I’m wondering if this will be more of a nationally distributed piece,” she muses. “Cummings is more nationally and internationally known.”

Just as her company, Barking Spider Productions, promises to produce “artful television,” Melville chooses to lead an artful life. ■



In the studio of Barking Spider Productions at her Vermont home, Andrea Melville shares her attention equally between Inkadoo, a Maine Coon Cat, and Abequa, a Black Labrador/Vezsla mix.

Visit barkingspiderproductionsvt.org/home.php for updates on broadcasts of “Brush and Pen.”

Come As You Are

Creating an Inclusive Environment

By Amber Cronin '11

For a small rural college, Colby-Sawyer is doing big things to create an inclusive environment for all students, faculty and staff. Over the past year, Social Science and Education Professors Kathleen Farrell and Randy Hanson and members of Safe Zones—a student club that supports lesbian, gay, straight, bisexual, transgender and queer members of the college community and their allies—have been working to make the campus more welcoming for those in the LGBTQ community.

“The basic goal of the college is to create an environment where everyone feels they can be who they are and learn or work without fear, discrimination or hostility,” says Professor Hanson.

In a short amount of time Professors Hanson and Farrell have been able to implement several changes. One initiative is the inclusion of gender identity in the college’s statement of inclusivity. The new statement reads: “Colby-Sawyer College is committed to being an inclusive and diverse campus community which celebrates multiple perspectives and, as an equal opportunity employer, does not discriminate in its hiring, employment or admissions practices on the basis of gender, race or ethnicity, color, national origin, religion, age, mental or physical disability, family or marital status, sexual orientation, veteran status, genetic information or gender identity.”

“The goal of these initiatives is to make sure people know there are members of the LGBTQ community on our campus and that we need to be sensitive to their needs and concerns,” says Professor Farrell.

Professors Hanson and Farrell, along with two SafeZones members, attended the Northeast Campus Pride College Fair, a fair exclusively for LGBTQ students. Professor Farrell believes that Colby-Sawyer’s small size addresses a market not covered by other colleges and universities.

“Colby-Sawyer has a huge advantage in that there were two types of schools at the pride fair—big universities with LGBTQ resource centers and highly selective liberal arts schools,” says Professor Farrell. “Not all LGBTQ students fall into one of these

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two categories, but they want to have a place in the market so we are fitting this niche.”

Professor Hanson notes that even on a small campus, where it is easy to feel everyone is included, there are always people who do not feel like they fit in. “We want an environment where everyone has the same opportunities, and that is going to be an ongoing battle in society,” he says. “Human nature means we will always be working on it. Prejudice and intolerance block student learning, and these are things that we have been working on for a long time. It is like a garden, it needs tending and weeding. Seven

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or eight years ago, we had a big push for LGBTQ issues on campus and then it moved off the table, but now we are pushing to remind ourselves that an environment free of hostility and intolerance is what we want to create and inhabit."

This spring, the college designated five single-use bathrooms on campus—three in Colgate and two in the Hogan Center—as "gender neutral." Next year, as Director of Residential Education Mary McLaughlin reports, four single rooms on campus will have the same gender-neutral designation, and a new section of room draw options will accommodate students who may not identify with traditional male or female genders. The four singles may be selected



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by any student, regardless of gender identity, and will offer either private bathrooms or access to gender-neutral bathrooms.

Both Professors Hanson and Farrell say that ultimately, to create an environment of inclusion, people must show their support. It's as simple as purchasing a "No Hate" bracelet from SafeZones, taking part in Day of Silence and Drag Ball, or even calling someone out when they use derogatory language.

"We need to be willing to call people on things like saying, 'That's so gay,' because words that are seemingly innocent can be very hurtful," Professor Hanson says.

"Making sure that these issues are on everyone's radar is good," said Professor Farrell. "Student response to the initiatives so far has been positive; it has become a point of conversation."

Treasurer of SafeZones Devin Wilkie '13 agrees the changes are a step in the right direction for the college. "I don't think the changes will be consciously noticed, but it's a very good start toward equality that is not yet complete," he says.

The work underway to move toward a more inclusive community is wonderful, Professor Hanson notes, though he says there is room for many more events to make people think in different ways. "Right now only small groups of people attend diversity events, and one of the things we find is that the more we are exposed to different experiences, the more our perspectives grow. We do a lot of stuff that is fantastic for a college our size, but there could be more resources for LGBTQ students," Professor Hanson concludes. "We teach freedom as an ideal of American society, and it's easy to talk about in the abstract, but much harder to uphold that freedom." ■

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Investing in Ideas

Wesson Idea Fund Fuels Undergraduate Research

By Eric Boyer

Often recognized as one of the preeminent philosophers and logicians of the modern era, Bertrand Russell also deserves recognition as one of the most quotable public intellectuals of the 20th century. Of the pearls of wisdom that Russell freely distributed throughout his long and active life, one in particular is relevant to those who study the field of politics: “The greatest challenge to any thinker is stating the problem in a way that will allow a solution.”

As a pragmatist with keen interest in the world of politics, I find something compelling about this quotation’s optimistic faith in the power of inquiry. In my three years as assistant professor of government and history at Colby-Sawyer, Russell’s challenge is rarely far from my mind. It has frequently allowed me to see opportunities concealed within problems, and at no time was it more helpful than in the first meeting of the Wesson Honors Advisory Group for the 2009–2010 academic year.

That fall the Wesson Honors Program faced an intriguing problem: a huge influx of highly motivated, ambitious and engaged first-year students. One hundred and two honors students were joining the program’s 51 sophomores, juniors and seniors. This new cohort was dramatic evidence of the program’s success, and yet the prospect of maintaining its integrity and essential elements while making space for three times as many scholars represented a complicated challenge. The Wesson Honors Advisory Group was charged with address-

ing the immediate issue of resource allocation. Simply put, how should the honors program use the generous gift of Jan and Bill Wesson to continue to achieve its mission in the face of such sudden and significant growth?

The Wesson Honors Program was designed in 2004 to provide highly motivated students with an intensive academic experience that encourages intellectual growth, interdisciplinary exploration and community leadership. To create an intellectually curious community of faculty and students, the honors program integrates small interdisciplinary seminar classes into Colby-Sawyer’s liberal arts curriculum.

While this core curricular component serves as the foundation, the honors program extends beyond the classroom to encompass co-curricular experiences. Traditionally, the key component of the co-curricular experiences was the fully funded “Wesson Weekend” trips, which were constructed and led by Colby-Sawyer faculty. Built around a question or theme, these trips introduced small groups of students to the economic, political and cultural life of a major urban area. In 2009, the program needed to creatively shift resources in a way that accommodated the new students without altering the academic and co-curricular structure that had led to its successful expansion.

This challenge brought me back to Bertrand Russell’s quote. Clearly, the honors program’s expansion demanded creative

In Search of Many Truths

by Kylie Dally '13



The author, Kylie Dally, with a new friend, Deepa, from Gangtok, India.

Near the end of our freshmen year in spring 2010, my roommate Echo and I were working quietly in our room when she asked, “Ky, do you want to go to China this summer?” I hardly thought before saying “Yes!”

Echo is from China—her Chinese name is Wang Yujia—so essentially she was proposing that I go home with her. We had already traveled and been through many adventures together as we were roommates in Strasbourg, France, where we spent our first semester of college as part of Colby-Sawyer’s first Global Beginnings Program. Echo had many questions about American culture as well as the English and

French languages, and our friendship blossomed from these conversations. I knew she would be just as receptive to my questions about China.

Echo thought we should try to incorporate an academic project into our trip, as well as broaden the scope of our travels. Over the next few weeks, we refined our focus to the issues surrounding Tibet. As an American, my perspective had been shaped mostly by “Free Tibet” bumper stickers, while Echo firmly believes that Tibet is part of China and Tibetan people are Chinese. We wanted to know how two opposite beliefs could be held about the same place. Was there any objective truth to be found?

responses to a new problem, and the generation of a response required a reformulation of the problem. I reflected on the fiscal challenges I faced as a graduate student, a time when eating nothing but ramen noodles and sleeping in my car was an acceptable way to stretch my resources. While incomprehensible now, the younger man I once was accepted this as a perfectly reasonable solution. As I reminisced on the incredible power of students to achieve great things with few resources, the challenge we had originally set out to address shifted subtly to allow for a solution.

The advisory group initially approached the challenge of a larger than expected incoming class as one of “top-down” resource allocation, but we came to see that reframing the problem and our role in it would lead to more effective solutions. The memory of my years as a cash-strapped but intellectually curious student allowed me to realize that the honors program could tap into the energy, adaptability and frugality of the honors students themselves. While Wesson Weekends provided an excellent opportunity for faculty to create and lead academic excursions, this faculty-driven program could be expanded to include a “bottom-up” program designed to fund projects created and led by students themselves. This was the seed that, with the enthusiastic guidance of Wesson Honors Program Coordinator Ann Page Stecker and support of the advisory group, grew into the Wesson Idea Fund.

The Wesson Idea Fund provides resources for students to initiate and undertake independent learning projects that complement and enrich their Colby-Sawyer experience. Students, either individually or in pairs, apply for funding by writing a grant proposal that outlines the goals, timeline and budget for a project of their own creation. Students must also lay out a plan for how the applicant(s) will share the project with the



Ye “Julia” Zhu ’13 (back row, center) and two other student teachers pose with their students at Hefei Guang Cai Hope Primary School in Fei Dong, Anhui Province, China. Julia was able to study primary education in China in summer 2010 and introduced new activities in the classrooms through support from a Wesson Idea Fund grant.

Colby-Sawyer community. Toward the goal of increasing faculty/student interaction and shared learning, project proposals must also be endorsed by a faculty mentor, and are reviewed by a committee of faculty and staff who collectively decide which projects to fund.

Though only in its second year, the positive effect of the Wesson Idea Fund is already being felt. The academic impact of the program has most immediately, and clearly, been seen at the level of individual student learning. The Idea Fund offers rare opportunities to undergraduate students: financial support to undertake original research. Often, this research stems from a question or theme that was presented in a Colby-Sawyer classroom.

In the summer of 2010, Ye “Julia” Zhu ’13 constructed a project focused on methods of improving English instruction in China. Working with Associate Professor Janet Bliss in the Early Childhood Education program, Ye not only interviewed Chinese students and teachers to study China’s rural/urban education gap, she also designed class activities for a rural school in Anhui Province that incorporated innovative pedagogical techniques.

Shu Wen Teo ’13 was awarded an Idea Fund grant that she used to undertake an ambitious study of democracy in

When we learned about the Wesson Idea Fund, we were excited. We thought the best way to gain a more objective understanding of the Tibetan situation would be to talk to as many people with as many perspectives on the issue as possible. There is a significant Tibetan refugee population in Nepal and India, and we knew that the opportunity to talk to both the refugee and the host populations in these countries would be invaluable to our research. As a college student strapped for cash, I had been planning to spend almost all my savings on my plane ticket to China. The grant we received from the Wesson Idea Fund made extended travel into India

and Nepal possible.

The Wesson Idea Fund emphasizes how an independent project can have an impact on the community at large. When I returned from Asia, everyone was eager to hear about my travels. It was in answering questions and sharing stories that I truly realized the significance of the project. We didn’t come to any great conclusions about Tibet, but we did bring the issues of sovereignty and the refugee situation to the attention of many people in the Colby-Sawyer community. We initiated an important conversation.

Before the project, I had the vague notion, probably planted by Lisa Simpson



Yujia “Echo” Wang sits in a restaurant in Chengdu, China, while travelling with roommate Kylie Dally.

Malaysia in the summer of 2011. This project, which utilized survey research and interviews to investigate the meaning of democracy in Malaysia, is based upon Shu Wen's experiences in two Colby-Sawyer classes: the Honors "Citizen Leader" Pathway and Introduction to Comparative Government.

These projects reveal the ways in which the Idea Fund advances the Wesson Honors Program's academic mission. The process of constructing, articulating and undertaking an Idea Fund project pushes students to apply what they learn in the classroom, break down disciplinary walls and become critical thinkers in their everyday life.

While many Idea Fund proposals probe questions and themes that arose in classes, the program also encourages students to test-drive their own theories. During the summer of 2010, Business Administration major Chao Lu '13 conducted a study that tracked the decisions of hedge fund managers and linked these decisions to both macro and micro economic performance. This project, which required a very small budget to purchase resources and access to key databases, allowed Chao to explore the complex relationship between truth, rationality and success in the world of economics. His conclusion, that "what is true is not always successful," presents an intriguing challenge to the assumptions of classical economic theory.

Another example of a student utilizing an Idea Fund grant to explore a hypothesis is Pengziang Ding '14, who this summer examined a thought-provoking theory about the emerging relationship between China and the United States. Pengziang proposed that the high levels of knowledge and interest in the United States and its systems among Chinese students is not matched by similar levels of knowledge and interest in China among American students. His project, which collected survey responses to be analyzed and interpreted, will spark campus-



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A panel of Colby-Sawyer students, along with Professor Eric Boyer (center), participated in a discussion titled "One Tibet: Many Meanings" during International Education Week in November 2010. The panel included (from left): Yujia "Echo" Wang (China), Kylie Dally (U.S.), Professor Boyer, Abhiyan Thapliya (Nepal), Harinder Singh (India) and Tenzin Tsephel (Tibet), and Professor of Business Administration Eva Szalvai (not shown).

wide discussions about the emerging political, economic and social ties that bind China with the United States.

In challenging students to utilize the guideposts of their classroom experiences to chart their own academic paths, the Idea Fund fuels the intellectual curiosity, experience and confidence necessary to seek out new opportunities. Idea Fund recipients build research projects that send them out into the world, and in turn bring their conclusions and theories back to the classroom.

Few undergraduates are given opportunities to pursue their own research, and the skills that this process demands will easily transfer to future endeavors. Idea Fund grants push our honors students to develop their intellectual curiosity, and when combined with experience and confidence, curiosity is a powerful recipe for success in applications for competitive fellowships, admission to graduate school, and employment.

While the benefits most clearly accrue to the individual grant recipients, the community benefits from their experiences in a number of ways. In sharing their projects with the campus community in and outside the classroom, idea grant recipients share their research and connections with the world, fostering an infectious excitement for learning on campus.

Idea Fund projects are international in a way that mirrors the strong international component of the Wesson Honors Program. Idea Fund research has taken place throughout the United States and in China, India, Nepal, Ghana, Spain



Echo Wang (center on horseback) prepares to go riding in a province of China formerly known as Tibet.

or some other pop-culture icon, that China was an overwhelming power of evil whose reign of terror over the Tibetan people must be stopped. After actually talking to people in China about Tibet, however, I was forced to question this idea. One Chinese man drew parallels between the Chinese conquests of Tibetan land with the European conquests of Native American land. These were the kinds of conversations I was able to bring home with me.

One moment stands out beyond all others as an indication of the success of our project. When Echo and I returned to campus, we worked with our advisor, Assistant Professor of Social Sciences and Education

and Malaysia. As students bring these international research experiences back to Colby-Sawyer, the horizon of the entire community expands.

An excellent example of how the Wesson Idea Fund internationalizes the campus is the “Two Tibets” project undertaken by Kylie Daly '13 and Yujia “Echo” Wang '13 in summer 2010. This project was not only a life-changing experience for them, it also became the catalyst for a fascinating panel discussion of Tibet during International Education Week in November 2010. The student-led panel presentation included a variety of perspectives, and filled Wheeler Hall with an attentive audience of students, faculty, staff and community members. The panel discussion was followed by a lively and thought-provoking conversation that highlighted the complex political, cultural and economic place that Tibet occupies. In giving back to the community in this way, Kylie and Yujia converted their indi-

vidual experiences, which were rooted in their experiences as freshmen roommates in France with the Global Beginnings program and then on campus, into a catalyst for inquiry that spread throughout the community.

While the positive benefits of the program are already being felt, the Wesson Idea Fund is still a work in progress. As honors program coordinator, Professor Stecker is constantly fine-tuning the application process so that it's a critical part of the learning experience. In this way, even applicants who are asked to revise and resubmit their applications will learn valuable skills in critical thinking and effective written communication.

Another exciting avenue for development is presented by students who are awarded consecutive grants. Two students awarded grants in the summer of 2010 have received grants to expand their research in the summer of 2011. Yujia Wang, who explored Tibet in the summer of 2010, is exploring the role of Buddhism in China this summer, while Maria Cimpean used a summer 2011 Idea Fund grant to expand the beekeeping project she began on campus in 2010 in the Anne Baynes Hall '67 Tree Nursery and Organic Garden.

It is exciting to watch the Wesson Honors Program become a catalyst for student research and to see our students embrace Idea Fund grants to both initiate original research and expand on previous projects. The Wesson Idea Fund shows that our students can be Colby-Sawyer's most powerful advocates and demonstrates the great value of investing in their ideas. ■



PHOTO: Ed Gemmar

Maria Cimpean '13, a Wesson Honors student from Romania, has worked with Zachary Lamas '08 for two summers on her Idea Fund project to establish an organic bee-keeping operation on campus.

Assistant Professor of Social Sciences and Education Eric Boyer teaches classes in government and political science at Colby-Sawyer College. He is the 2011 recipient of the college's highest award for faculty, the Jack Jensen Award for Excellence in Teaching.



Eric Boyer, to plan and participate in a panel session with Colby-Sawyer students from China, India, Nepal, Tibet and the United States titled “One Tibet, Many Meanings” during International Education Week in November 2010. During the presentation, a Chinese woman stood and asked about my experience living with a Tibetan family in Gangtok, India, for a week. She wanted to know what Tibetans thought of the Chinese. It was amazing to be able to tell this woman about the Tibetans' expressions of forgiveness to the Chinese I had encountered. I had talked with a Buddhist teacher who listed not only the bad things that came of the Chinese

invasion, but the things for which he believed the Tibetan people should be thankful.

During our trip, Echo and I sat in on a class of elderly Tibetan women who were learning a prayer about forgiving the Chinese. I watched as Echo talked with one of these women about what it was like to flee her home in Tibet in 1959. I realized that these experiences were special at the time, but it was not until I was able to share them with others that I understood their true significance. ■



Echo and Kylie pose with Nepalese women who shared their culture with them in Kathmandu, Nepal.



Engaged and Inspired

The Class of 2011

by Kate Dunlop Seamans

PHOTOS: Gil Talbot

After a water-logged spring, sunshine burst forth for Colby-Sawyer's 173rd Commencement exercises held Saturday, May 7, on the college's front lawn.

Assistant Professor of Social Sciences and Education Eric Boyer, winner of the Jack Jensen Award for Excellence in Teaching, delivered a clever Commencement address, "The Unexamined Life: An Examination," which urged the 194 graduates to balance a Socratic rigor of examination with a zombie's laid-back contentment.

"While Socrates found that his quest for answers led only to the certainty of his own ignorance, the zombie knows very little, but finds contentment in the fact that it has all of the answers it needs," said Professor Boyer. "If you are looking for a life in which work and play are fused into an organic whole, look no further than the zombie...It is important that you find peace in a world that is unfinished, and with experiences that are precarious and unstable. Know when to slow down to a shuffle, release a few low grumbles, and relax."

In his address, President Galligan congratulated the seniors and reminded them that "a great liberal arts education prepares you to excel in your chosen field and to teach yourself for the rest of your days—whatever you choose to learn." After highlighting the achieve-

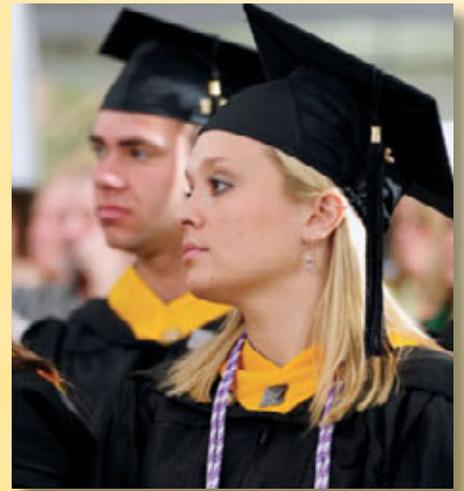
ments of specific individuals, he reminded the Class of 2011 that "a great liberal arts education prepares you not only to learn but to teach—however and wherever you choose to do that teaching. You have merged the ability to think critically, to communicate orally and in writing, to act ethically, to appreciate multiple disciplines and diversity, and to know yourselves even better. As a result of all that merging I hope you have become better, more engaged, more responsible citizens."

Jeanne Clark's senior address, titled "Come Alive," drew on her field study experiences in Kenya and Tanzania.

"When I was in East Africa, I was more alive and more inspired than I have ever felt. Working with the local community in a developing country made me come alive, and this is something I will carry with me for the rest of my life," she told her classmates. "As we close this ceremony, receive our degrees and move forward, ask yourself: What makes you come alive? Because the world needs a lot of things, but if it could be full of people who are passionate and follow what inspires them, then I believe those things will become possible."



Jeanne Clark, an Environmental Science graduate, was selected as the student speaker for the Class of 2011 Commencement Ceremony.



Above, left to right: Graduating members of the Class of 2011 Emily Dionne, Sabrina Corey and Ashley Sievers lead their classmates, faculty and staff, and the many families and friends gathered in and around the tent, in the singing of the national anthem.

Above right: Ashley Miller watches her classmates receive their diplomas.



Right, from left to right: New graduates, Patrick Gamble, Tyler Murdoch and Matthew Cole take an opportunity to show off their hard-earned diplomas.

Below, from left to right: Environmental Studies Associate Professor Laura Alexander, Professor Leon-C. Malan and Assistant Professor Jennifer White, along with graduates Jeanne Clark, Andrew Francis, Alex Frisch, Hannah White, Anna Hosmer, Sam Kenney, Heather MacIntyre, Aric Lantiegne, Jeff Marc-Aurele and Natural Sciences Associate Professor Nick Baer.

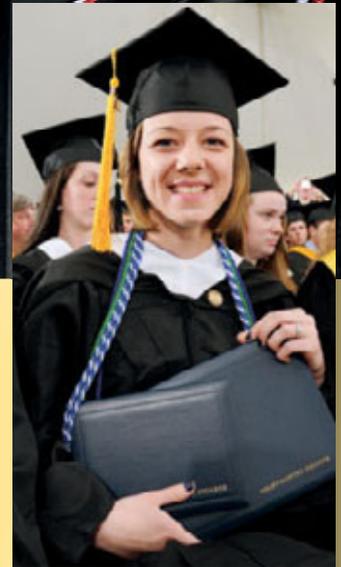




Above, left to right: Patrick Gamble and Ashley Finethy line up on the quad with their classmates to process into the tent.



President Galligan presents a diploma to Nicole Felisme.



At right: Nicole Morin is exuberant on her graduation day.



(Left to right): Mike Schilling, DJ Poulin, Jillian Dunn and Emily Dionne savor some of their last moments together on campus with all their classmates.



(Left to right): Mollie Campbell, Andrea C elli, Lea Christman and Amber Cronin watch as the highlight of the 2011 Commencement draws near: the presentation of their diplomas.

SPORTS

ROUND-UP

by Sports Information Director Ryan Emerson

WINTER 2010–2011, SPRING 2011

Go
Chargers!
17 Colby-Sawyer
athletes were
named to the 2011
TCCC Academic
All-Conference
Team.

Baseball

(14–22; 8–14 TCCC)

After a one-year hiatus from The Commonwealth Coast Conference (TCCC) tournament, the 2011 baseball team made it back for the 15th time in 16 seasons. In the first round, the Chargers traveled to top-seed Western New England, where they rallied from a 6–1 deficit in the eighth inning before the Golden Bears went on to a 6–5 victory. The team then traveled to Salve Regina for an elimination game. The Seahawks protected their home field, scoring the game-winning run in the bottom of the 10th to advance with a 3–2 victory. Junior **Justin Martin** (Lebanon, N.H.) earned All-TCCC Honorable Mention accolades. In conference-only games, Martin hit .300 and had an on-base percentage of .408. Martin led Colby-Sawyer in all games



PHOTO: John Quackenbos

Deb MacEachern '11

with 17 runs batted in. Senior **Brandon McFadden** (Dummerston, Vt.) set a new Colby-Sawyer single season record for throwing out attempted base stealers with 19. He also led the conference in that category with 15 during TCCC play. McFadden finished with a school record of 35 for his career.

Women's Lacrosse

(8–10; 6–5 TCCC)

Under the direction of first-year head coach Emily Rinde-Thorsen, the team had one of its best seasons of the past several years. Colby-Sawyer finished sixth in 2011 to make a seventh straight TCCC tournament appearance and a 10th in the last 11 seasons. The Chargers traveled to the tournament's number three seed, Curry College. The Colonels came away with 13–8 victory, ending Colby-Sawyer's season as ranked fourth in the nation in caused turnovers (12.44) and 11th in ground balls per game (25.89). Junior **Brittney Murphy**

(Woburn, Mass.) had a record-breaking season in 2011. She set new single season records for points with 100, goals with 72, and assists with 28. Murphy was named to the All-TCCC First Team. She also found herself among the best in the nation as she ranked 11th in points, 15th in points per game, 16th in goals and 26th in goals per game. Senior co-captain **Deb MacEachern** (Billerica, Mass.) anchored the defense and was named to the All-TCCC Second Team after leading the conference with 13.82 caused turnovers per game.

Men's Tennis

(3–11; 3–8 TCCC)

The 2011 men's tennis team featured just one senior and the youth showed as Colby-Sawyer finished ninth in the TCCC standings, failing to reach



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Brandon McFadden '11



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Rob Barnes '11

post-season play. Leading the way for the Chargers was sophomore **Adam Whitman** (Newcastle, N.H.), who had a team-high 14 combined victories, including seven singles and seven doubles wins. Adam was named to the All-TCCC Honorable Mention team in singles. Whitman teamed with senior captain **Rob Barnes** (Wayland, Mass.) at the No. 2 doubles spot and went 7-7. Barnes also played all 13 of his singles matches at the second flight.

Track and Field

Five new school records were set and 12 athletes qualified to compete in the New England Championships in the 2011 men's and women's track and field season. Each team placed second at The Commonwealth Coast Conference (TCCC) Championships. The men's 4x100 relay team comprised junior **Michael Bacote** (Wilmot, N.H.), senior Matt Cole (Fiskdale, Mass.), senior **Josh Commey** (McLean, Va.) and freshman **Ted Paquin** (Middleboro, Mass.) set a new meet and school record of 44.02 at the TCCC Championships. Junior **Kristin Sawyer** (Walpole, Mass.) also set a new school record at the TCCC championship. She broke her own school record with a new mark of 39.33 meters in the hammer throw. Paquin set a new school record in the 200 meter dash at 22.77, two weeks earlier. Commey set a new 100-meter dash record as he clocked in at 10.94 at the Tufts Snowflake Classic. In the same race, freshman **Joe Rand** (Bradford, Mass.) shattered the school record in the 5000-meter run by more than 11 seconds. Rand's new mark sits at 16:54.45. **Josh Commey** and Ted Paquin qualified to compete at the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championships in Bethlehem, Pa.



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Tyler Murdoch '11



PHOTO: Jenna Leigh Teti

Sara Juel-Larsen '11

Equestrian

The Colby-Sawyer equestrian team had a successful horse show season this year and was led by seniors **Sara Juel-Larsen** (Storrs, Conn.), **Nicole Morin** (Sanbornton, N.H.), **Tracey Proctor** (Concord, N.H.) and **Sammy Ray** (Weare, N.H.). The team took home three first place ribbons at the Regional Championships held at Dartmouth College on April 3. Juel-Larsen was the Reserve Champion in the Open Challenge Cup. Junior **Leah Robson** (Billerica, Mass.) was named the Walk Trot Canter Champion, while sophomore **Sam Down** (Cambridge, Mass.) was the Walk Trot Champion. Robson and Down also competed at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Zone Finals hosted by Mount Holyoke on April 9. Robson placed seventh in the Walk Trot Canter, while Down finished sixth in the Walk Trot.

Men's Basketball

(12-13; 8-5 TCCC)

For the 16th consecutive year, the Chargers made a post-season appearance. The Chargers earned the seventh seed in the TCCC standings and traveled to second-seed Wentworth for a quarterfinal contest. The Leopards ended Colby-Sawyer's season with a 67-54 victory. Junior **Will Bardaglio** (Wayne, Maine) had a highlight-filled season. He scored a career-high 38 points and became the 14th member of the Colby-Sawyer 1,000-point club

in the same game against Western New England. Bardaglio hit nine treys in the game, which tied the school record for threes made in a game set by Jim Durrell '94 and TJ Gondek '95. His 38 points was the highest point total by a Charger since 1999, when Brian Wilder '99 scored 45 against Norwich. Bardaglio, who led Colby-Sawyer in scoring with 16.5 points per game, was named to the All-TCCC First Team. He led the conference in three pointers with 52. He also finished the season nationally ranked in several categories, including fifth in three-point field goals made per game, 11th in three-point field goal percentage and 14th in free throw percentage. He finished his junior season with 1,026 points and 245 career three-point field goals, ranking him third all time. Colby-Sawyer's inside scoring option was freshman **Robbie Burke** (Cheshire, Mass.). Burke was named to the All-TCCC Third Team and Co-Rookie of the Year among Division III schools in New Hampshire, according to the N.H. Basketball Coaches Association. He was second on the team in scoring with 15.8 points per game and led the team with 8.2 boards per contest. He recorded 10 double-doubles in his first season. Sophomore **Corey Willis** (Easton, Mass.) was the starting point guard in his second season with the Chargers. Willis led the



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Will Bardaglio '12



Natalie Whaley '11

team with 99 assists and moved into ninth place on the all-time career assists list with 257. First-year impact player **John Roberts** (Casco, Maine) totaled 45 blocks, which ranks him 10th on Colby-Sawyer's all-time career blocks list.

Swimming and Diving

The 2010-2011 men's and women's swimming and diving season featured several record-breaking achievements throughout the year. At TCCC Championships, the men came away with a third-place finish, while the women placed fourth. At the New England Championships, where 19 Chargers competed, the men finished ninth for the second straight season, tying their best finish in school history, and the women finished 19th. The women's team was led by freshman **Erin Dunican** (Bennington, Vt.). Dunican had 19 individual first-place finishes on the season, helped five medley teams to first-place finishes, and set a new school record in the 100-yard breaststroke. Dunican clocked in with a time of 1:12.08, on Jan. 29 versus the University of New England to break the six-year-old record. The men's team was led by freshman **Chris Giordano** (Alfred, Maine). Giordano earned eight first-place finishes throughout the season and set a pair of school records at the New England Championships. He touched the wall at 1:03.68 in the 100-yard breaststroke on Feb. 19 and followed with a new record time of 2:19.43 in the 200 yard breaststroke on Feb. 20.

Alpine Skiing

The Chargers' alpine ski teams had another impressive season on the slopes in 2011, qualifying for the U.S. Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Association (USCSA) Nationals for the

14th straight year. Both the men's and women's teams finished second at the Eastern Collegiate Ski Conference (ECSC) Regional Championships. At the USCSA Nationals, the men placed eighth and the women finished 10th. Senior **Danielle Shannon** (Conway, N.H.) was the first Charger ever to win the Combined National Championship at the USCSA Nationals. Shannon and junior **Shawn Dunstan** (Sinking Spring, Pa.) earned a trip back to the U.S. Nationals as the top American finishers at the USCSA Nationals. Shannon made her third straight trip, while Dunstan made it for the second time. Shannon, who earned three All-American awards in 2011, was named as the college's Outstanding Female Athlete of the Year for the third consecutive year. Dunstan, who earned three All-American awards in 2011, was named the Outstanding Male Athlete of the Year for the second straight year.

Women's Basketball

(14-11; 10-3 TCCC)

The Chargers recorded double-figure conference wins for the 15th time in 16 seasons in TCCC, which resulted in a 16th consecutive TCCC postseason appearance. Colby-Sawyer, as third seed, hosted sixth-seeded Roger Williams in a TCCC Quarterfinals matchup. Colby-Sawyer defeated the Hawks earlier in the season 77-59, but Roger Williams



Danielle Shannon '11



Andrew Smith '11



Katelyn Stravinsky '11

came back with a 73-68 upset, ending the Chargers' season. Senior **Katelyn Stravinsky** (Norwell, Mass.), team captain, enjoyed the best season of her career. She was second on the team with 12.2 points per game and led the team in steals (37), blocks (19) and three-point field goal percentage (38.0). Stravinsky earned a trip to play in the New England Women's Basketball Association Senior Classic for her contributions throughout her career. She was one of only three student-athletes selected from the TCCC. Stravinsky also earned the Wynne Jesser McGrew Scholar-Athlete Award, given annually to a graduating female student who has made significant contributions to both the scholastic and varsity programs of the college. The core of the Chargers' lineup was the sophomore class. **Taylor DeSanty** (North Adams, Mass.) led the Chargers with 15.6 points per game. DeSanty, who started in all 25 games as the shooting guard, was named to the All-TCCC First Team and tabbed Player of the Year among Division III schools in New Hampshire, according to the N.H. Basketball Coaches Association. She led the conference with a free-throw percentage of 92.5. DeSanty moved into eighth place on Colby-Sawyer's all-time career three pointer's list with 88. Sophomore **Cailin Bullett** (Millbury, Mass.) earned a nod to the All-TCCC Third Team. Bullett, who started and played in all 25 games at point guard, was the third Charger to average double-figure points per game with 10.4. She led the TCCC in assists per game with 6.5 and was fourth in the country with 6.4 assists per game for the season.



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Doris Nielsen Powell enjoyed her 92nd birthday in Apr. 2010 surrounded by her husband, friends and family at her residence in Ginger Cove, Annapolis, MD. She enjoys cards and can still beat most anyone at backgammon, both friends and staff. Her husband, Eliot, died in early Nov. Daughter Karen lives in FL and daughter Susie in TX, though she visits often as she works for Southwest Airlines.

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Thank you to the faithful few who promptly returned cards. **Inez Gianfranchi Snowdon** is volunteering at the Church Budget Box Shop and still in good health, anticipating the return to her summer camp at Great East Lake in Acton, ME.

Betty Champlin Bottorf has her oldest daughter Sally living with her in CA—a true blessing for she “waited on her hand and foot” when she broke her kneecap in Nov. Much better now; she misses 3 great-grandchildren who live in Philadelphia. **Barbara Symonds Ayers** enjoyed the winter *Alumni Magazine* while awaiting a move to a new state-of-the-art building next door to her present home—Mt. View in Ossipee. Barb’s only grandchild is at Ithaca College. “No news except getting older” was **Barbara Rounds Carson’s** comment, with which I’m sure we all agree! Barbara’s problem is walking, but she has a wonderful caretaker and is hoping for another summer at the Popham Beach cottage they built in ‘02. Also living in FL at the Isles of Vero is **Barbara Knowles Merrill**, a widow after 62 happy years of marriage. Fortunately, 3 of her 4 children live nearby. She’ll come north to East Sebago Lake, ME, her summer home, soon. **Joan Davidson Whitney** and her husband have lived 4½ years in a PA

retirement home that’s expanding to 2,000 residents. What a great family: 6 children and 5 grandchildren! The Hotchkiss School granddaughter is attending a semester at the High Mt. Institute in CO, where they learn to be leaders. **Nina Parker Gardner** in North Hills had a 92nd birthday in Apr. Bet it was a great day thanks to daughter Barbara and the other 5 ladies living in the board and care home. My schedule keeps me busy and not driving makes it more of a problem. Celebrated 75 Hospital Talks Anniversary—I worked over 50 years on this, even writing history for the booklet. Received the “State Resolution” before David Gergen spoke.

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Thanks to those who responded to my request for news. I would love to have more e-mail addresses. If you have one, please send it to me or to the Alumni Office. **Janet Canham Williams** writes, "Here I am a block away from campus in a good assisted living residence but macular degeneration says no more driving. Two sons and families live within 10 miles so I see them often." Good to hear from **Harriet Wickham Gorman** (Wicky at Colby, now Toddy). She lost Bill 2 years ago. She is still in their home at Tangerine, FL, and spends her time developing their 8 acres into a parkland area. She is still playing golf and would love to hear from old friends. **Betty Thomas Densmore** and **Jane Winey Heald** were the only 2 from our class at our 60th reunion. They were thrilled that **Marjorie Magnus Senior's** 2 daughters looked them up to represent their mother, now deceased. Betty is now living in a retirement community in Concord and is very active in their activities. She played the clarinet for 30 years and is now singing with several groups. She sang a part in "Brigadoon" with her community singers and volunteers at a health service center. **Harriet Tillinghast Fuller** enjoys seeing her great-grandson who lives nearby. She is still in the same home in West Hartford that she has had for the last 56 years. **Margaret Van Duser Hurlbut** has a busy life in Palm City, FL, and loves her retirement community. She has 8 great-grandchildren, but they all live up north so she doesn't see them very often. **Jeanne Schwob Homer** stays active with a book club, and

regularly attends the symphony and ballet. She had a wonderful 90th birthday celebration with her family and friends. As for me, I hit 90 in Feb. and had a wonderful celebration with the family. We'll continue the celebration when we all get to our Canadian cottages in the summer. I now have 3 great-grandchildren and enjoy seeing them on Skype.

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*Editor's Note: Special thanks to
Janice Wilkins, who is stepping
down as your class correspondent
after serving faithfully since 2007.
This is Janice's final column.*

Still at Chester Village West in Chester, CT, is **Arlene Dawson Knapp**, who celebrated her 90th at Thanksgiving. Her children are good about helping and there are 6 great-grandchildren. At 90, **Charlotte Cuddy Pozniak** is still living alone in her home with the help of her daughters and a granddaughter. Her whole family, including 3 great-grandsons, lives nearby. She'd love to make a trip to NH. Like for many of us, macular degeneration makes it hard to read or track things on the computer, but **Jacquie Siple Cotter** is still painting. She lives in a "wrinkle farm" in Philadelphia. **Mary Louise Williams Haskell** stayed in assisted living until Mar., as 2

of her children (**Sarah Haskell '70** and Weston) were sailing from Cape Town, South Africa, to Barbados. She feels fortunate to have wonderful family and friends who care about her. At Christmas I heard from **Joan Russell Desmond** that all is well. Her husband passed away June 2010 so now her companion is an adorable cat, Zoe. **June Skinner-Peacock** writes, "I will be 90 in June and am in good health. I've been widowed 3 times. I'm living in Raleigh, NC, near my daughter Ann and her family. Summers I spend in my mountain house. I paint, write, and enjoy life—a wonderful adventure!"

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Bobbie Boyd Bradley

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Betsy Short Cissel writes, "I now live in Belfast, ME. I have no grandchildren. My health has now taken a fall—no, I have not fallen, just not as good as I was!"

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1943

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Sincere apologies for having no report in that wonderful last Colby magazine. That deadline fell during the period Doc had been sent home from the hospital to home health and wonderful hospice care. He passed away Dec. 29, 2009. **Joan Creeesy Eriksson** writes, "Obviously I'm still alive and kicking, if not as high. I'm living in a retirement home with my own little apartment. My

son, Andrew, has an antiquarian bookshop and talks about old books on the TV and radio. He has 2 girls. My daughter, Jennifer, is still training dressage riders in Germany. My husband died in 1979 so I am used to being on my own. I work for UNICEF and another local charity from time to time. And of course I have to have an English 'Conversation' group. I'd love to see old Colby and wish I could go to another reunion, but 'recession' is the word." **Jean Aronson Rea** spent 1 week in ME in Aug. 2009. She tried to find **Margaret "Peg" van Dine Jardine '44**, but no luck. As **Natalie "Nat" Cordery Naylor** wrote, "I am now living with son Gregory and his wife in Ledyard, CT, and am very happy here. I did have a Christmas card from **Doris Douglas Butler.**" Life is incredibly busy but fascinating for **Elizabeth "Diana" Stretch Henry**. She traveled to the Bahamas by yacht, then to Las Vegas for "Phantom of the Opera" and on to Yellowstone National Park. She has a new Newfoundland puppy, which she took to Geyser National Park this spring. "Not much exciting activities," writes **Mary Scheu Teach**, as she had to give up active sports because of double hip replacements and poor balance. She's doing Tai Chi and Yoga. She writes, "I have taken short trips with a daughter or 2 to visit family in VA and Buffalo. I hope to get down to see **Sally King Cramer** in Williamstown, MA, on her birthday. I continue to do volunteer work for our local Visiting Nurse Association and the First Baptist Church." Now that **Priscilla Coan Barnes** is alone, she keeps very busy with volunteer work and is thankful for the good health to do it. Her daughter and married granddaughter live an hour away. They went to Branson, MO, twice last fall to see their favorite shows, and she flew to Chicago in June for another grandson's wedding. **Elizabeth "Diddy" Godfrey Brown** is well and still driving around seeing friends and family. She has 2 great-grandchildren. She was going to see **Bobby Lutz Moore**. I agree with **Jean Thurman Ramsey** that it is a sad note to write when it mentions her husband, Frank, died in May 2010. Other

than that, Jean's life goes on in Good Samaritan Village. Loved how **Charlotte Shapiro Krentzel** has been living in Lasel Village in Newton for four years now and is enjoying it very much. Her granddaughters, each with 2 children, live right near her. **Shirley Webster Sheldon** now uses a special chair as she can't keep her balance to walk. Life, she feels, has been very good to her... and she has been fortunate to be able to remain in her own home with a marvelous caregiver from Hungary. "I still have family nearby and once every month we plan everything," she writes. "A stroke 10 years ago damaged my left side but can still use my right side and still paint weekly and read much. We have been married 67 years this Mar." Found another card from **Olive Heyman McLaughlin**: "My daughter Susan and I spent 10 days touring Costa Rica in May 2009. While there, I decided to do something positive about my ailing knees... so I underwent bilateral total knee replacement on July 20, 2009. Finally, I got home after 6 weeks in 2 different rehabilitation units. I continue to do knee exercises twice a day and will start swimming again to boost my 850+ miles." Sad news from **Jean Stewart Hilton**: Her husband passed away in Sept. Fortunately, they had moved into their condominium in Yarmouth Port, MA, in Nov. 2008, and this is still her home. She sees **Joan Crosby Arnold** often, and they plan to get together with **Janet Thompson Smith** soon—they're all Cape Codders. As for me, **Peg Morse Tirrell**, it's been a busy time since Doc succumbed to prostate cancer and heart problems, and I'm still struggling to understand trusts and taxes, etc. We had a beautiful day for his church service and a large number of friends came out for his memorial dance that same eve-

ning. Since the family cemetery is in Madison, ME, we waited to plant the ashes in the summertime. Thanks to our daughter Barbara, I've been able to keep up with the round and square dance activity. Our 2 West Coast families have come east to help out at various times. We'll wind up our '43 news with this reminder: Alumni Fall Festival, Friday Sept. 30-Sunday, Oct. 2, 2011. How many of the class of '43 might be able to come for some of it? Please let me know if you can and what day.

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Two thumbs up to my classmates who generously mailed back news for me to write this class column. I love your attitudes! Especially **Carolyn Kelly Carbonneau**, who writes from Whitefield, NH: "No changes—except now I'm 85! Well, aren't we all, and how in the world did we get there!" **Ruth Wilgus Rockwell** in Atlanta, GA, is happily settled in a beautiful retirement home. She keeps in touch with **Susan Roberts Bean**. **Emily Morgan Clemmer** volunteers in a women's consign-

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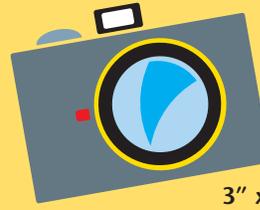
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ment shop in Sarasota, FL, has 2 great-granddaughters, and loves going to jazz concerts, symphonies, and the theater. **Elizabeth Bryant Parker** is "still hanging out" in Windsor, CT, and somewhat active in church activities, the historical society, and DAR, and is a moderate Republican. She has 2 great-grandchildren in Keene, NH. She sees **Doris Douglas Butler '43** and **Mary Davenport Phelan '76** often. **Leah Keever Cotton** in Duxbury, MA, is well on her way to recovery from a broken hip. Hope it is all healed by now, Leah! **Sue Needham Houston** writes that all is well at Wake Robin in Shelburne, VT. She has a busy life with new friends and activities. **Nancy Teachout Gardner** will have a busy summer flying from FL to a grandson's wedding in MA in June, and a granddaughter's wedding in IA in July. **Nancy Dean Maynard** will have that same experience in Sept. in MD at her grandson's wedding. However, they will have a big family reunion in Lowell this spring for folks not able to travel to the wedding, so she gets 2 family gathering treats. **Margaret "PL" Wells Bush** has moved to Crane's Mill retirement community in West Coldwell, NJ. She has her own apartment while her husband is in assisted care. She's wondering if there are any Colby gals nearby? Can anyone help? **Dorothy Johnson Thomas** lives on a horse farm near Aldie, VA, but instead of riding, she plays golf and bridge. She spent Christmas with her daughter in Malibu, CA, and Thanksgiving in Mystic, CT, with her other daughter. She also has 3 sons scattered around the country and 9 grandchildren. **Martha Whitney Steers** just returned from a wonderful 10-day cruise

to the Caribbean with her daughter. She feels so fortunate to have such a great helper and stays happy and active playing bridge. **Joy Waldeau Hostage** writes from Cheshire, CT, that she is on the CT State Library Board, public library board and her church library board. And has time for the Dem Town Committee! **Jay Shanley Puckhaber** is in Ballston Spa, NY, and plays lots of bridge and collects Kewpie dolls, antique postcards and anything of local antique interest. **Nancy Erickson Murphy** and her hubby, Cal, have moved into a new condo in the same community of Sequim, WA, where they have lived for years. They have 3 great-grandsons and 1 great-granddaughter. Cal is still playing racquetball 3 times a week at age 92! Nancy visits the gym and plays golf and entertains often. **Shirley "Shal" Glidden Splaine** stayed in NH this winter. She's in the middle of taking inventory of the toy museum her family left to the town of Ashland... this is for insurance purposes, but what a job. Had a thoughtful note from **Patricia "Penny" Brewster Austin's** daughter advising me of her mom's passing. That is the sad part of my job. Penny was a special friend to me.

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1946

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Before telling you about our classmates let me remind you of a huge event coming to Colby-Sawyer: 2011 will mark the 65th anniversary of our graduation

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from Colby! Let's make it a great celebration. The college has a very good list of lodgings for the reunion, taking place during Alumni Fall Festival, Sept. 30–Oct 2. Please give them a call and reserve early. **Natalie Callahan O'Laughlin** still calls Athol, MA, her home. She recently moved in with one of her 5 children who lives right in town. She comes and goes as she pleases, which makes it very convenient to visit her other children and the grandchildren. **Jean Gillchrest Simmons** still lives in Westfield, MA, and is retired from the Westfield City Library. Both she and husband Richard are enjoying good health. Visiting her 2 children and 2 grandchildren is always a pleasure. **Shirleyann Fuller St. Pierre** has 11 children, so her life has been very busy. She and husband Leonard both have a bit of arthritis, but all in all life is good for Shirleyann. **Elsie Regan Bailey** has 2 children and 4 grandchildren. She stays very busy in Bradford, NH, where she and her family summered for years.

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Thanks for your news! Hopefully, many of us will make it to Alumni Fall Festival and to our

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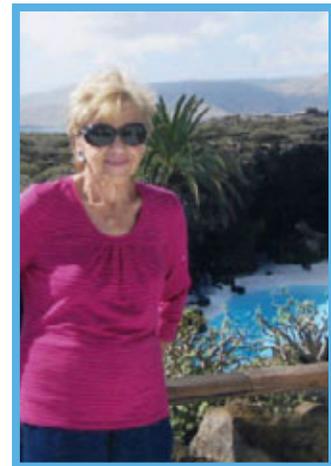
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65th reunion in the fall of 2012. **Gail Casey Monk and Dorothy "Pooh" Fitch Adamson** really gave it to us for our over-enthusiastic request for news. Thanks, you made us laugh. **Virginia "Gina" Schofield Mueller** writes that she is alive and doing well at 82, but getting kinda creaky. "I've been a widow for 15 years," she says. "Still in my home; operating the Haute-Zat Art Gallery and work part-time at the Carlisle Arts Learning Center." **Gloria Wallace Hartshorn** and **Bill** moved from their home of 47 years to a retirement apartment on Signal Mountain, TN. They're enjoying everything available: hiking trails, the lake and friendly folks. **Polly White Phillips** left NH 5 years ago for Auburn, ME, and the Schooner Estates, a great retirement community. Her eyesight is limited; she no longer drives but she has family nearby. She is well, content and busy. **Cornella Fay Rendell-Wilder** is contemplating a future home nearer family. **Marnie Kachel Lorish** is in Stuart, FL. She still plays golf (52 for 9), plays bridge 2–3 times a week, and says to come visit her in her condo. She is doing well despite losing 3 husbands and living with COPD. Her son and daughter-in-law live in Birmingham, MI, and have a cottage on Lake Huron. Last spring she had a fun 3 days in Sarasota with **Barbara "Punky" Hunt Peirson**. **Martha Turner Klenk** is still working for Acorn Mfg. Her oldest granddaughter received her doctorate in physical therapy; her youngest granddaughter Kelsey is engaged and grandson Ben is a typical 12-year-old! She is still enjoying Curves. **Eleanor Murray Wiggins** and Ben have celebrated their 59th anniversary and look forward to many more! **Elizabeth "Anne" Doele Curran** writes from Harwich, MA, "I still live on Cape Cod, a great place for gardening, golf and swimming. This year I gave up skiing after having a good time in Steamboat, CO, and Attitash, NH. The leg I broke 15 years ago finally told me to quit. I am having fun being retired...22 years' worth. I have 4 daughters, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grands." Another class member in Stuart, FL, **Jean**



Ann Wiley Jarrett '48 and her grandson Conor plant a coconut tree in the Belize rain forest.

Mellert Keating, writes, "Married 63 years, 3 children and 5 grandchildren: 4 boys and 1 girl. The granddaughter is an artist with a studio in NYC. We have traveled to many places around the world including cruises, in particular one from Miami to Vancouver through the Panama Canal." **Shirley Holmes Dunlop '46** has 10 grandchildren ages 3 to 36. Son Bill is the newly elected executive director of the NH Historical Society. Daughter Ann's son is getting his doctorate at Stanford following a year as a Fulbright Scholar in Switzerland. Sad news of **Anne Grier Tourtellotte's** passing on Dec. 30, 2010. **Joan Watson Krumm** writes, "After graduation from CJC, I graduated from the U. of NC with a degree in secretarial and liberal arts and became a secretary in NYC. I married Lloyd, my Dartmouth blind date, and have 2 wonderful sons, also Dartmouth, and 2 wonderful daughters-in-law and a granddaughter. After living in Franklin Lakes, NJ, we moved to Eastman, NH, for 15 years. After Lloyd died from a prescribed dose of Risperdal, I moved to Ocean Grove, NJ, to an assisted living apartment that overlooks a lake and the ocean. I am still a secretary as a volunteer on the residents' council and manager of a small gift shop." **Jean "Je-Je" Harding Pierce** sends news of recently dining with friends and happily meeting **Ruth Richards Lovingood-Finke '52**, who was visiting Boca Grande, FL, over Easter. Je-Je writes, "We had a



Fran Wannerstrom Clark '48 at Jameos del Agua on Lanzarote, Canary Islands.

lovely time talking about the 'old days' at Colby Jr. College and it was all great fun. Having some friends in to watch the Royal Nuptials tomorrow and have the fresh orange juice and champagne in the fridge chilling. However, I have a 10 a.m. appointment with a doctor and an 11 a.m. appointment with the physical therapist. Such is life!" Thanks again for keeping in touch and please don't hesitate to write any time!

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Since **Frances "Fran" Wannerstrom Clark's** computer had crashed, she sent along wishes for a happy "Turkey Day" using a library computer. She replaced hers in time for her Christmas news. She was still on "cloud nine," having recently returned from an awesome Oct. cruise with her two daughters. They spent 4 days in London, then cruised to Lisbon, Madeira, the fascinating Canary Islands and Vigo, Spain. **Katherine "Kay" Heinrich Clark** is still working on her "Bucket List" activities. The best of the year took place in Sept. at Letchworth State Park, NY, where she and a friend went up in a hot air balloon, soaring over some

Painting a World of Passions

Ann Wyllie Jarrett '48

There are active people in this world, and then there is Ann Wyllie Jarrett '48. A painter, world traveler, and advocate for social justice, Jarrett shows no signs of slowing down. If anything, she is picking up steam.

Originally from Medford, Mass, this self-described "New Englander through and through" has lived in Wilmington, Del., since the 1950s. She discovered her love of traveling by accompanying her husband, a physicist, on trips to international scientific conferences.

"We had our first trip abroad in '58," she recalls, "and we didn't stop." Now widowed, Jarrett has continued her globe-trotting ways, traveling frequently throughout Europe with friends and family. In December 2006 she went on the adventure of a lifetime when she joined an expedition to Antarctica. "It was a month of seeing nature in its extremes," she recalls, and she found the experience of seeing earth in its natural and untouched state truly awe-inspiring.

Jarrett has been painting for more than 50 years. Originally a hobby, one of many, painting eventually became a passion for her. Now she exhibits her impressionistic work around town, in her home, and on her new website, annsfineart.com. "I call myself a colorist, really," she says. "Color makes a dynamic canvas. It just grabs you." Besides painting, Jarrett has a way with a camera. Her photographs from Antarctica are making their way into a children's book that she is collaborating on with her daughter.

Jarrett also remains passionate in her support of peace and social justice. She was part of a recent gathering at the National Mall in Washington, D.C., protesting in support of women's rights and against cuts to social services. In 2010 she spent time in New Orleans, working for Habitat for Humanity to help restore housing in that devastated city.

Whether wielding a paint brush, a plane ticket or a protest sign, Ann Wyllie Jarrett is truly an inspiration.

—Mike Gregory



magnificent sights. **Sybil "Billie" Adams Moffat** has been our class agent for quite some time. Like me, she feels like she's been doing it forever. She made me laugh when she said living at Wake Robin, a VT retirement complex, is just like living at CJC except you can have a man in your room overnight! After being there for 5 years, both Sybil and Paul can call everyone by name. The Moffatts are usually co-chairs for Wake Robin's annual New Year's Eve party. They spend most of the summer at their place in Lake Willoughby. In May, they were in NY for a grandson's graduation from Cornell. In Aug., a granddaughter was married in Woodstock, VT. They also joined **Barbara "Bobbie" Schulz Watts** and Peter at the Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe, VT, for the Long Trail Green Mountain Club's 100th anniversary. Bobbie says she and Peter lead fairly

boring lives, but had some real excitement in the early winter months when a partridge smashed through their bedroom window. **Nancy Dexter Aldrich** spent most of last winter doing rehab for her broken hip while hubby Roger built a scaled down logging railway in their hobby room. Their daughter Kathy and son-in-law Dennis Cote opened Polly's Pancake Parlor on May 1. Nancy said loyal supporters are always waiting at the door the day the pancake house opens. In July, Nancy and Roger rented a cottage on Drake's Island in Wells, ME. The cottage just happened to be owned by another classmate, **Janet Sargent Russell '49**. In Sept, they signed on to a small motor vessel cruise, starting in Burlington, VT. One of my 2 CJC "roomies," **Nancy "Hobby" Hobkirk Pierson**, wrote that she and Jim's 1st great-grandson, Oliver, was

born in Sept. His parents, Jamie and Christine, live in Eugene, OR, while Jamie attends the U. of OR law school. The Piersons' oldest daughter, Amy, is the proud new grandma. At the last count, the Piersons have 12 grandchildren plus 2 stepsons and one great-grandchild! In Nov., the Piersons took a river cruise on the Danube. They spent Christmas Day in VT with 2 of their daughters and their families. Jim still loves to work but has recently spent more time on combining his 2 companies. Hob still tutors at the Market St. Mission where she's been a long time volunteer. Our other roommate, **Cornelia "Nini" Hawthorne Maytag**, downsized several years ago, just as many of us have done. Nini is a "happy camper" as she's healthy, happy, and is an active volunteer involved in many charitable things. Her children

and families are nearby. **Madelon "Maddy" Pennicke Cattell** had emergency back surgery on Jan. 13, and was still recuperating when she sent belated Christmas greetings and a note for a happy 2011. **Carol "Shoe" Shoemaker Marck** and Chuck's oldest grandchild, Charles Jr.'s daughter, Lindsey, graduated from UNC after 4 outstanding years on the swim team. After graduation, she volunteered for a year with Athletes in Action, a Christian group that works with college athletes, and spent time in Africa with the group. She is now with Fox News in Charlotte, NC. In Apr., they had a chance to go to Oxford, OH, to watch Charlie's 2 sons play in the spring football game at Miami of OH. The Marcks go back and forth from their rather remote home in the Poconos to their apartment in Bethesda, MD. **Ann Wiley Jarrett** signed on to work for Habitat for Humanity for 1 week in Mar. 2010. It was her Westminster church's 11th trip to New Orleans, gutting homes or building new houses. Her grandson, Conor, now 11, and his mom, Sara Jane, picked out a Road Scholar intergenerational project in Belize (Chocolate and the Maya) for Conor and Ann. Ann travels, writes books and always finds the time to paint. For you classmates who love art, please see Ann's website: annsfineart.com. As for me, UF's Gator Women's Golf Team just won the Gator Women's Golf Invitational by an 18 stroke margin over 17 college teams. Mase and I were there for the 27th year of keeping the scoreboard. Each year I think it might be the last, but so far so good.

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Connie Dickinson Johnson writes, "**Bobbie Laurie Prescott** and I got together a couple times

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last year—we are now the only ones left of our Magnificent 7 who used to gather yearly at Bobbie's Rockport cottage." **Priscilla "Sis" Allen Walton** has had lunch often with **Jean Bryant Meyer** and also with **Shirley Winchenbaugh Raymond**. She writes, "**Sally Jenkins Kimball** lives in Harwich, where she recently downsized to a lovely condo. She's fortunate to have family close by. Shirley and George have built a brand new lovely house near the water in Barnstable and we manage, with our husbands, to have lunch a couple of times in the summer. In the winter they moved into a retirement village in Venice, FL, where their daughter and grandson live. Jean lives in Westwood and we have lunch a number of times a year, along with a gal I started kindergarten with, and also **Leah Keever Cotton '45**. Now to my family: My daughter lives in Attleboro, MA, and is head of the middle school math department in Canton, MA. Number 2 child, Edward (Skip), lives in Ann Arbor, MI, and is chairman of pediatric medicine at Beaumont

Hospital in Royal Oak, MI. The baby, Bruce, is a senior executive at Accenture and lives in Madison, CT, where, coincidentally, his wife grew up and went through its schools. We have 7 grandchildren."

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Janet Phelon Lawton writes, "This is the 1st year in 10 that we haven't gone to Myrtle Beach for the winter. It was getting harder and harder to pack up everything for 5 months, as Tom needs lots of extra handicap gear. We are very proud of our 4 children, their spouses, and 6 grandchildren. So far 2 of our granddaughters are married." **Virginia "Ginny" Colpitts Bowers** was very disappointed not to have been able to attend the 60th



Virginia Colpitts Bowers '50 is pictured with her husband at his 80th birthday party.



Three generations of Colby-Sawyer women: Virginia Colpitts Bowers '50, Lee Bowers Desai '78 and Julie Morgan '14.

Reunion at CSC last Oct. She fell at her daughter's (**Lee Bowers Desai '78**) home and was admitted to the hospital after 10 staples were put in her head. The doctors found no reason for such a fall and she's doing fine now. She sends thanks to all who signed Ann's book. She and Buzz spent the winter in Hilton Head, SC. They have a granddaughter, **Julie Morgan '14**, at CSC now. **Barbara Bishop Maclean** writes, "**Pat Hoffman**, our previous class correspondent, and I have been in touch both before and after her move to NC." Pat let Barbara know that **Betty Alden Parker** had an accident on the way home from Reunion; she fell asleep and hit a tree. Betty says that after a lengthy hospital stay and then staying with her daughter in Concord, NH, she's back in Mattapoisett and doing fine. Barbara had hip replacement surgery on Nov. 19 and went right back into her exercise routine. 3 months later, she skied for 2 hours! She and Phil continue their practice of going to the gym or to walk/run at an indoor raised track 3-4 days a week. **Patricia Davis Hoffman** writes, "Have moved to NC to be near family. My son Brad, daughter-in-law Lisa, and 4 of my grandchildren are nearby. Daughter Gretchen and her 2 sons are in CA. My 3 siblings and cousins are in New England. I continue to be very happy here at the Pines at Davidson."

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1952

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Editor's Note: Welcome and special thank you to Marilyn "Woodsie" Woods Entwistle, who has agreed to serve as class of 1952 correspondent.

Hi, everyone! From **Sarah "Sae" Bond Gilson**: "President Galligan came to Hanover to speak about



Colby Junior College roommates Barbara Easterbrooks Mailey '51 and Barbara Nute Orr '51.



Marilyn "Woodsie" Woods Entwistle '52 (left) and Elizabeth "Betty" Carlson Salomon '52 (right) had a chance encounter with another Colby-Sawyer alumna, Margaret Marchak '83, during a day on the slopes at Saddleback Ski Area in Maine. The ladies decided to take a run together, despite the blizzard-like conditions.

Maritime Law and his testimonies in Washington following the oil rig explosion." Sae, Ben and a large audience enjoyed his wonderful talk and afterward he and others had dinner at the Gilsons' home in Hanover. Sae also saw **Noel Henriques Brakenhoff** in Dec. before Noel left for FL for the winter. **Janica Walker McDonough** is still in Harwich, MA, enjoying a very active life. Although she's recently retired from a vacation rental company, the new owner talked her into returning part time. She also works 2 shifts at the Family Food Bank and volunteers at the library, but still has plenty of time to relax and have fun. **Sally "Itchie" Hueston Day** and Richard are living quietly in Little Falls, SC, while keeping track of a growing family: 3 children, 7 grandchildren (4 already married) and 7 great-grandchildren, ranging in age from 2 to 15. **Joanne "Judy" Fowle Hinds** has been wintering in Man-O-War in the Bahamas since 1988 and summers in Newmarket, NH, when she is not traveling all over: a transatlantic trip to Scotland, Ireland and England; France by car; back to Ireland and the historic Orkney Islands; and, this past May, to Austria, Germany and a 2nd trip to her grandmother's birthplace, Prerow on the Baltic Sea. Judy sings in a chorus of 200 women called Voices from the Heart and does bereavement work for

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Hospice in Exeter, NH, but her greatest joy is family and being "Nana." Also, Judy is coming to our 2012 reunion. Are you? **Marny Scruton Green** sent a quick note to say that she and Brem were enjoying themselves in Longboat, FL. **Elizabeth "Betty" Carlson Salomon** and I get together every year in Mar. for a week of skiing. In the lodge at Saddleback, during a casual conversation about the crazy weather, we discovered we were talking to a fellow CSC alumna, **Margaret Marchak '83**, who had taken a week off from her law firm job in Washington, DC, to ski with family. I will end hoping to hear from you. Send pictures and tell about your adventures, joys, hobbies, and good works—and can anyone beat Itchie's 7 great-grandchildren?

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Dear girls, it has been a long time since I asked for your participation. You must have some news we would all be interested in. Have you taken any trips, any news of grandchildren, what are you doing with your time? Get with it and let me know. I spent 2 weeks with my daughter who lives in Orlando. I keep busy with my church, hospice and other various activities. **Joy Appel Halsted** is heavily involved in her arts and lives in Gloucester, MA. **Vaughan Peters Rachel** lives in San Diego (Pacific Beach). She has 2 grandsons who are attending NSC and NYU. Also, she has 2 granddaughters living in Berkeley. She had seen **Naomi**

Nylund Ogden and hopes to see her again in Les Vegas. **Sue Bice Huetteman**, from Sun City Center, FL, writes that her husband has dealt with health issues, and they retired to FL at that time. She is writing children's books and lives in RI during the summer months. I had a note and picture from **Hannah "Nan" Langdon Darce**. She was a beauty at Colby and still is. My news is that youngest son Clark Lefavour had his 1st baby at age 50. Her name is Nicole Pearl Lefavour. Also, my former husband, John Lefavour, died last year. I spoke with Stan Tuller, **Sheila Welsh Tuller's** husband. He is doing okay without her and keeps their children close by. I also had a visit here with **Janet Arminio Connolly**. She travels extensively and has kept her gorgeous 2nd home in Milford, PA. That's it for now. Just remember your promise to keep in touch...

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1954

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I like to receive mail from around the country as well as from another country, so I'm pleased to begin with Tokyo, Japan. **Sachiko "Sachi" Mizoguchi**

Taneda wrote that she and her husband are doing fairly well and keeping in good health. This was received just prior to the earthquake in Japan. Later she reported the family was all right, but they were experiencing the same shortages and problems as everyone in Japan. From Hawaii, we learn **Frances "Frannie" Pryor Haws** is enjoying life with 6 great-grandchildren. She writes, "I take my 8-year-old great-granddaughter to ice skating classes—in Hawaii, would you believe? I'm found at soccer and T-ball games but I do get some golf in, too. I drove **Janet Spurr '76**, around the island. Janet is the author of *Beach Chair Diaries*." Next stop is the coast of CA, where **Barbara Knight Price** wrote about her collection of slides from 1950 and beyond; she's selecting ones to keep on a CD. She's been trying out new activities, from sampling Indian sauces to becoming a neighbor on Farmville and Cityville on Facebook. In San Diego, **Sally Mortimer Cameron** writes, "I have 3 grown children and 5 grandchildren. Now retired, I love to shop, gamble and exercise. No husband now, but I have a wonderful dog and many friends." **Margot Thompson**, who lives in Denver, is skiing again after a total hip replacement. A trip of a lifetime to Africa last fall included 4 safaris in 3 countries, and ended in Cape Town. She and **Anne Dwyer Milne** planned a Rhine River cruise in Holland and Belgium in the spring. Margo saw Allison Faccone from the Alumni Office last Jan. **Emily Spencer Breough** in MI writes that her son-in-law, Scott, was on life support due to brain surgery last Feb. Everyone's prayers were requested. Emily and her husband plan to attend the Nat. Encampment for the S.U.V. of the Civil War to be held in Renton, VA, this year. Next stop: Kansas City, MO, where **Annette Nilsson Connor** lives. We have been collaborating on our Swedish ancestry. Annette's mother is living with her, and, come June, will celebrate her 105th birthday! **Jane Doherty Johnson** writes, "I lived in Chicago for much of my life and I am now in Pittsburgh, PA. I lived in Mt. Lebanon, PA, for

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9 years, where a Centennial is planned for 2012. I am helping the historical society by doing interviews and transcribing tapes of oral histories from people who have been active in the community." Congratulations, Jane, on receiving a Heart of Hospice Award for assisting at your local hospice. She is also a member of a women's book club and garden/arts club. Wyomissing, PA, is where we find **Barbara Frank Ketchum**, who writes, "For the last 6 years I have traveled with my grandchildren down to Disney, but not this year. Instead, I had my right shoulder replaced in Jan. I am looking forward to spring arriving on Cape Cod so I can get on the golf course. My son bought a get-away house in New London and while visiting them I noticed how the town has really grown, as has Colby." **Anne Batchelor De Grazia** said her grandchildren in Atlanta had a real good time playing in a rarely-seen 6" of snow received last winter. She and Joe are doing well and enjoyed a visit from their 2 oldest sons, who have settled in HI and OR. Anne keeps active by going to the YMCA, joined the garden club and assists with her church newsletter. **Helen Johnson Sargent** lives in SC in the winter and ME in the summer. Travel tours included Normandy, Lyon and Provence in 2010 and she's looking forward to a river cruise through Eastern Europe in Oct. Helen added, "I am now the proud grandmother of 9 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren!" **Dorothy "Dottie" Colburn Holstine** in Alexandria, VA, is keeping very busy. Dottie has a daughter and her 2 children living with them, and another



Gathering for a mini-reunion in March were (standing, l to r) Sandra Davis Carpenter '55, Jane Shoemaker Storm '55, Louise "Weezie" Mozer Stoops '54 and (seated) Sally Roesser Johnston '55.

grandchild and daughter live close by in Bethesda, MD. She volunteers at her church and along with her husband still sings with the choir. Jon continues teaching in DC as well as online with the Am. Military U. A fall trip is planned for a Purdue BB tournament in Puerto Rico. In Rochester, NY, **Joanne Ripley Spencer** wrote that her traveling has taken her to Ecuador, where she saw the Amazon jungle and the Galapagos Islands. Another pleasure was seeing 4 grandchildren in college, and a 5th will be going in Sept. No. 6 is a high school sophomore. **Joan Potter Palatine**, in Glastonbury, CT, writes, "It was fun reading the news, and seeing how I'm planning a visit with **Mary Lou Schneider Crowell** in FL and I keep in touch with **Hope Lewin** and **Jackie London Govin**, I thought I'd write a note. I'm still skiing at Killington, VT, golfing in CT and doing Zumba in between. My latest dog is called Linus, a golden retriever, and I have resided in the same house

for 52 years." **Shirley Wright Cantara** lives in ME but she and Bill had spent a few days visiting Ron and **Percilla Horridge Savacool** in Ft. Lauderdale. **Margaret "Peg" Lewis Moreland** enjoyed the Chocolate Fest at CSC, where everyone voted for the chocolate they thought was the best. Congratulations are in order for **Ann Rosenbach Scott** and her husband on their 50th wedding anniversary last fall. "I still work at a local furniture store in sales 2 days a week," she writes. "We now live in a flying community in West Ossipee, NH, so my husband has his little airplane in a hangar attached to the house, a life-long dream of his. We have a 6-year-old granddaughter attending the Windy Hill School on the Colby campus and an 18-year-old granddaughter may be going to CSC as a business major." **Janet Rich Nixon** wrote about the loss of her roommate, **Marian Tweedle Anderson**, to Alzheimer's. "She did not know me when I made my final visits to Portland, ME, but she found pleasure from the visit of my Golden, Chance," Jan writes. "Her daughter, Gail, lived close by and all 3 daughters were with her at the last on 2/13/11. I am glad to be on Facebook where Gail and I may converse regularly." I was also sorry to learn that CSC classmate **Beverly Bennett Buegin** passed away in July 2010 in Buffalo, NY. Thanks to all who joined in on our class newsletter and hope to hear from a few more next time from around the country.

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Nancy Morris Adams and Peter Clements, who Nancy has known for 55 years, spend 6 months at his home in CO and 6 months in Jonesport, ME, at Nancy's summer home. They still travel to visit family and friends in the VW bus—or, more recently, in a 19-ft. travel trailer. In Mar., they will be off to St. Martin with Clark and **Happy Anthony Griffiths '57** for a week on a clipper ship. All the grandchildren are in college or soon will be. Nancy still does some skiing, and she and Peter enjoy their church activities. Bill Brown informed me that his wife, **Carol Washburn Brown** passed away in Apr. 2010. Our sympathy goes out to Carol's family. **Anneke Denthartog Keith** and Paul took a wonderful Tauck tour to the Canadian capital. This spring, Ed and I (Nancy L.) are taking a Tauck tour to Savannah, Charleston, and other Southern states. **Cynthia Oswald Sipos** sent a lovely Christmas card which she painted herself! She is the secretary on the board of her art league. She took a great



Sachiko Mizoguchi Taneda '54 and her family.

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trip with friends to Williamsburg, VA, this past year and enjoyed the ambience of Colonial times. **Sarah Rudy Terhune** and Frank were in New London this summer and enjoyed “Hello Dolly” at the NL Playhouse. **Barbara McIntire Haskins** went camping last summer in NH and was joined by **Joyce Carron Hall** for a few days. My apologies to **Ruth Rissland Kreuter**, whom I had living in the wrong state. She lives, and they have their Christmas Tree Farm, in Lebanon, NJ. She was hoping to be in Venice, FL, this past winter but due to health reasons had to delay; but she still hopes to get to Deer Isle, ME, this summer for some R&R. **Betty Coleman Lincoln** has had some serious health issues recently but is recovering nicely now. **Sally Marker Hayward** says her family was all together for Thanksgiving. Sally has 2 grandchildren: Molly a senior at WY, and Lucy a graduating high school senior heading for her dad’s alma mater, Louisville. Sally has joined many of us who are well acquainted with ARTHUR-ITIS! **Barbara Brown Barrett** writes of their trip to NY in Oct. 2010. They also visited West Point with its wonderful examples of military history. Barb looks forward to a cross-country trip next year to visit friends and relatives. Barb has 2 granddaughters (18 & 13) and 4 cats who rule the house. **Maggie Granger DeLuca** has 7 grandchildren ranging in age from 20 to 3. Fortunately for them they all live

in CO. I know our classmates like to read the class news, so please keep the notes coming!

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1957

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Judy Abbe Madden is delighted that her daughter Stephanie is moving from Durham, NC, to live with her. Her son recently moved close by, also. She still works 3 days a week in a Denver law office and is happy and healthy and still a hoot. **Sandy Hazen Clement** and Frank have moved to Naples, FL. She welcomes any Colby people to come by when in the area. **Robin McDougal** just returned from the San Diego Audubon Bird Festival. **Elaine McKenzie Kutrosky** joined her from Los Angeles and enjoyed her 1st birding experience, one day of which was spent on a boat looking for sea birds. They also visited The Scripps Aquarium and Center for Oceanography and took a bus trip to Anzo-Borrego State Park in the desert. Robin will go to Phoenix for a landscape photography class with Road Scholar next. “I’m still working as a paraprofessional at our local middle school and Dave is retired from the Navy and a nuclear power plant company,” **Jan Mahoney Amidon** writes. “He spends

much time volunteering at the New England Air Museum. In fact we have traveled with them to HI, Nova Scotia, England and Ireland. We have just returned from a Caribbean cruise during my vacation from school. We have sons in VA and CO and daughters in FL and Simsbury, CT. We keep busy babysitting our 3 grandchildren and their sports activities.” “Mature adults” is Jan’s choice for aging word. **Sally Little Dussault** writes, “I prefer ‘maturing,’ i.e. a good wine, becoming more developed and informed, ripening.” **Harriet Fiorito Kelly** writes, “Just back from Bermuda where Ken and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. Took our daughter and her 6 boys along. They range in age from 16 to 2-year-old identical twins. Ken was diagnosed with Parkinson’s Disease last year and it is having its way with him. Walking has become more and more difficult and I have become the one now who has to open jars and kill bugs. Don’t know how many more trips there will be, but we are living in the minute and trying to cram everything in while we still can.” **Diane Shugrue Gallagher** was in Cairo just before the revolution—she said the vibes were scary. Her 2 daughters, Catherine and Claire, live in San Francisco. In May Diane received an award from President Carter for her work with the Peace Corps; be sure to read the article on her in the front of this magazine. **Janice Eaton Atkins** was preparing pottery for a show when I talked with her. I’ve visited her twice in the past 3–4 years. The last time we toured a state-of-the-art homeless shelter that was just opening up. Talked with **Debby Kent Springer**—she was at their seasonal place on the ocean planting flowers. I, **Jill Booth MacDonnell**, continue to enjoy hearing your news, plus ideas on words for aging and wisdom you’ve learned in the aging process. I am probably the oldest grandparent of young children around. Mine are Evan, 7, and Elizabeth, 5, from Katie (43); Lucinda (39) has Wyatt, 2, and Austin John Janover, 1 month old. I’m now taking acting lessons. Write soon!

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Barbara Shepard McCoy and George celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 18. They hosted a luncheon that day with friends in AZ, where they spend the winter. They took a cruise to the southern Caribbean in Jan. In May they will have a reception at their church in IL, when their families will be there. **Pat Bowker Lach** is living in Buffalo, NY, again. One of their children lives 10 minutes away with a grandson who plays a sport every season so they enjoy watching him play. **Becky Lovingood** writes, “After Colby I went to Syracuse U., studied in England and then taught for 40 years in the Philadelphia area. I taught 4th grade and worked with musical programs and plays. Along the way I enjoyed a sabbatical in Krakow, Poland. I have traveled the world and

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show Dachshunds.” **Joan Giglio Ash** writes, “I retired from Memorial Hospital 8 years ago and now volunteer at Potter Burns Elementary School as a teacher assistant in the kindergarten class. Son Jeffrey is a pilot for Virgin American and lives in San Francisco. Grandson Jeffrey is 14 and will be going to high school. Daughter Jacqueline is principal at Slater Junior High School in Pawtucket. Daughter Jennifer is the manager of library services at a law firm in NY. I had the opportunity to spend time in China when my son flew for Shenzhen Airlines. My daughters and I enjoy traveling, be it by ship or plane, and will be spending time with my son in San Francisco.” **Judy Dexter Hoag** just returned from a wonderful 10-day trip to the Galapagos Islands in Ecuador, a life-long dream. She also celebrated her 71st birthday in Feb. Bruce and I, **Marsha Halpin Johnson**, just returned from a wonderful 3-week trip to Vietnam and Cambodia. Thank you to those who responded to my plea for news. Please continue sending me updates, and, if any of you have e-mails that you would like to share, please forward.

1960

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Charlotte Heyl McLaughlin spent time in Quito, Ecuador, with her son Geordie and his family. They go annually. Her other son, Jamie, and his wife live in Pasadena, CA, where he has a new show: “Bucket and Skinner’s Epic Adventures.” Charlotte’s daughter and family live near her in Princeton, NJ. Charlotte has 2 grandchildren who are juniors now looking at colleges. **Sally Stevens Johnson Rood** had a lot of exercise in “God’s gym” with all the snow they had this past winter. The indoor activity is racquetball. Summer means tennis and golf, when not mowing. She loves to garden. Sally enjoys being near enough to see her kids and their kids, plus their brothers and her mother. **Sue Barto**



Monks writes that Bill continues to improve— he has been off chemo but will be undergoing 2 surgeries beginning in late Mar. Their next travel plans are for early Sept., when they will take a cruise from St. Petersburg, Russia, to Copenhagen, Denmark, with friends they met on another cruise. Sue’s daughter, Sandy, remarried so she has another granddaughter, Genevieve, but they live in CO, so visits are few. Sue reported that Sue’s Sugar House is in operation on campus and has been producing Colby-Sawyer maple syrup. **Judy Provandie Johnson** is great about keeping in touch with her roommate **Carol “Sherm” Sherman House, Claire Lippincott Flowers, Carol Whittemore Todd and Ann “Meri” Skeels Nielsen**. They all take a trip together every few years to reconnect. Judy has retired from the library of the Belgrade (ME) Central Elementary School, where she worked for 25 years. She is still very involved in the Friends of the Belgrade Public Library as president. Judy’s daughter Cindy and her family live about 2 miles from her so she is able to enjoy her grandson Kevin on the varsity soccer team and the lacrosse team. The younger grandson, Ryan, is in 5th grade and is involved in basketball, soccer and baseball. Judy’s son Dean and his family live in NJ and their daughter is very active as a sophomore on the varsity softball team. **Debbie Twombly** lives in the Northern CA Sierra Foothills with her partner of 33 years, and she has a business as a grant writer and contract evaluator working with non-profits, counties, social service agencies, school districts, etc. Debbie travels often to New England to see her mother in Exeter, NH, her

brother in Newburyport, MA, and a granddaughter in ME. She has 2 sons pushing 50 and 3 granddaughters, 24, 26 and 28 years old. Debby wonders if anyone has heard from her roommate **Judy “Wolfie” Wolf ‘59**. She would appreciate any updates. **Barb Swanson Smith** reported that **Ellen Cook Barnes’** husband, Gene, passed away this past fall. Our sincere condolences to Ellen and her family. Barb and Lyman enjoyed the 50th and we appreciated their help. **Marcia Goodale MacDonald** spent 6 weeks in Sanibel, FL, and returned to Saratoga Springs, NY, in time for 20 inches of snow and single digit temps. “Goodie” had knee replacement surgery on Apr. 4. Marcia reports that **Toni Davis Randall** had retina surgery and was doing well, but had to spend many weeks on her stomach, which was most difficult with her braces. **Roberta Newton Brown** writes that this was a BIG year with her 70th birthday and that she received her undergraduate degree from Harvard Extension School. For the 20 years that she worked at the Business School, she took a course a semester. She took part in the Harvard commencement and celebrated with her 3 children, 6 grandchildren, family and friends. Now that she is retired she is on her condo association board and parish committee. **Bea Rasmussen Talbot** wrote for the 1st time in 50 years! After CJC she married Joe Talbot, who went to New England College. They lived in Roanoke, VA, for 1 year and then Joe took a job with the State of VT as a civil engineer in the Dept. of Transportation. Bea and Joe lived in St. Johnsbury and had 4 children: Jacqueline, Debbie, Jeff and Dan. Then after 20 years they

went to Bennington, VT, where Joe was the administrator for the Highway Transportation Dept. Bea worked as a social worker for the Dept. of Labor, State of VT, both in St. Johnsbury and Bennington. Joe died in 2002, just after he retired. Bea worked until 2005 and then retired. Today she does a lot of volunteer work with the Lions Club, runs an exercise group and a walking group, and volunteers at a free health clinic. Bea visits her children and grandchildren who live around VT, but one lives in CO. Bea and her dog love to hike in the VT woods. She loves to garden and travel, which takes her to Jamaica and Mexico during the winters and to AK often in the summers. She also spent 10 days in Puerto Avenduras. I, **Patty Canby Colhoun**, spent a week in Paris over Christmas with my daughter, Ann Dushane. My son, CB Dushane, came for a short visit in late Jan. I drove to Philadelphia in Apr. for 5 days and plan to spend 3 months back in Boothbay, ME, for the summer. I am busy with golf, my therapy dog, Charlie, and my other dog, McKinley, serve as a rep to the Villages Homeowners Assoc., and work the RDOG2 group. I still am hooking a 5 x 8 foot dining room rug, gardening and volunteering when in ME. It was wonderful to hear from some long lost classmates.

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My husband, Verne, and I are pleased to announce the birth of our granddaughter Elizabeth Olney Sylvester on 11/13/10 to our daughter **Susan Datthyn Sylvester ‘00** and her husband, **George Sylvester ‘00**. Colby-Sawyer, the Alumni Office and your reunion committee look forward to seeing you at our 50th from Sept.30–Oct. 2. Hopefully we’ll have a good turnout for this special occasion.

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Jean "Libby" Shepardson Van de Walle married an engineer from Penn State after graduating from there in 1964, and she and Mark lived in State College, PA, for 3 years while he worked there and got his master's degree. They lived near OH State while he finished his Ph.D. and lived outside of Washington, DC, for 10 years and had 2 boys. They then moved to Colts Neck, NJ, for 21 years. Libby worked as a librarian in the local library and then at a Catholic high school while raising the boys. They moved to Annapolis, MD, in 2001, and then she and Mark retired to a suburb of Cleveland, OH, in 2005 to be near one son and his family of 4 children. Their other son is a writer in NYC. She would love to hear from other Colby alumni in the Cleveland area and is in the phone book under Mark Van de Walle in Solon, OH. She also loves swimming in her community center while it snows outside. **Joyce Rogers Harrington** lived in Vancouver, BC, the 1st 20 years of her life in Canada. She moved to Clearwater, BC, in 2004 after selling Helmcken Lodge. For a year she took several trips: to Thunder Bay, Ontario, to visit her son and family; to Reno, NV, to visit her stepmom; and to Sun Valley to visit her brother. Her daughter also lives in Clearwater. Since she left the Lodge, Joyce has done some contract work for a tour company, and she is now developing a website (www.dogcratespro.com) which went

online last winter. Living in a wilderness paradise means that she indulges in biking, hiking, golfing, cross-country skiing, etc. as often as possible. She also makes time for a fiber arts group that meets once a week, where they indulge in weaving, spinning and knitting. She and her friends also make regular trips to Kamloops, which is 1½ hours south, for the theater and symphony. **Karen Loder Davis** is living with her daughters and grandson in Stafford, VA, between adventures. Last winter she spent time in St. Croix and in CA as well as making trips back and forth to Cape Cod. Then she drove to FL before taking a trip to Peru with Overseas Adventure Travel, with whom she had been to Thailand and Morocco previously. Last summer she took her grandson to Stuttgart, Germany, to visit friends. Then she traveled back to Cape Cod for her 50th high school reunion. When in VA, Karen keeps busy working part time for Comfort Keepers as a companion to their mostly elderly clients. **Mathilde "Tilda" Hunting** is not yet retired and has been running a successful interior painting business since the late 70s. She considers herself a craftswoman, a fine painter and a plasterer, and through the years has also developed an interest in architectural history, historic properties, and the work and methods involved in their restoration. Tilda returned to Colby and earned her BA in psychology in the late 80s. Since 1988 she has been living with her partner, Robin Yerkes, first in Boston and since 1991 in Conway, MA, in an 1850 farmhouse. As for yours truly, as of this writing I plan to catch up with **Lynne Wavering Shotwell**



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and **Margot "Mitzie" Fraker Wynkoop** in Naples for a mini-reunion in early Apr. Our 50th Colby reunion will be held Oct. 12-14, 2012, so put those dates on your calendar.

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Please let the Alumni Office know your e-mail address so we can keep in touch. **Nancy Woodring Hansen** writes that her roommate from Shepard, **Lesley Miller Bloch**, is located at Brown U. in Providence, RI, this semester with her husband,

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Spencer. Both couples planned to meet in Worcester, MA, to see the Worcester Art Museum and have lunch together. **Elizabeth "Lee" Reisner Murray** is involved in figure skating. "Have been a silver test judge for 10 years or so, but just received my regional accounting appointment from US Figure Skating," she writes. "That involves behind-the-scenes work setting up the competition on the computer, generating the paperwork needed throughout a competition and, depending on the type of scoring, entering marks, etc." Lee is still treasurer of 3 small non-profits. She has 4 granddaughters living fairly close by and another granddaughter and grandson in Philadelphia. **Janet Yeaton Pitchford** and **Geoff** celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary in Dec. and their 15th year living in Sunapee. Janet has worked at Mount Sunapee for 13 years and Tracy Library in New London part time for 2 years. **Cappi Harris Post** and her husband, Jerry, live in Barrington, IL, where they have raised their 4 children. One family lives in Winnetka, IL, 2 families live in Lincoln Park (Chicago), and the other family lives in Edina, MN. Cappi says how very fortunate they are to have their children and 9 grandchildren living nearby. She and Jerry spend their time either in Barrington or Kiawah Island, SC. **Jean Howell Vose** finally retired at the end of Dec. She's catching up on craft projects, reading and had started some seeds for spring. She and Dick are still keeping bees and mentoring new beekeepers. They have 9 grandchildren ranging in age from 20 to 4, living in New England and

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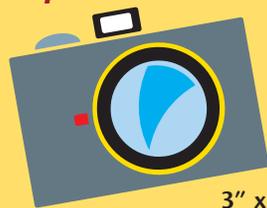
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NJ. Last year they completed an addition to their 1910 farmhouse connecting the house to the garage. **Marianne Olmsted** went to Denison U. after Colby and then spent a few years teaching before moving to NYC, where she lives on the Upper West Side. She worked there for 37 years, the last 32 at Met Life where she was a pension consultant. After retiring in 2005, Marianne now does volunteer work at a local hospital, playing games 3 mornings a week with children who are not very sick. She was married, but has been divorced for years. Her ex-husband is a painter named Jarvis Wilcox. "I never had kids, but Jarvis's son and I are very close." Marianne writes, "Jarvis and I remain friends." She loves to travel and has been to Europe, Japan, China, Egypt, Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. Marianne keeps in touch with **Lesley Miller Bloch**. Lesley and her husband, Spencer, were in NYC for several months while Spencer, though retired, did a special project for Columbia for 3 months. **Alice Lawton Lehmann** and her husband, Bill, enjoyed a fabulous winter of cross-country skiing, including 2 overnights at Inn at Pleasant Lake in New London, as well as 10 days on Marco Island, FL, in Jan. They began singing with Concord Chorus last fall. Their 2 grandsons, Gus, 3, and Teddy, 1, continue to keep them on their toes! Alice continues to run and swim regularly and looks forward to getting back on her bike soon. **Nancy Bland Wadhams** and her husband, Dave, visited them in Concord last Oct. **Betsy Myers Hunnewell** and **Laura Whittemore** met recently in Providence, RI, where Laura was babysitting for her grandchildren, children of son Barry and Veronica. Laura has just written a book. Betsy and her husband, Bob, are still living in Sudbury, MA. They are busy with his Manufacturers Rep. business and babysitting frequently for their daughter, Chrisa, who has 2 children and lives in nearby Natick. Chrisa is an NP at MGH in the Bone Marrow Transplant division. Her husband, PJ, works at Merrill Lynch/BAC in Wellesley. Betsy was looking forward to a trip through the Panama Canal

in Apr. **Ellen Terhune Schauff** returned from Germany, where she and Dietrich are living presently, to NH for a short visit. She got together with **Cathy Woods Hallsworth** in New London. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to join them, as Rick and I remained in Bonita Springs, FL, until May. Rick and I had a very special Christmas this year. All 3 sons and their families (14 of us in all) joined us in FL for the holiday. They came from Seattle, NH and FL. Rick and I also enjoyed a fabulous trip to AK and the Northwest Territory this past June.

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I've received thanks from some of you, thanking me for my service. I love doing this! **Nancy Glesmann Calderwood** reports that nothing has changed at her end. **Jean Pullan Gaul** and hubby Gregory downsized from their house of 32 years last year. They're now in a 55+ community in West Chester, PA. The biggest highlight of the year was their 1st grandbaby, a girl named Lieselotte, or Lilo. Both Jean and hubby are still working, but are also taking classes, such as meditation and ballroom dancing. **Dorcas Sheldon Adkins** and her partner, Pat

Munoz, are still living happily in the same little house in Washington, DC. They're both retiring from their jobs, Pat from Rivernet, a national river conservation group, and Dorcas from Washington Area Bicyclist Association. Their schedule now allows for plenty of travel, including visiting the 5 grandchildren scattered across the US. **Francie King** is happily engaged in writing personal histories and memoirs from audiotaped and videotaped interviews. She's currently working on a 3-volume memoir and an oral history that will be packaged as an audiotape. Francie's website is www.historykeep.com, and she would love to hear from CSC classmates who would like to record their own lives. Francie gives a "shout out" to fellow Colbyite and neighbor **Sally Bull Sands '78**, who just finished putting on the 2nd annual Robert Burns Dinner in Marblehead, MA. **Dianne Wilson Wiggins**, from PA, is still working part-time at Abington Hospital in the immunology lab. Her son Greg is married and is an engineer for CSX railroad. Her daughter Lauren is teaching in CT and is coaching and playing ice hockey. Dianne visited her daughter on Cape Cod and met up with **Sue Schauman Paull**; they had a great visit after over 30 years! **Prudence Hostetter** loves living in FL. Her son Adam is 14+, is into volleyball and travels all over the state for tournaments. Prudence has no horses at this time—they're with her sister in SC—so she's "empty-nesting" with a large Maine coon cat. She keeps busy by volunteering, both with horses and children, and is studying for a trip to Greece and Turkey that she's taking with the Bishop of SE FL. She's also planning a trip to Australia, which is where her family lives. Adam is waiting to hear if he's been

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accepted to the High School of the Arts. Prudence would love to hear from her old roomie, **Marilee "Lee" Dilloway Epperson '68 MT**. **Whitney McKendree Moore** is now Facebook friends with **Marina Gopadze**, **Diane Eagle Kataoka** and **Francoise Roland Crowell!** Her son Ned is thriving at Bard College. **Marina Gopadze** is entering her 9th year as pastor of Buchanan Presbyterian Church in beautiful Buchanan, VA. Marina writes that after college she had hoped to return to NH if she could find a job, but couldn't. She moved to Richmond, VA, and worked there as a microbiologist at the Medical College of VA. **Jan Moore Canavan** and hubby Bob have been in the CA Sierra foothills for 21 years and recently celebrated their 40th anniversary. They enjoy horse-camping in the summer and skiing in the winter. She keeps busy with gardens, horses and dogs, 2 of which are therapy dogs. She visits local care homes and hospice patients, and is a part of the Title I reading program at a local elementary school. She also volunteers with Mounted Dream Center, a therapeutic riding program. Her daughter Robin is a speech-language pathologist and lives with her husband and Jan's

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granddaughter Karoline, who is about 2 years old. Their son Jay, a woodworker, has been in MT for the past 10 years but is moving his shop back to CA. **Polly Whisnand Butler** writes that **Jannie Sawyer Campanale** visited her recently in Naples, FL. Polly and her mother took a road trip to MA last year and visited Jan and her husband, Ken. Polly and Jan shared an apartment in Boston after Colby graduation and worked in the same doctor's office. Polly has 10 grandchildren and Jan has 3. Polly is fortunate that 7 of her grandchildren live in Naples. She's continuing to enjoy her position as parish administrator of her church, and finds plenty of time for family, friends, book clubs and all of the sporting and arts events of the grandchildren! Polly said that Jan continues in her job with the Studio in Duxbury, MA, an upscale gift shop. **Lynne Harkrader-Meyer** has been living in the Denver area most of her adult life. She's married to Gene Meyer and she got her BA from George Washington U. and then her MSW at the U. of Denver. She's worked mostly in hospital social work or in court settings. She's also obtained some postgraduate training in alternative dispute resolution and marriage and family therapy. Last year **Nancy Belt Wilson** joined the Sasebo Chapter of the DAR. She's been working on a descendants project for the Genealogical Preservation Committee. On a trip to Japan, her niece Eleanor stayed with them for 2 weeks, and Nancy and hubby Chuck took her to gardens, temples and shrines. **Beth Holloran Bourguignon** feels like she's "on repeat" because she has the same house, same job, same husband and same children! They currently have an 8-year-old Golden

Retriever named Max, and a 16-month-old Goldendoodle/Labradoodle cross named Minnie. Last year Beth and hubby Ty went to the WA coast to visit Ty's sister, and they'll head out again this year. Beth and family still spend Aug. on Long Island in Casco Bay, ME. Their children—Amy and her husband, Mike, and son Greg—all live nearby. Beth still enjoys skiing in the winter at Attitash. She celebrated 5 years cancer free in Mar., feels better than she has in years, is a lifetime Weight Watchers member, and is a Zumba fan! She's been with the Needham Children's Center for nearly 31 years. **Cheryl May Zellers** and her husband, Michael, celebrated their 43rd anniversary on Apr. 15. They have 2 daughters and 9 grandchildren, ranging in age from 3 to 15. They live in Jersey Shore, PA. This summer they'll have 4 grandchildren on 4 different ball teams and 3 grands on a swim team. Five grands take piano lessons, 1 plays the drums and 2 dance. Cheryl turned in her resignation after last summer as the driver of a neighborhood ice cream truck, which is owned by her youngest daughter and her husband. Her husband has just a little over 2 years before he can retire. She and **Carol "Patty" McKay Torrick** stay in touch via e-mail, but don't get to see each other much since Patty lives in FL. Six years ago she adopted a horse from a local rescue, but she lost him to colic in Jan. 2010. In addition, their beloved dog Penny died in Mar. 2010. In Jan. they were able to get another dog, Daisy, who has "brought new life" to their home. Carol would love to get in touch with **Susan Palmer**. **Ruthie Hendrick Wentzel** is still working full time as the marketing manager for Drummond Woodsum, a law firm in Portland, ME, and lives

on 30 acres, 45 minutes north of Portland. Her husband, Ken, is retired and keeps track of their 2 corgis. One of her 2 daughters, Jennifer, lives in nearby Brunswick with her husband and 2 boys, ages 11 and 7. Her other daughter, Eliza, lives in Portland, OR, so Ruthie only gets to see the grandsons there, who are 5 and 6, a couple of times a year. Her retirement is still a couple of years down the road but she's already looking forward to having the time to pursue her cabinetmaking hobby! **Edith "Edie" VanderWolk Stevenson** is retiring at the end of this year as executive director of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Eastern New England. Her husband, Jim, has been retired for 10 years now. They spent 2 months in FL to see how well they like it, and so far they love it! They stay busy with their 2 daughters' families, including 4 grandsons and 1 granddaughter. Edie is also playing lots of tennis and bridge, as well as serving on several boards. **Suzanne "Zan" Reber Merriman** and her family are moving to San Miguel de Allende, Mexico! They've owned a house there for 5 years and finally decided to take the plunge when they got an unsolicited offer to buy their home on Bainbridge Island, WA. They're keeping a condo in Seattle. Their daughter Lexi is attending an arts academy high school in CA and husband Paul is finishing a book on investing and preparing for a PBS special on the same subject that will air in Dec. **Edith Parker Posselt** was spending a little more time visiting New London this winter from her home in Canterbury. She says that she and **Gwynna Searls**, her roommate at Colby, and **Meredith Jones**, her "across the hall comrade," are in touch regularly. Gwynna is a physician's assistant near her home in CA. This year Gwynna and her husband visited the east coast and made the trek to NH for a short visit. Meredith lives much closer, but Edith has seen her less this year. Meredith is CEO of the MA Community Foundation and also a dedicated, long-distance grandmother. Edith will slow down from her current job as staff psychologist at the UNH Counseling Center in

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Durham and is retiring in June after 18 years. Things are very quiet for **Allison Hosford** on her farm in NJ. She and Roger are fine; his father moved in with them in June 2010 and should be with them for the rest of his life. He requires a lot of assistance, so travel plans for her and Roger are on hold temporarily. **Karen Kaiser Falone** loved reading the story about **Anne Baynes Hall** in the last issue of the magazine (as did I!) and she is loving her 60s! A trip to Turkey 2 years ago with a longtime friend from VT started the decade off in a positive way. Her son Zach is currently a sophomore at Northwood U. in West Palm Beach, FL, and he's studying business administration. Zach is following his passion of golf and playing in as many tournaments as he can. Karen is teaching freshman English at her local community college. Her husband, Tom, practices medicine part time, and in between, "the garden and golf course call." Karen also plays a lot of competitive golf. As for me, I'm back at school full time, teaching those 4th graders. I'm also taking 2 graduate history courses through a special grant. Sons are all still in the Raleigh/Durham, NC area; granddaughters are now almost 3 and almost 6. My oldest son, Kenny, is getting married to his longtime significant other on the beach in Nags Head, NC, this June. My daughter Natalie is still in the Newport News/Williamsburg, VA, area. She's going back to school to become an RN! I will be taking a 10-day trip this June to several historical sites, and this will be the culmination of my graduate classes. We travel to Jamestown, Williamsburg, Yorktown, then to Appomattox Court House, on up to Monticello, then to

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Gettysburg, and finally spending 2 full days in Washington, DC. All expenses paid through this grant! When I get back, Bobby and I will go back up to the NC Mountains, near Boone, where we'll enjoy the summer hiking and relaxing on the back deck.

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I heard from my old Shepherd friend, **Kate Sandford Morgan**, and we realized that all these years our summer schedules were very similar, and had me driving by her summer home year after year delivering my kids to summer camp. **Linda Cutts Bowen** writes from Leslie,



Susan McGarvey Roper '69 and Deedee McNeil Stroope '69.

MI, that the only people she had kept in touch with after graduation were **Jan McLean Weir** and **Marion "YuYe" Fernandes-Baxter**, but she's lost track of them and wants to reconnect! After receiving her BA from Olivet College in MI, Linda married and began teaching elementary music in Leslie public schools. After 15 years she became a 3rd grade teacher, where she remained until her retirement in 2008. Sadly, her husband, Arnie, passed away in 2009 following 3 years of brain cancer. Linda is active in her church, playing piano and directing the choir. Occasionally she accompanies local school choirs for concerts and festivals, but her newest adventure has been 4 grandchildren, all under 5 years of age. Three live near Chicago, where she travels every couple of months to keep up with them. The 4th lives closer to Detroit and she sees her weekly. Linda says it's hard to believe her children are 28, 31, and nearly 35. She owns her parents' home in VT, where she travels once or twice a year, but has not been back to New London for about 40 years. **Cal Hancock**, whose business, Hancock Gourmet Lobster Company, was featured in *Colby-Sawyer Alumni Magazine* a few years back, is still living in Cundy's Harbor, ME, with her husband, Jack Rosberg, and her 2 golden retrievers. Although they have lived there since 1999, they built a new house about a year ago. They have 2 daughters who both live in Brooklyn, NY, with their husbands and she also has twin grandchildren (boy and girl) who are about to turn 2. Her business is in its 11th year. They offer lobster and seafood specialties for mail order via their catalog and website

www.hancockgourmetlobster.com. Their products recently won a lobster mac & cheese Throwdown with Bobby Flay on the Food Network. Cal appeared on QVC this spring. **Elizabeth "Liz" Mulligan Jaques** is one of the lucky ones to retire. Her youngest daughter has recently given birth to her 1st grandchild. She is enjoying reconnecting with the game of bridge. **Susan McGarvey Roper** still lives in Marblehead, MA, where she grew up. Her husband taught in Marblehead schools for years, so there was no reason to leave! Both their families live there, as well. Susan sees **Dory Latta Lynch** occasionally; she is also still in Marblehead. Susan is also still very close friends with **Deborah "Deedee" McNeil Stroope**, who's lived in Dallas, TX, since 1978. They get together at least 3 times a year. Susan has been working in the trade show industry for the past 21 years and has been traveling around the country with her work. After her kids were born she was an at-home mom for 12 years. She went back to school during that time to get her BS in education, but never taught. She has 2 grandchildren. Unfortunately she doesn't see retirement in sight! Over the years she has seen **Janie Forsberg Berriman**, **Debbie Standard Cook** and **Terri Reynolds McKeon**, but has lost touch with them. **Terri Reynolds McKeon** writes that her husband is semi-retired but continues to consult. They have 2 granddaughters, 8 and 4, who live in IN and they try to see them as much as possible. Their children live in Boulder, CO; West Lafayette, IN; and Minneapolis, where Terri lives. Terri connected with **Darsie Putnam Townsend** when she was in Boulder. Terri is president of Assistance League this year. She's looking forward to more free time next year so she can travel. **Kate Sandford Morgan** is still married to her Dartmouth sweetheart, Harry Morgan. Harry is a geriatric psychiatrist and Kate is a social worker; they are both "nowhere near retirement, although it would be nice to slow down." They have 2 children. Todd, a special education teacher in a therapeutic day school, and

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his wife, also a social worker, are the parents of Hannah, a 1-year-old. Their daughter Becky recently received her Ph.D. in psychobiology from UC Davis. As for me, **Debi Adams Johnston**, my family remains far-flung. Oldest son, Lt.CDR Ian, has just finished back-to-back deployments in the Far East and Bahrain. After a short stint at the Naval War College in Newport, RI, he is back in Naples, Italy, for another tour there. His family has been living in Taormina, Sicily, while he was deployed. My 2 grandsons, Ferdinand, 6, and Federico Simone, 4, are bilingual and we love web-camming with them. Second son, LDCR Garth, is on loan to the Canadian Navy to set up their submarine service in Victoria, BC. My youngest grandson, Devon, 3, was beginning to think I lived in a box. Charlotte and Brianna are loving school in Victoria and have already mastered sailing at the ages of 7 and 5. Daughter Emily is still a director at the oldest auction house in the world in London. She has set up a fashion blog (www.fashionfoiegras.com) that keeps her busy. My youngest son, Alec, has left the Navy and is working with Capstone Turbine in Los Angeles. Fred and I are thinking retirement in the next few years; meanwhile, I continue to spend some of my summer in NH and ME, and we are looking at properties in Beaufort, SC, for our snowbird getaway. If you want to reconnect with one of your old friends from CJC, please e-mail me to get their address or contact the Alumni Office. And last but not least, send me some news for our next magazine!

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Deb Marcoux Deacetic is busy kayaking all over the place, which is keeping her fit and trim. Deb's husband had hip surgery only weeks following the reunion and he is now back on track—good as new. **Sarah Haskell** is on her amazing journey to Cape Town, South Africa, with her community-woven prayer flags, which is an interactive global art project inspired by Tibetan prayer flags that she launched in 2007. You can read more about it at www.wovenoices.blogspot.com. Have not heard from **Beatrice "Bea" Korab Jackson** and could not find her or her husband on Facebook, so please write and let me know you are safe and well. Back from the Rose Bowl, **Susan Pomerantz** is busy and back working hard at "The View," waiting to take a needed vacation to Africa. Always good to hear from my good pals **Val Turtle** and **Beth Constantinides Meurlin**. All is well with Beth, her family and especially her mom. I hope the rest of the alumni will please keep in touch and drop me a note to post in the news. You can reach me on Facebook or via e-mail.

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Jane Woodworth founded the Sturbridge, MA, Tea Party as she continues her political radio show. When time permits she continues to work as a lawyer. **Brooke De Lench's** website, **MomsTeam.com**, just celebrated its 10 year anniversary as the "trusted source for youth sports parents." Brooke still enjoys the fast-paced workings of an online media company. She has also served as a national spokesperson for Gatorade. For fun, Brooke and **Nancy Schaeffer von-Stackelberg** ran their 40th high school reunion in Duxbury, MA. I recently had the opportunity to see **Lydia Biddle Thomas**, **Deborah Ross Chambliss** and **Nancy Bianchi Miller**. Lydia tells me that she, along with **Nancy Schaeffer vonStackelberg** and **Cynthia "Cindy" Warren Kelley**, were heading to San Francisco in May to visit **Kate Dixon Rose** and to see Napa Valley and the San Francisco area. **Nancy Bianchi Miller's** middle son, Andrew, will be getting married on Oct. 1, 2011. **Deborah Ross Chambliss** continues to work hard and do a bit of traveling (golf included). On a sad note, we have learned that **Heather Rankin Clark** passed away in her sleep, late this past fall. We are sorry to have lost such a fine member of our class. She will be missed. Hope you all are well. Please feel free to email me anytime with your news.

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Jane Haslun Schwab writes, "I am in my 15th year as a teacher assistant at our local junior high, and I love it. My husband has been with Amica Insurance Company for 33 years. Our oldest daughter, Lindsay, was married

this past Aug. She and her husband live a few miles from us, and she is substitute teaching in town, hoping to be hired soon. Our younger daughter, Taylor, has been living in San Diego for 3½ years." **Elizabeth "Lilly" Heckman Cleveland's** artwork has won 2 awards recently. Her painting "Poplars" was to be on exhibit in the Duxbury Art Complex Museum as part of the Winter Juried Show and won 3rd place in watercolor. She still teaches adult classes at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset, where she's also on their Board of Advisors. Recently, she started earning a certificate in genealogy. She enjoyed doing her own family research and is studying to do this work for other people. Her husband, Mark, is VP of a pharmaceuticals company and does new product development. They've have been married 35 years in June! Their oldest son, Matthew, is finishing his MA in geology and younger son, William, is living in Boston and finishing at UMASS, majoring in biology. Lilly keeps in touch with her classmates/bridesmaids **Lorraine Carroll '74** in Cambridge, MA, who is engaged to be married, and **Suzanne Wheeler McLymond '74**, who is a hospital laboratory director living in Rochester, NY, with her husband and teenage son. Recently, Lilly became reacquainted with **Nancy Schaeffer von-Stackelberg '72**. "You're going to Hollywood!" is what **Sharon Sawyer Cross's** daughter was told at her audition for American Idol. Chandler, who sings, acts and dances, made it through to the next round. Sharon and her husband own a theatre company, RISE on Broadway, now with 2 locations in RI. Their son, Clay, moved back from CA and is living and working in Boston for an Internet company, and is engaged to be married in Sept. The family is hosting 2 Chinese exchange students this year, and has previously hosted 11 others from various countries. Sharon's husband has accepted a position as counsel with Wells Fargo in NC, so Sharon will be moving south when high school ends. **Dierdre Dennis** just published her 1st book! *Walking into Spring or, Bowling My Way Home...An*

Appalachian Trail Story can be ordered through **Lulu.com** under biography/memoir. Dierdre is about halfway through hiking the White Mountain 4000-footers. She also owns Lily Farm Artcards; the cards are generated from her paintings, so check them out! Dierdre is a full time special ed. assistant, and also owns and operates a landscape design company. **Marcia Clemmer Carrier** lives in Mt. Lakes, NJ. Marcia has 2 granddaughters who live in VA, ages 2 and 8 months, and she drives down once a month to see them and her son Jason, 33. Her daughter, Brooke, 31, lives in Bethesda, MD, and Marcia sees her as well. Daughter Colby is living with mom for the time being. Sadly, Marcia's sister, Leslie, died of breast cancer 4 years ago, and left 2 sons that Marcia keeps in touch with. You knew **Elizabeth Marshall Weaver** as Mary at Colby, and now she goes by her nickname, Beth. Beth lives in Portsmouth, NH, and works part time in medical sales, selling specialized radiology products. Her daughter is entering her junior year of high school this fall. Beth enjoys winter sports, gardening, hiking and boating off the coast of NH, but her passion for the last 30 years has been jogging in the early morning. She stays in touch with **Mary Cunniff Lambert** and **Susan Wheeler McLymond '74**. The 3 get together every June on the beach in Wells, ME. As for me, we have Peter, who has just graduated from 8th grade. Peter has been on the fencing team since 4th grade. Caroline is wrapping up her freshman year at Penn and has also joined Tri Delt Sorority. We were fortunate to spend 10 days together in Mar.

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Diane Rumore Woods '76 and her family on Christmas morning.

She's looking forward to a summer internship at a law firm. I try and get up to Boston when I can. My parents used to winter in FL and I would visit them, but now we have a role reversal, and I live in FL and head north. They are both 88 and reside at North Hill in Needham. Please stay in touch, as I would love to hear your news of any kind.

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Since May 2008, I've sold over 3,500 copies of *Beach Chair Diaries*. In Nov. 2010, a new edition was reprinted by a publisher in HI. They set up 7 book signings on Maui and Oahu,

which was so much fun. Then in Feb. 2011, I gave birth to my e-book edition of *Beach Chair Diaries* and hope to make it into a bestseller so I can write full time. I'm also teaching writing workshops on Promoting Your Book. Also in Jan., **Marybeth McEvoy Webster, Heidi Scheller '75**, other great CSC friends and I went skiing at Sunapee. **Wendy Dow Miller** connected with **Joan Heffernan Meek '77** last year. Joan has won awards for her photos in the Lyme Land Trust contest in prior years and Wendy won Honorable Mention this past year! **Katherine Burke** writes, "My daughter Anastasia, age 22, graduated a semester early from Columbia with a degree in American studies and economics, and spent 4 months traveling in Asia doing community service and exploring. She taught English to novice monks in Lao and helped build a community center in Cambodia. She started working at JP Morgan as an oil trader in Sept. I am in my 5th year with my consulting

business, CertifEYED Associates, LLC, working with biotech companies doing clinical trials for ophthalmic drugs. My husband of 26 years, Ted Alt, is the treasurer and managing director of Advanced Wealth Solutions, an investment advisory firm in NYC." **Janice Hoadley McGuire** recently completed her director of special education certification. Both of her kids are in college and pursuing education majors. Her daughter is completing her 5th and final year at Quinnipiac U. and her son is a sophomore at UNH. **Barbara Carroll** writes from Alexandria, VA, that she's left the airline industry after 20 years, and is now working as a concierge at a health and rehabilitation center. She still sees **Anne Tilney Brune, Katherine Burke** and **Carol DiGennaro Meyer '78** on a regular basis. She wants to catch up with **Ellen Moorman Helms** and **Melinda Miller Sexton**, who are in the area. Barbara planned to head to the Boston area in May for her niece's graduation from Emerson. **Carla Pearson Marshall** continues to live in Wilmot with her husband, David. Her younger daughter, Devon, is getting married on the coast of ME this June. Carla went back to school for massage therapy when she turned 50 and has worked out of her home for the last 3 years. She and David take every opportunity possible to travel on their motorcycle, including recent trips to Ireland and Costa Rica. They are the "friendship family" for a CSC student, Fan Feng from China, so have been spending quite a bit of time on campus this year. They also remain in touch with a Japanese CSC alum, **Emiko**



Joan Heffernan Meek '77 and Wendy Dow Miller '76.

Udagawa '96, whom they hosted 15 years ago! She came back for their daughter Kate's wedding 4 years ago and will be here again in June. **Diane Rumore Woods** writes, "Our family grew by 4 feet this year! Our youngest daughter, Sally, got married over Labor Day weekend and our 1st granddaughter was born to our daughter Jessica in Nov., bringing the total count to 5 grandchildren. I have been married to Don Woods for 33 years. Fortunately for us our 4 children still live in FL. Don is an ophthalmologist and I run his practice. More recently, Sally, her husband, Enrique, and I went to Washington, DC, for Lupus Advocacy Day, where we petitioned to keep the funds allocated for lupus research and education and hopefully increase them. Unfortunately, we found out about lupus because one of our daughters came down with it at 12 years old."

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Hello, everyone! My son went off to Lafayette College in Easton, PA, in the fall and loves it. He is a double major in theatre and biology. My daughter is a junior in high school. **Kathy Manning** is still living in VT and working as a medical technologist after all these years. "Working at Gifford Medical Center has been the best and most fulfilling experience," she writes. Kathy took the winter off to go south with her husband and their sailboat to enjoy a warm winter. On their way north in Apr. they planned



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A Calling in Healthcare

Patricia Fitzgerald Aprile '81



In April 2011, Patricia "Patsy" Fitzgerald Aprile '81 was named the president and CEO of Goodall Hospital, located in Sanford, Maine. It's the latest step in a successful career in healthcare administration that began 30 years ago when she arrived on campus from her home in Wilmington, Mass.

As Aprile tells it, she originally hadn't planned on attending Colby-Sawyer. Her best friend from high school, Eileen London '79, was encouraged by her mother, Roberta Ware London '48, to consider Colby-Sawyer. Aprile came along for a campus visit, promptly fell in love with the college, and the two young women ended up enrolling together. While London left after completing her two-year degree program, Aprile stayed on to complete her Bachelor of Science degree in medical technology.

After graduation, Aprile stayed in New Hampshire, moving up through the healthcare ranks, from medical technologist to supervisor to manager and director. "It was really just professional growth," says Aprile of her career arc, humbly downplaying an impressive trajectory. In 2002, she became the executive director of Clinical Services at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester. Not long after she made the move to Maine, becoming vice president of Operations for Goodall Hospital, a position she held for six years before her new appointment. In that role, Aprile was integral in efforts to renovate and renew the hospital, overseeing the completion of four major building projects.

Most importantly, she helped institute a much-needed culture of regulatory compliance. "The hospital's license was in jeopardy," explains Aprile, describing the dire situation she faced upon arrival. "I helped to turn things around, both clinically and financially. From an operational perspective, we had to make all sorts of changes."

In announcing Aprile's recent appointment as president and CEO, the Board of Trustees of Goodall Hospital praised her vision, integrity, dedication and collaborative approach. As for the challenges ahead of her, she is mainly focused on healthcare reform. "There are a lot of federal mandates that are coming down," she explains. "Probably my top priority is to continue to standardize care and provide the highest quality healthcare for the community."

—Mike Gregory

2 of which I spent volunteering in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, with one of my new best friends, Joy Kerkhoff Wasz '82, at the Human Capital Foundation. Life-changing experiences included saving 2 young men from total despair and helping set them up in a new, safe place to call home, teaching art to 99 willing and very able orphans, rescuing the most adorable puppy from sure death, feeding scores of homeless, surviving without running water for 5 days, laughing, crying and laughing some more. I look forward to hearing from more of you and sharing your stories. Keep well.

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Susan Fay Wilson Lammi is married with 4 grown, married children and 6 grandchildren. She lives in Ashby, MA, and works as a registered nurse with Fallon Insurance Co. She grows vegetables, succulents and flowers in her greenhouse year round with a new hydroponic system. She is hoping to receive some grant money so this can be done on a larger scale. **Anne Gowen Staples** is planning to attend our 30th reunion this year and would love to see a good turnout from our class. Hope all are doing well. Please drop me a line and share what you're up to with our class!

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to stop and see **Lizbeth Hoeffler Nauta '79**, who is living outside of Philadelphia. Best wishes for a wonderful summer.

Please See In Fond Memory

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Britt Reynolds Bair (www.brittair.com) is totally immersed in the Fairfield County, CT, art world. She traces her artistic passion to her first true art class at CSC. She took classes in the Sawyer Fine

Arts Center before transferring to complete her degree in studio art and photography at the U. of CA Riverside. Britt had been a photographer's representative and a graphic designer, which eventually led to the development of her own company. Just when things were taking off, she started visiting the maternity ward. Eventually those kids were off to school, and she started painting again. She is now the co-president of the Fairfield County Plein Air Painters, a group of 65 artists that meet together to paint outdoors. She co-founded the Wilson Avenue Loft Artists (www.wilsonavenueloftartists.com) and hosts an annual event in her hometown of Darien, CT, called Artworks Darien. Britt keeps in touch with Colby friends **Katie Vance '78**, **Lynne Atkinson**, **Julia Duncan** and **Cindy Lowe Royal**. I have just returned from 4 weeks in Africa,

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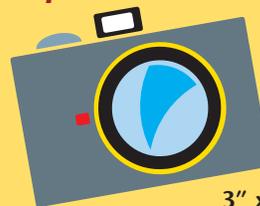
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Hello, everyone! If your e-mail has changed, please contact the Alumni Relations office at CSC so we can contact you to get an update on what you're doing. **Nancy Ellen Moniz Kenyon** and her husband continue to increase the number of workshops and seminars they offer as their business continues to grow. However, they're most excited about the upcoming wedding of their old-

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Jen Deasy is in the New London area working in her 11th year as assistant director of YMCA Camp Coniston. She's not the only alum there—**Nicole Berthiaume '08** is the after school director, and as always, they hope to have some 2011 summer staff from CSC. They were planning a big celebration June 18. We already know Coniston/CSC alumni **Dan Berry, Patty Randall Berry, Dave Morin** and **Sara Hodgkins Morin '95** were to be there! **Rene Whiteley-Warren** took up running and ran her 1st half marathon and 1st full marathon in Nov. She writes, "The last of my 4 kids will be entering kindergarten in the fall and I'm looking forward to what is in front of me."

est daughter. Their youngest son and daughter will be the ring bearer and flower girl. Two of their older girls will be co-maids-of-honor, and their other sons are all groomsmen. **Alison Lambert Vernon** is still painting full-time and enjoying success. Her son Jeremiah was married in Sept. to Nicole Aronski. Her twin daughters are enterprising and ambitious. Alison and husband Mark will celebrate 29 years of marital bliss this summer. **Lisa McIntyre Matschner** is running around with kids to swim, volleyball, football and running meets. She was excited that **Jen DuBose Lombard '92** contacted her after Lisa read her article in the last magazine. Lisa and **Katherine Cooley Ring '91** got together in Oct. in Orlando. **Tracy Howe-Chiaverini's** husband, Paul, started a new job in Dec. with a non-profit organization located in Raynham, MA, working with children and adults with disabilities. Their daughter Sophia turned 3 in early May. Tracy is still working for HBM Inc., a small manufacturing company in Marlboro, MA. She keeps in touch with **Kristen Maloney-Cormier '91** and others from school. She still fosters and places bullmastiffs into adoptive homes, and she has 3 bullmastiffs of her own. Tracy and husband Paul are thinking about expanding their family. If you would like to share information about yourself or a classmate, please e-mail me. I am also on Facebook.

1991

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Junko Takimoto Ishihara '92 and her husband, Jun, with their daughter Riko and son Makoto.

Maria Sinacola Borland and her husband, Todd, welcomed daughter Audrey on Jan. 3, 2011. She weighed 7 lbs 6 oz.

1995

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Hello, Class of '95! I'm in the midst of my 1st condo sale/purchase, and hopefully by next season I can report back that I'm living in midtown Manhattan again, but at the moment I'm in beautiful NJ. I'm in the Marshall Chess Club in Manhattan (home of the late Bobby Fischer, the chess master), and I've been tinkering a bit in stand-up comedy, hoping to work on my comedic skills so I may bring laughter to the famished masses, and counter the boredom I may incidentally pass along as a practicing CPA. **Chris Kozlowski** and his wife, **Christen Wallingford Kozlowski '96**, took a few weeks to get away to FL in Jan. Koz writes, "Dom and Gabe are still wild and Dom starts kindergarten in Aug.! Both of our businesses are doing well. Watch for an 'unofficial' college gathering at the Chop Shop this summer." **Anne Michaels** reports that things are well in Brownsville, VT. Anne continues to work at DHMC in the Interventional Radiology Department as the PA. Her girls, Samantha, 9, and Sophie, 7, are doing great. They just finished their 3rd season of hockey! **Rob Peaslee** and his wife, Kate, continue to reside

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in Lubbock, TX, with their 18-month-old son, Coen. Rob is in his 3rd year as assistant professor in the College of Mass Communications at TX Tech, where he teaches courses in film, visual culture and media anthropology. "The biggest thing on my plate right now is preparing a speech for the Aug. wedding of **Jeff DelliColli** and **Kate Ireland '98**," he writes. **Jill Rivers** has just completed a 1-year sabbatical from teaching while living in Athens, Greece. In July, Jill will return to the workforce—she signed a 2-year contract to work as a 2nd grade teacher at the Canadian International School of Singapore. Jill welcomes everyone to her blog, where she shares her exciting experience abroad: itsallgreektojill.blogspot.com. **Matt Godbout** is entering his 10th season with the Indianapolis Colts, which will also be his 4th season as director of sponsorship sales. Matt and his wife, Denise, attended the most recent Super Bowl in Dallas, while also hosting 20 sponsors at the game. Matt spent some time with one of his CSC roommates, **Ethan Casson '96**, while in Dallas. Ethan now works for the San Francisco 49ers. Matt and his family are making another trip to Disney World this year with their kids Gabrielle, 8, and Andrew, 5, and he'll also be coming back east in July to spend time with his family in NH and ME. Matt wanted to congratulate **Jim Durrell '94** on recently being inducted into the CSC Athletic Hall of Fame. **Allison Latham Hosgood** will

celebrate 11 years with Chipotle, after receiving a promotion last year to the position of people lead for the south region. Allison became eligible last year to take a 2-month paid sabbatical, and plans to use it this summer for time with her family. Due to this promotion, Allison and her family (husband **Derek Hosgood** and daughters Hope, 9, and Page, 6) moved from CO, where they had been the last 16 years, to the Austin, TX, area last summer. Derek is teaching elementary physical education in the Austin ISD. You can still find **Michelle Brown Kinney** in Lincolnville, ME, where her husband is busy as the town administrator. After years of staying home with the girls, Isabella, 6, and Maren, 4, Michelle was excited to return to healthcare as a part-time family nurse practitioner at Hope Health in Camden, ME. As for the girls, Izzy is in the 1st grade and enjoys skiing, swimming and piano. Maren is busy trying everything that her older



Jim McGilvery '96 with his son Kieran James, born in August 2010.

sister does, and is eager to find her own interests. Michelle sees **Holly Ferris Merriam** frequently, and says we can rest assured that Holly is just as beautiful and kind as she was at CSC.

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Editor's Note: Welcome and a special thank you to **Stefanie Lord Baumblatt** and **Diane Marsden Morley**, who have agreed to serve as the Class of '96 correspondents.

Stefanie and I are very excited to be taking over the class correspondent roles. It is great to hear from everyone with all their updates. I (Diane) am still living in Peabody, MA, and work for Hallmark Health. My husband, **Ryan Morley '99**, and our 2 children went to Disney World in Sept. 2010 and are excited to



Jim McGilvery '96 practicing his bagpipes.

go back soon. Stefanie is living in GA and has been busy with her 3 children. She trained for her 1st half marathon in Mar. She is working at Northside Hospital as a mammographer when she is not taking care of the kids. We heard from our past class correspondents, **Jen Rowell Pedersen** and **Kristin Sneider Mulready**. They are both doing well and we thank them for their years as class correspondents. **Donnelle Mozzer Bowers** looks forward to seeing everyone at the 15th reunion this year. **Jim McGilvery** and his wife, Jillian, welcomed their 1st child, a boy named Kieran James, on Aug. 31, 2010. Jim is working for Coca-Cola, playing in a basketball league, and he even took up the Great Highland Bagpipe a few years ago! **Mary Lewis** is still teaching 2nd grade in CO. She spends her free time outdoors and has a summer trip planned to Bolivia to practice her Spanish and do more mountaineering. She makes it back to NH a few times a year and hopes to catch up with more CSC alumni this summer on a return trip. **Wendy Howe LaFlower** and her husband, Shane, adopted 2 foster sons, Daemein, 3, and Dakota, 4, in June. She writes, "We are now a happy family of 6, including Josh, 12, and Savannah, 8, and are adjusting to the constant busy-ness, but it's a blast!" **Amy Cheney-Spirito** and her husband bought their 1st home in Weymouth, MA, last spring and also welcomed daughter Lillian Elizabeth into the world. Amy met up with **Amanda Wood Lopardo** and **Melisa "Missie" Yachimski '97** a couple of months ago. **Jeff Hall** and his wife, **Angelica Mikols Hall '97**, hope to make the 15th reunion to celebrate their 8th wedding anniversary. They have two sons, Jakob, 5, and Jonah, 2. Jeff is still working in PR/marketing for Sellers Publishing in South Portland, ME, and is constantly working on projects around the house. He still keeps in touch with **Eric Lacombe**, **Mike O'Gara**, **Tom Bonello '97**, and occasionally **Steve Camerano**. Last he heard, everyone was doing great and trying to keep up with their little ones. **Sean**

Paradis moved to Danvers, MA, and is still working in Boston for NaviNet. He keeps in touch with **Mark Liteplo**, **John Billings** and **Karen Landry Billings '97**, **Dave Wright** and **Daren "Dow" Villeneuve**. In Oct. 2007, Sean and Dow got to witness, in person, the Red Sox defeat the CO Rockies for the World Series title. In Oct. 2010, **Dawn Lohmann Kilcrease** and her husband celebrated their 10th anniversary. Their kids **Alek**, 14, and **Makayla**, 9, keep them busy with hockey, lacrosse and track. Dawn is the director of marketing and PR for Nashua Community College and has also begun to dabble in consulting work. She was inducted as a board member to the NH Women's Leadership Institute in Mar. **Amy Goldstein Carey's** son **Ben** will start kindergarten in the fall and **Sam**, 1, is keeping her and her husband very busy! Amy started a new job in Sept. 2010 selling textbooks to Boston colleges and universities. Amy still keeps in touch with her big sisters **Maura Sinacola Galvin '94** and **Maria Sinacola Borland '94**. Thank you so much to those of you who took the time to write with updates and say hello. We hope to see many of you at our 15th reunion this fall!

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Alumni gathering for Shane Hoover's "Not on Christmas, Christmas Party" included, (back row, l to r) Seth Hurley '00, Nick Burchard '99, Shane Hoover '99, Frank B. Abel '97, Chad O'Neill '99, (front row, l to r) Jamie Gilbert '98 and Amy Hall Oliver '99.



Dana Bruce Carman '99 with her husband, Chuck, and their daughters Brooke and Carli.

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Hello, Class of '99! Thank you for the updates and pictures of your growing families and fun get-togethers with fellow alums. **Erin Ward Maciorowski** welcomed a baby girl, **Gabriella Mackenzie**, on Dec. 14. She joins her big brother, **Ryan**, who is turning 3 in July! Erin writes that they

are almost done with the massive renovation of her home. She started a new job as a Title IA achievement coach in a local school system. **Dana Carman** has been working for Hannaford for 8 years, while pursuing her passion for photography on the side. In Oct., she had her kitchen licensed so she could start her own small business called **Galaxie Salsa Co.**, where she makes and sells zucchini salsa. So far she has one distributor and hoped to be in a couple of local stores by spring 2011. **Natalie Ciulla Katz** and her husband, **Yan**, welcomed a baby girl, **Gabriella Ciulla Katz**, on July 10, 2010. She weighed 5 lbs, 11 oz. **Shane Hoover** has been instrumental in keeping his CSC alums together for the past 11

Live What You Teach

Mark Pedersen '00

Growing up in suburban Long Island, Mark Pedersen '00 knew there were two things he wanted out of life: to enjoy the outdoors and to be a teacher. Now a high school science teacher in the seacoast town of Plaistow, N.H., Mark has perfectly realized his two childhood goals. For his commitment to environmentalism and his ability to effectively share that passion with his students, he was named the 2011 New Hampshire Environmental Educator of the Year for secondary schools.

Pedersen has taught at Timberlane High School for 11 years, taking a job there during the spring semester of his senior year at Colby-Sawyer. "Teaching is in my blood," he says, and he means it—his father taught high school math and his mother was a nursery school teacher. While at Timberlane, Pedersen has introduced numerous initiatives, including a student-led energy audit that resulted in reduced energy cost, school-wide recycling, an environmental service club, various ecological research projects, and an annual coastal cleanup.

"Some of these kids," Pedersen says, "have never really been outside the seacoast of New Hampshire. They don't know the world around them, the issues, and they appreciate that I open their eyes." Pedersen stresses that he avoids preaching to his students, preferring to guide them into generating their own discussions.

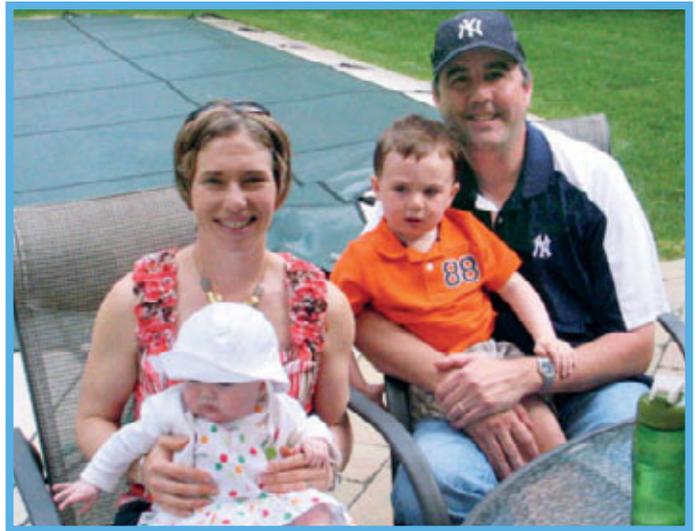
A perennial Dean's List student while majoring in biology at Colby-Sawyer, Pedersen counts among his influences Professor Ben Steele for the way he combined in-class instruction with field trips, and Assistant Professor Laura Alexander, who introduced him to the joy of winter hiking.

Being honored for his service means a lot to Pedersen, because the award doesn't simply recognize how he teaches but also how he chooses to live his life. As he says, "Math teachers don't go home and constantly think about math. Most environmental educators live the way we teach. If we're going to talk about saving the planet, we live that way."

—Mike Gregory

years. He writes, "I have turned my Christmas Party into the 'Not on Christmas, Christmas Party' that my wife Sarah and I host after the long holiday season. This year it was the 11th annual on Feb. 19 and we had a great turnout, including Seth Hurley '00, Nicholas Burchard, Shane Hoover, Frank B. Abel IV '97, Chad O'Neill, Jamie Gilbert '98 and Amy Hall Oliver." Laura Anderson currently resides in Norwich, CT. She's engaged to Charles Yeager, also originally

from Norwich; a Nov. 2012 wedding is planned. She completed her master's degree in elementary ed. from Sacred Heart U. and is currently teaching preschool in a Head Start classroom. As for me, Suzanne Blake Gerety, it's been a year of growth for my online publishing and consulting business, DanceStudioOwner.com. This year I've been writing a monthly column called "Ask the Experts" for *Dance Teacher Magazine*, which has been an incredible opportunity to work



Erin Ward Maciorowski '99 and her husband, Kevin, with their children Ryan and Gabriella.

with more dance teachers and studio owners all over the world who ask for advice with issues related to the business side of running their dance studios. Thanks again for staying in touch. Connect on Facebook anytime!

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Hi, Class of '00! Things are pretty much the same for me. I (Jen Prudden Montgomery) am still living in Melrose, MA, with my husband, Brian, and our chocolate lab, Hinckley. I still teach 3rd grade in Andover, MA, and coach girls' high school soccer and lacrosse. I have seen Jess Dannecker, Chuck Gaede, Brett Gaede '02, Kate Lovell, Zanna Campbell Blaney and Katie Sykes Follis since our last update. Please make sure to keep sending your updates! Here's what I heard from our fellow classmates: Kurt Svoboda and his wife, Joanna, welcomed their 1st child on Jan. 6. Jaxon Gold Svoboda was born at 1:24, weighing in at 5 lbs, 4 oz and 17¾ inches long. Jaxon was 2 weeks early but they were well-

prepared, and had everything needed already in the car. Kurt sent a couple of photos including one of Jaxon with a blanket supplied by Andrea Lemire St. Onge '99 and Eric St. Onge '99. Tom Eckfeldt writes, "I write this e-mail from my hotel room in Crans-Montana, Switzerland, the venue for the FIS Alpine World Junior Championships. Currently I am a ski coach for the Men's US Ski Team. I work with the Men's Europa Cup group. We are based about half the season in the US, racing at the Nor Am level, and the other half in Europe, training and competing at European Cups as well as select World Cup events. When I'm back in the US, Salt Lake City, UT, is my home as I just bought a house there last summer with my fiancée, Kim." Tom and Kim planned to get married May 6 in Cancun, Mexico, and hoped to see several CSC alums including Jesse Worobel '01, Jacki Woyda Worobel, Drew Drummond '02, Amy Potter Drummond, and maybe even Justin Hersh.



Newborn Jaxon Gold Svoboda cuddles up with dad, Kurt Svoboda '00.



Shannon Goodfellow Sherman '00 and her husband, Dean, enjoying summer 2010 on Cape Cod.

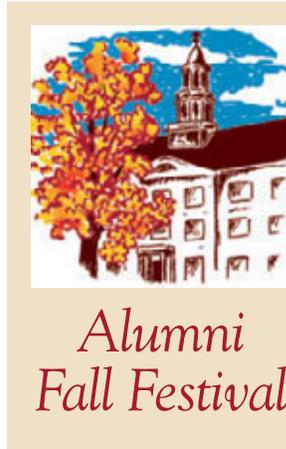
Steve Drozell and his girlfriend, Amanda Mayo, have been very busy since the end of Oct. working on the house they bought. They hoped to be finished with the rest of the renovations and moved in by mid-Feb. He writes, "Dan Darcy and his girlfriend, Hilary Bickford, also purchased their 1st house a few weeks after we did and are now living in western MA." Jessica Dannecker got engaged on Dec. 4, 2010, while visiting NYC with her fiancé, Fred. She will be married on July 16 at Wentworth by the Sea in Portsmouth, NH. She continues to travel to Asia for work periodically. Katie Sykes Follis is still working for Animal Pharma Company. Her daughter, Caroline, is 3. She is looking forward to having the summer off during her maternity leave since she gave birth to a boy, Carter, in April 2011! Kate Lovell is living in Walpole, MA, and working at 47 Brand and Advantage Sports in Dedham. She loves doing personal training work with the hockey players. Zanna Campbell Blaney and her husband, Nic, welcomed their son, Merrick Higgins Blaney, to the world on April 28, 2011. Robin Deverill Croteau writes, "I'm in my 9th year of teaching in Peterborough, NH, and Scott and

I just expanded our family of 3 to a family of 4! Taryn Eliza, born in 2008, just welcomed her baby sister Nell Marie on Feb. 23." Jennifer Wallerstein McPhee writes, "I did a road trip from AZ to MA with a great friend who was moving home while her husband is deployed. After spending the holidays with my family, Ben and I checked off Moscow, Abu Dhabi and Dubai from my to-do list. I'm in the process of interviewing for a full-time job right now so this life of leisure may be over soon!" Hi, everyone, it's Tara Schirm Campanella. I'm enjoying these warm CA winters! My husband is halfway through his deployment to Afghanistan and my girls and I are hanging in there and staying busy. I hear from a lot of my CSC roomies often and everyone is well.

2001 Reunion

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I hope you plan to join us this fall for our 10th reunion. I, **Kristy Meisner Ouellette**, am anticipating another wonderful but busy spring/summer. I'm still in love with my work as assistant extension professor with the U. of ME Cooperative Extension. I'm working directly



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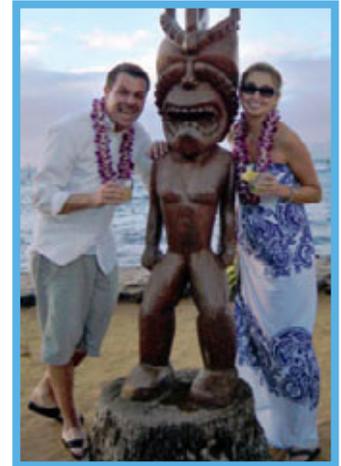
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with youth and families, writing grants or working on research and scholarship. My husband, Jason, and I were lucky enough to venture out to IN in Jan. to finally celebrate the engagement of my sister **Meggan Meisner '08** and her future husband, **Matthew Patterson**. This fall **Ali Wamboldt**, **Heather St. Louis '99** and **Amanda Goodell '02** made the trip up to ME to enjoy Guster at the newly reopened State Theater in Portland. This past Aug. Ali fought in a USA Boxing Amateur Boxing Association match in Eastham, MA. While she isn't planning to take boxing on as a career, she enjoyed the experience and she lived to tell about it! **Krisi Dyer** is living at Sugarloaf year round. I ran into her at the ME Cancer Foundation Annual Charity Summitt, where Krisi



Sarah Outten '01 and her boyfriend, Mike Horan, kicked off the New Year Hawaiian style.

wowed the crowd with her wonderful singing. She is DJing and "dye-roking" for private events, singing with occasional bands, waitressing and bartending, and living with her boyfriend and dog! She recently started doing a lot of photography and is joining the staff of an area newspaper as a correspondent/writer/photographer for events that will be taking place in the Kingsfield, ME, area. **Jen Pesare** is finishing up her 4th year teaching in a K-3 Behavior Support classroom in Middletown, RI. She spent the summer working on her new house in Tiverton, RI. **Erik Rocheford** and **Katie Lynch Rocheford '02** had a perfect getaway to Napa last fall. Erik has been doing a lot of back-country skiing with **Brendan Carney '02** on his homemade Savant Skis, but as he wrote this his brain was already shifting back to surfing. He's also ready to take some money on the golf course this summer from **Rob**



Tara Schirm Campanella '00, her husband, Jon, and their daughters Gianna and Sofia pose for a family photo before Jon's deployment to Afghanistan.

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Jennie Cocchiaro Labranche '01 with her children Lily and Philip, and Kristin Ozana Doyle '01 and her daughter Abby in front of Colgate Hall in October 2010.

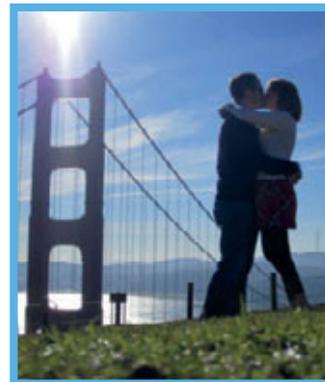


Kim Morrison Miller and her husband, Jay, with their son Peyton and daughter Paisley.



(L to r) Erik Rocheford '01, his father Mark Rocheford and Brendan Carney '02 spent a day on the slopes with their homegrown Savant skis.

Fagan and Matt Ferguson '03! Grace Gravelle writes, "I left my corporate office job in Dec. so I could focus on teaching yoga full time around Cincinnati! I write about my yoga journey on my website www.frontporchyoga.com. Also honored to contribute to Taber Lightfoot's master's project at <http://myyogastory.com/myyogastory/grace/>. Reconnected with Aurora Merry, Heather Thomson Arrighi and Cheryl Lecesce '02 over the holidays while visiting family in NH." Jeff Silvia graduated from nursing school in 2009 and has been working as an RN in the Cardiac Surgical ICU at Mass General Hospital in Boston. He bought a condo and is living in Rockland, MA. Sarah Outten has left the Big Apple and recently bought a house in Northampton, MA, where she lives with her boyfriend, Mike, and 2 dogs, Hudson and Ava. She is currently enrolled in the MBA program at UMASS Amherst. In her spare time, Sarah has been traveling to Colombia, HI, Puerto Rico and St. Thomas in the past year. Tracey Guarda Perkins is still wandering the halls of Colgate Hall as the director of admissions counseling. She and Keith Perkins '99 and daughter Abbey are taking full advantage of the brand new Windy Hill School on campus. She has frequent girls' weekends with Taber Lightfoot and Mandy Eaton Casey. Although she has not ridden a horse in 3 years she is hoping to get Abbey on one soon to start the tradition all over again. Sara Hammond is still practicing law in Boston and is looking forward to seeing everyone at our reunion this fall! Katrina Ryan shared that the Hurricanes hosted the 2011 NHL All Star Game in Jan., which she was a part of. She had never worked so much in her life—90 hours in 1 week! Fellow NC resident Kim Morrison Miller writes, "Peyton welcomed a baby sister in July 2010; Paisley completes our family of 4. Peyton is playing ice hockey and starts kindergarten this fall. Jay is still working for the Dept. of Commerce and I'm enjoying being an at-home mom. As a family we are enjoying traveling, raising chickens and attending local sporting events. It's nice having fellow alumna

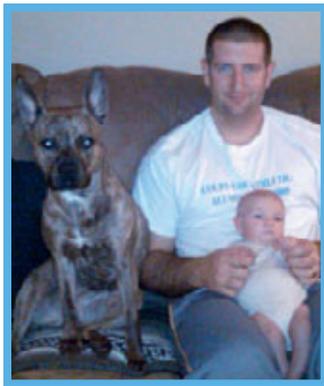


Erik Rocheford '01 and Katie Lynch Rocheford '02 taking in the scenery on a weekend getaway to Napa.

Katrina Ryan only 5 minutes from us in Raleigh, NC." Brooke Morin Black is still teaching history and coaching girl's lacrosse and soccer in NY. She and her husband celebrated their son's 1st birthday this Mar. She is traveling to Japan this summer with some of her students to learn the history and culture firsthand. Kristin Ozana Doyle writes, "My husband and I welcomed our 1st child, Abigail Victoria Doyle, on June 25, 2010. After my maternity leave, I returned to my 10th year of teaching social studies at Raymond High. I have been enjoying spending more time with Jennie Cocchiaro LaBranche now that she and her family have returned to NH." Megan McCarthy Brodeur and her husband are living in Sturbridge, MA, with their daughter, Riley, who will turn 3 in June. Megan completed her master's in special ed. and loves



Jacob Jarvela '02 with his son Peter.



Mike "Reggie" Derr '02 with his son Owen and their rescue pitbull Gerdie.

her job as a 5th grade special ed. teacher at Charlton Middle School. Thanks for the updates, Class of '01. Looking forward to seeing you all at our 10th reunion during the Alumni Fall Festival Sept. 30–Oct. 2, 2011.

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Hi, everyone! I hope this update finds you all well. **Stephanie Roy Ziniti** married Pete Ziniti in Nashua, NH, on Dec. 12, 2010. Her sister officiated the ceremony, which was capped off by Pete's brother, Charlie, singing his best man speech! Stephanie went on her annual mission trip to Honduras in Feb., where she and Pete had another wedding ceremony, only this time with a Latin American flair. **Jen Panther Dickerson** got married in Nov. 2010 at a winery in Driftwood, TX. Her mother-in-law performed the ceremony. Jen and her husband honeymooned in Playa del Carmen for a week, and in Jan. opened their own company, River Rock Landscaping. In addition to working part time for the landscaping company, Jen still works full time for an architect in Austin. But in her free time, she's on the lake using her wedding present from her husband—a Cobalt boat! Down in NJ, **Jacob**



Stephanie Roy Ziniti '02 and her husband, Peter, were married Dec. 12, 2010.

Jarvela and his wife had a baby boy, named Peter, in Aug. 2010. **Randi Everett Korona** and her husband, Tim, welcomed their daughter, Maya Ashlee Korona, into the world on Feb. 16. **Meagan Slater Willett** moved to TX after graduation, but then moved back to the East Coast after a few years and now lives in Antrim, NH. In 2008, Meagan married her husband, Mike, whom she has known since they were kids. Eight months ago they welcomed their son, Logan, to the family, which includes one horse, 2 dogs and 3 cats! For work, Meagan teaches a class for autistic teenagers in a special education school. **Mike Derr** and his wife, Kate, had their 1st child on Feb. 2. "We named him Owen William Derr but everyone is already calling him Lil' Reg," he says. At the end of 2010, Mike was promoted to project

engineer for the geotechnical engineering company that he has been with since June 2002. In Mar., he coordinated the State of DE's state competition for MATHCOUNTS, a national math competition for 6th-, 7th-, and 8th-graders who are interested in engineering and math careers. **Brendan Carney** and **Jenny Buck Carney** spent the winter trying to ski as much as possible. They've traveled to CO and UT, and have gone on numerous backcountry ski trips in and around New England. They're also spending lots of time with **Erik Rocheford '01** in his basement making skis. Check out Savant Skis on Facebook to see what they're up to! **Katie Reeder** is working for Child and Family Services of NH as the case coordinator of the Seacoast Transitional Living Program, which is for homeless young adults ages 18–21. **Addy Danaher** is still living in Mystic, CT, and working at Pfizer in their health and fitness center as a health/fitness specialist and ops manager. For the past few years, she's been working for a small company teaching fitness boot camp classes and personal training the Norwich, CT, Fire Department. Addy continues to train for triathlons and road races in the summer and plans to compete in the Providence ½ Ironman in July. **Debbie Panza Brenner** spent the winter skiing every weekend and enjoying free time with friends and family. She said she looks

forward to summer days on the beach, spending the 4th of July on Martha's Vineyard, and working at Beaver Meadow Golf Course in Concord, NH, as the beverage cart girl. **Matthew Sweeney** completed the MSW degree from Simmons College in 2008 and completed his LICSW in Mar. He runs a rehab program for the mentally ill in Chelsea, MA. As for me, I'm still living in Wilmington, MA, and working for GateHouse Media New England as a managing editor and as the editor of the *Concord Journal* in Concord, MA. Outside of work, I am a 1st degree black belt assistant instructor at the Body Mind Systems Martial Arts Training Center in Stoneham, MA. It's a challenging and rewarding experience. Thanks for reading! And be sure to e-mail either Nikki or me to share your news.

2003

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In Dec. **Natasha Deane O'Donnell**, **Kayde Czupryna** and I traveled to NY for a surprise 30th birthday dinner for **Meghan Oriel Wallas**. We had a great time catching up and spending time with Meghan's family. **Lida Vanasse** just started a 2nd master's degree in communication information management at Bay



Alumni and friends gathering for Sam Fucile's 30th birthday included Katie Mills '06, Harolyn Swartz Fucile '04, Director of Annual Giving and Rugby Coach Chris Reed, Sam Fucile '03, Mike Cornell (non-degreed alumnus), Rob Ryder '03, Keelin Regan-Reed, Eric Keskula '03, Garrett Chambers '03, Matt Cartmill '03 and Caroline Cooney Cartmill '04.

Path College. **Kerstin Swenson** completed her master's in teaching from Western Governors U. last June and is teaching pre-school at Hemingway Elementary School in Ketchum, ID. She was skiing a lot this past winter and was getting ready to hike and mountain bike in the spring. **Charlotte James Ufford** was born on Feb. 18, 2011, to **Liz Joseph** and her husband, **Matt Ufford**. She weighed 7 lbs 2 oz and was 19¼ inches long. **Kristen Horn Guerriero** and her husband, **Chris**, welcomed a 2nd little boy, **Matthew Christopher**, into the world on Nov. 28, 2010. **Matt Wheel** was married to his wife, **Katie**, on Sept. 6, 2010. That's all for now. I hope the Class of 2003 has an exciting summer and look forward to hearing from everyone in the fall!

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Hello, all! I hope this finds you all enjoying your spring/summer! **Stacey Fraser de-Haan** is settling into her grandparents' old house

in Lexington, MA, decorating and doing minor renovations. She is saving the bigger renovations for when her husband, **Justin**, returns from his deployment. **Stacey** keeps busy working for 3 different museums—as the manager for 2 historic houses in Portsmouth and as the educational planner for museums in Haverhill and Ipswich. **Stacey** met **Justin** this spring in Scotland for a couple of weeks while he was on leave. **Nina Lavigne Shedd** is still living in VT and is working for Homeland Security. **Nina** says that she and **Joseph** took a trip to see **Sarah Crete's** family farm in Boscawen. On

the way back, **Nina** and **Joseph** stopped in New London to visit with **Jessie Price** as well. **Maggie Warner** was finally able to take her trip to Scotland in Aug. She had originally planned to go in Apr. but the volcano in Iceland changed those plans. She spent 10 days in Glasgow traveling to Troon, Aberfoyle, Crief and Stirling. **Maggie** spent Christmas in Tahoe City with her brother, **Jake**, and they had a great time snowshoeing and eating lots of tacos. **Stephney Anderson Gonzalez** and her husband, **Dave**, welcomed their son **Skyelar** into the world on Feb. 26, 2010. **Virginia Maston** and her boy-

friend, **Clay**, welcomed their son **Cannon** into the world on July 5, 2010. **Stephanie Hicks Antonucci** has been busy working on a Victorian home she and her husband purchased a little over a year ago. **Stephanie** recently began taking classes at Plymouth State in pursuit of her M.Ed with certification in ele-

Selvitella/Carignan Wedding



Dayna Selvitella Carignan '04 and Michael Carignan '05 were married on Oct. 2, 2010, in Watch Hill, R.I.



Alumni friends gathering for the celebration included (back row, l to r) Tristan Stenson (non-degreed alumnus), Ben Stehle '05, Mike Mandlese '05, Chris Browne (non-degreed alumnus), Tim Morin '04, Tim Beaton '05. (Middle row, l to r) Kacy Bean '04, Allison Huckabee Stenson '04, Karen Salvo Nigrelli '04, Emily Goodrich '05, Tom Reed (non-degreed alumnus), Hanni Lincoln '05, Lynsey Ells '04. (Front row, l to r) Tia Holt Beaton '04, Dayna Selvitella Carignan '04, Michael Carignan '05, Rebecca Brault Bearce '04, Lauren Palma '04 and Amy Marcello.

Mukai/Scully Wedding



Satsuki Mukai Scully '04 married Thomas Scully in a traditional Shinto-style wedding ceremony in April in Osaka, Japan.



Following the ceremony, the couple enjoyed a traditional British-style wedding reception with family and friends, including Kanako Toyama '03 (standing on the left in the back row).



Nina LaVigne Shedd '04 with her son Joseph and Jessie Price '04.



Nina LaVigne Shedd '04 with her son Joseph and fellow alumna Sarah Crete '04.



Stephney Anderson Gonzalez '04 with her husband, Dave, and their son Skyelar.

mentary education. She is working at White Mountain Regional High School as the online learning coordinator and recently added the title of algebra teacher to the list of her responsibilities. **Dayna Selvitella Carignan** and **Michael Carignan '05** were married Oct. 2, 2010, in Watch Hill, RI. Many friends and alumni were in attendance to help celebrate their special day. The couple left the next day for their honeymoon in Paris and Italy. Currently, Mike is an assistant superintendent at Shelter Harbor Golf Club in Charlestown, RI, and Dayna is a graphic designer at Mystic Seaport, in Mystic, CT. They live in Charlestown with their dog Reese. **Satsuki Mukai** was married on Apr. 17, 2011, in her home town of Osaka, where she is currently living. She writes, "My husband is from UK and his



In Feb., Ellen Kirsch '05 participated in the Penguin Plunge at Highland Lake in Winsted, Ct., to raise money for the Special Olympics.

name is Thomas Scully. We had a traditional Shinto style wedding ceremony and a British style white dress reception. **Caitlin Wood '05** was going to come with her boyfriend, but unfortunately was not able to because of the earthquake. However, **Kanako Toyama '03** came to my wedding. Our family-oriented reception included the bride's sister and brother-in-law singing a song for sisterhood, the groom's father playing guitar while the groom sang, the groom's uncle playing jazz piano and singing for us, and so much entertainment with many people who we



Becca Bailey Wright '05 with her husband, Shawn, and their three children

love." As for me, **Mary Lougee Lambert**, life with 2 children is busy but fun. I am continuing to pursue my MBA at Franklin Pierce while working in the payroll department at Dartmouth Hitchcock. I'm looking forward to introducing my daughter to the beach and relaxing this summer when the family travels to our cottage in Ogunquit, ME.

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Jen Wood bought a house in Aug. and is a full-time kindergarten teacher. **Libby Bent Colón**

moved to Norfolk, VA, in Nov. 2010 and got a job working as a graphic designer at Al-Anon, a program for friends and families of alcoholics. Libby has been working on a conference poster and a monthly magazine called *The Forum*, and the beginnings of a history book are beginning to take form. She has also started volunteering at a local therapeutic riding center. **Jen Haagenen** started her 3rd year of medical school in May and will be moving to Danville, PA, to complete her core clinical rotations at Geisinger Medical Center. **Becca Bailey Wright** married Scott Wright in Oct. 2005. They have 3 children: a boy born in Apr. 2007, a girl in May 2009, and another girl in Sept. 2010. Becca has been home for the past 3 years and was to earn her master's degree in child and adolescent development in June 2011. She will be working with the school district in the fall. The family is enjoying warm SC. **Ellen Kirsch** is still



Nicole LeBlanc Hier is surrounded by her alumni friends on her wedding day. Pictured are (front row, l to r) Stephanie Walsh Moran '04, Joe Caforia '04, Nicole LeBlanc Hier '04, matron of honor Karen Lewis Betts '04, Melissa Tobin '04, Ellen Lampman Reed '03 (middle row, l to r) Meaghan Pollard Robitaille '04, Kevin Moran '04, bridesmaid Rylee Field '14, bridesmaid Kendra Seavey Robert '04, Amy Soubosky '04, (back row, l to r) Jeff Blaszkowski '06, Adam Robitaille (non-degreed alumnus), Lindsey Welch (non-degreed alumna), Eric Marshall '04, Justin Jaundoo '03, Neal Rawding '04 and Bryan Larson '04.



Danielle Hilton Clay '05 and Jon Clay '04 with their daughter Skylar and son Aidan.



Becky Mello Nadeau '06 and Krystal Heins '06.



Marthé Fidler '06 and her fiancé, Ryan Teixeira.

working as a transition coach for LARC in Torrington, CT. She has also completed the recertification process for medication administration and has taken on a per diem role as a residential counselor at one of her agency's group homes. Ellen is still very involved with the Special Olympics, coaching track & field. She participated in her 1st Penguin Plunge this past Feb., and even with extremely freezing water she was able to raise a lot of money for the Special Olympics. **Danielle Hilton Clay and Jon Clay '04** added a new addition to their family: Skylar became a big sister to Aidan, born May 24, 2010. **Monica Michaud** recently saw **Jamie Pagurko White** and **Kelsey Nadeau Reed** for Kelsey's baby shower in Feb.

As always, the Class of '06 has been busy. **Marthé Fidler** recently got engaged to Ryan Teixeira, a graduate of Bentley U. Their wedding was scheduled for June 4, 2011, in Newport, RI. **Jackie Sullivan** and **Greg Genest** got engaged in Aug. 2010 and are planning a wedding for Sept. 2011. **Krystal Heins** has been working at Merrimack Valley Middle School in Penacook, NH, as a 7th grade language arts and social studies teacher since graduation. She recently earned her master's degree in education and literacy from New England College. She got together with **Kristina Garrison '07**, **Jessica Kingsbury '07**, **Amy Janiak '07**, **Jennifer Madigan '07** and **Kristin Deree-Travers '05** for margaritas and good times, and has had several visits with **Becky Mello Nadeau**. On a personal note, I recently completed my master's degree in leadership and public administration from Centenary College. I also heard from **Amy Tarte**, who informed me that although she has not moved, married, had kids or

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(L to r) Krystal Heins '06, Jessica Kingsbury '07, Jennifer Madigan '07, Amy Janiak '07, Kristina Garriso '07 and Kristin Deree-Travers '05 enjoy a girls' night out.

started a new business, she has been enjoying success in her career. She's currently working as director of health and safety for the National Volunteer Fire Council and is serving as a volunteer firefighter and EMT at the Stonewall Jackson Volunteer Fire Department in Manassas, VA. She is also their health and safety technician, a member of their

Board of Directors and the department grant manager. During her free time, she plays the bagpipes with the Northern Virginia Firefighter's Emerald Society Pipe Band. As always, it was great to hear from my fellow alumni.

2006 Reunion

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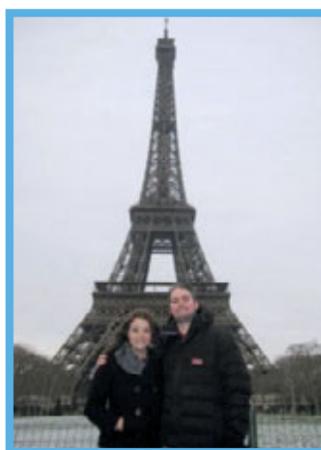
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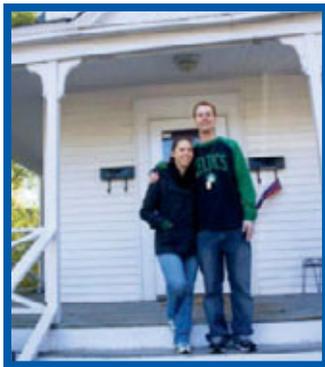
Melissa Ferrigno recently moved to Lebanon, NH, with her fiancé, Justin. They were planning a



(L to r) Beth Norris Gildea '06, Amara Spang Noel '06 and Jamie Coan '06 got together for some winter fun in Maine.



Alyssa Coffey '07 and Peter O'Laughlin '07, with the Eiffel Tower in the background.



Sarah Dow '07 and Shawn Fleisner '06 standing on the porch of their recently purchased home near Boston.

June 2012 wedding. **Alyssa Coffey** and **Peter O'Laughlin** are still engaged and currently living in Cape Cod. Peter is attending St George's School of Medicine '14 and Alyssa is attending MA School of Law '14. They vacationed in England, Scotland and France over Christmas and New Year's. **Kate O'Neil deBros** is working as a learning specialist at Mary Woodward Elementary School in Tigard, OR. She is also getting her master's in ed. at Portland State U., specializing in behavior management. **Sarah Dow** and **Shawn Fleisner '06** recently bought a 2-family home near Boston and are now landlords. **Jen Richard Johnson** and her husband, Peter, had a beautiful baby boy in Aug., named Wade. Thanks to all of the members of the class who sent in updates, and hope to hear more from you soon!

2008

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I hope this finds you well, and thank you to everyone who sent in updates! **John O'Neil** has been living and breathing baseball and will be moving to northern NJ to work as head coach of a new expansion team in a collegiate summer league. **Brian Saad** finished his master's in severe special education in May. **Lisa Giordano** is a student in a clinical psychology doctoral program at the MA School of Professional Psychology. This summer she'll be traveling to Ecuador for 5 weeks to take Spanish classes and participate in volunteer work. **Kevin Brisebois** has moved from Mainland China to Hong Kong, where he still works for Nypro. He signed a contract to stay a minimum of 1-2 years. **Ashley Goulter** has been riding horses and competing with the Plum Grove Equestrian Drill Team. Love is in the air for the Class of '08, and we have lots of engagements and weddings to announce. **Sarah Heaney** and **Adrian Pelletier '07** have been busy planning their small family wedding for Sept. 2011. **Kelly DeCharles** and **Justin Holshuh '06** are planning a Sept. 2012 wedding on Cape Cod. Kelly currently operates

an ice cream parlor called Lil' Caboose in Yarmouth, MA, with her sister, while still working full-time as a graphic designer in Orleans, MA. **Pat Sylvia** and **Angela Eastman** are excited to announce their engagement. Pat proposed to Angela on Dec. 4th, 2010. **Stephanie Shamel** is engaged to **Nick Watson '09**; they're planning a Spring 2012 wedding. **Kris Ramsay** and **Anna Clark '07** were to be married June 25, 2011, in Harwich, MA. Kris is currently employed by the Orleans Conservation Trusts in Orleans, MA. **Kim Simard Ackles** was married to **Zachary Ackles '07** on Oct. 23, 2010. Their wedding was attended by many CSC alumni. **Courtney Bodine Harvey** was married to J.R. Harvey on Dec. 10, 2010.

2009

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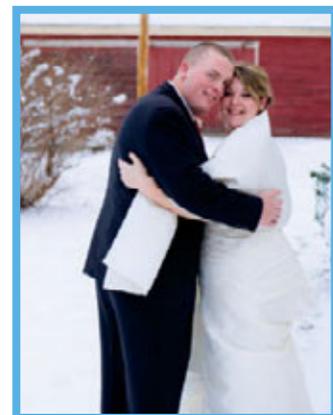
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Thank you to everyone who sent in their responses for this issue of



Luke Harvey '08 keeps his cool while fighting fire in Littleton, N.H.



Blushing bride Courtney Bodine Harvey '08 with her new husband, J.R. Harvey, on their wedding day.

the *Alumni Magazine*! **Jeff Parfitt** and **Ali Hodsdon-Parfitt** were married on Dec. 23, 2010. They currently reside in Middlebury, VT, and are employed by the Counseling Service of Addison County, where they work with children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders, emotional behavioral disorders and non-specified learning disorders. **Melissa Estabrook** was engaged to **Andrew Pillsbury '07** on Aug. 24, and they're planning a July 2012 wedding. **Sean Ahern** continues to attend grad school at Bowling Green U. in OH. He's studying popular culture with subject interests in popular music, subcultures and Irish-American culture. He also enjoys teaching undergraduate introductory courses in addition to working at BGSU's Jerome Library as a graduate supervisor. He's begun traveling to various conferences to present a series of papers, including one on the video game "Fallout 3" and its use of metaculture, and another on the Dropkick Murphys and Irish hybridity. Sean is working on his thesis, and beginning to

Simard/Ackles Wedding



Kim Simard Ackles '08 and Zachary Ackles '07 on their October 2010 wedding day.



Joining the happy couple for the celebration were (l to r) Kristina Garrison '07, Lyndsey Walsh '08, Lindsey Santoro '08, Betsy Landry '08, Jennifer Chase '08, Melissa Lewis '08, Jeff Blood '07, Kim Simard Ackles '08, Zachary Ackles '07, Carlo Romeo '07, Brittany McAvey Westerman '08, Carl Keyser '07, Melissa Ferrigno '07 and Peter Ridgers '07.

In Fashion

Kimberly Walleston '09

You might not expect a fashion star to emerge from rural New Hampshire, a part of the world known more for hip waders than hip design. But Kimberly Walleston '09 has gone from living in a log cabin in Weare to living it up as host of a fashion show on Boston television. Appearing on "styleboston" on WCVB Channel 5, this Communications Studies graduate beat out thousands of applicants for a chance at small-screen stardom.

"I always wanted to get into broadcasting," says Walleston, a Wesson Honors student at Colby-Sawyer. Her first break into the industry came right after graduation, when she was tapped to host a web series, *InsidersHealthTV*. Combining her interest in natural wellness with a chance to perfect her on-air skills, the show was a perfect vehicle to launch her career. Another web series on *The Pulse Network* followed, and then came her shot at broadcast television.

When the television show "styleboston" held a competition in 2010 for a host of its new segment, "Fashion Forward," Walleston was one of about 2,000 entrants. "I wasn't really expecting a lot," she says of her audition, seeing it as a chance to get her name out within the Boston television industry. But when three finalists were named, Walleston was among them, and she went on to win the contest.

As host of "Fashion Forward" Walleston interviews up-and-coming designers and highlights new trends. While always a fashion enthusiast, she has been forced to confront some misperceptions about the industry. "It's not all empty materialism," she explains. "There is a lot of artistry and inspiration that goes into designing clothes." The same is true of her role as host, which involves much more than simply appearing on camera. "I always write my own treatments," Walleston says, which include not only her interview questions but also the visual look of each show.

In a January issue of *Improper Bostonian*, Walleston was selected as one of the city's "Most Eligibles." "This New Hampshire girl jokes she was raised in the mountains by wolves, but she turned out awfully polished," the article notes. "Besides graduating summa cum laude and as a member of both the Alpha Chi and the Lambda Pi Eta Communication honor societies at Colby-Sawyer College, she won an award for writing a series of children's books on environmental literacy." The piece concludes by describing her as "a refreshing balance of urbane sensibility and rural values, she might buy a lot of shoes, but she never forgets the pleasures of bare feet."

As to where she thinks her career will take her, Walleston laughs. "I wish I knew. I'm just kind of feeling it out. This is a great position to be in, at 24. I'm very open to what may come my way."

—Mike Gregory



at Chapel Hill Cooperative Preschool. She also spends her time as a server at a deli in town. **Abby Merritt Cramer** is working on her master's in library science from Simmons College in Boston. She's living in Cambridge and working at the Northeastern U. Archives. **Kimberly Walleston** is busy in Boston as well. She works as the host of "Fashion Forward" on "styleboston," on WCVB-TV Channel 5. You can find her hanging in local boutiques and at the many fashion events throughout the city. When she's not working, she's hiking, camping and hanging with her 5 dogs.

2010

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Lauren Campiglio completed her 2nd semester of graduate school at Springfield College. She's going for her M.Ed in counseling psychology with a concentration in student personnel administration. She also completed an internship at Western New England College in their Career Services Department. Lauren will be graduating next May. **Jaime Church** is currently living in NJ and enrolled in a master's program for sports administration at Fairleigh Dickinson U. She's also been working as an assistant for Athletic Communications. **Jon Roche** is employed by Oxford International in Beverly, MA, as a technical recruiter. **Jonathan Espinal Cabrera** is now a certified athletic trainer at Sports and Physical Therapy Associates in Wellesley, MA. It was great hearing from the people who sent updates; hope to hear from more of you in the future.

2011

Class Correspondent Needed

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look into Ph.D. programs. While **Numan Özdalga** had spent some time in Orange County to do marketing at a network station, he recently moved back to his hometown of Istanbul, Turkey. Since his relocation, he spent a brief time in the military until he settled down to work in the advertising business at Saatchi & Saatchi's Istanbul branch as a strategic planner. He's beginning a search for his own apartment. **Elizabeth O'Donnell** is still working at the Weymouth Club, a fitness club on the South Shore of MA. As the event coordinator and teen program director, she books and plans birthday parties as well as creating and managing

special programming for children. **Aubrey Thomas** is a paralegal in Newton, MA. She also spends much of her time volunteering at Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care in Newton, MA. In her free time this past winter she trained for the US National Toboggan Races in Camden, ME. She placed 16th out of 75 teams in the 3-person team division! **Elizabeth Cressman** is still working as a preschool teacher in Reading, MA. She plans to continue working there while completing the courses required to apply for a master's degree in speech pathology. She is hoping to complete the prerequisite classes by spring 2012, so she can offi-

cially begin the graduate program in Fall 2012. Elizabeth keeps in touch with several of her friends from CSC, including **Nicole Poelaert**, who is the assistant director and curriculum advisor of a new daycare and preschool in Pembroke. She is also busy taking classes for her master's. In her off time, you can find her feet in the sand at Duxbury Beach or camping with her new Irish setter rescue, Hunter. **Kathryn Mirick**, as a director of a new preschool, is living in Williamsburg, VA. She's also taking classes for her master's in special ed. **Jeanine Audet** is not far away in Chapel Hill, NC. She's a lead teacher in the 3- to 5-year-old program

IN FOND MEMORY SUMMER 2011

1931

Helen Goodwin Yeagle
NOVEMBER 01, 2007

1933

Alice Staffen Niedzwecki
DECEMBER 3, 2008

Madeline Nolan Samson
MARCH 25, 2011

1935

Barbara Crampton Jones
APRIL 27, 2011

1936

Nancy Martin LaBahn
APRIL 01, 2010

Geraldine McKewen
Bateman
MARCH 28, 2011

1937

Mary Gay Marble Talcott
FEBRUARY 18, 2011

1938

Jane Kiefaber Noland
JANUARY 28, 2011

1939

Eleanor Smith Slawson
FEBRUARY 12, 2011

Marjorie Root Bain
MARCH 30, 2011

Jane Squire Hasty
APRIL 1, 2011

1940

Barbara Buckley Maner
MAY 4, 2009

Georgia Bayrd Paxton
DECEMBER 14, 2009

Ruth Randolph Woodman
JANUARY 16, 2011

1941

Eleanor Wheeler Bell
MAY 23, 2007

Margery "Giffie" Gifford
Joyce
JANUARY 12, 2011

1942

Virginia Coleman Hunter
JANUARY 10, 2011

Louise Bartels Fuller
MARCH 29, 2011

1943

Shirley Cryan O'Connor
JULY 22, 2009

Constance Leavitt Anderson
JANUARY 22, 2011

1944

Orvel Gillingham Brown
OCTOBER 23, 2009

Margaret Nelson Hornbrook
JULY 21, 2010

Natalie L. MacBain
JANUARY 21, 2011

Elizabeth Marden Hyde
JANUARY 26, 2011

Grace Riley Hunt
FEBRUARY 16, 2011

1945

Norma Davidson Schlacter
MARCH 13, 2008

Jean Jacob Vetter
DECEMBER 31, 2010

Mary Lou Craffey Ackley
FEBRUARY 2, 2011

Margaret "Peggy" Wells
Bush
APRIL 27, 2011

1946

Iris Kimball Haskell
AUGUST 1, 2008

Jean Henderson Read
MARCH 29, 2011

1947

Anne Grier Tourtellotte
DECEMBER 30, 2010

1948

Elizabeth Wilkes Bright
JULY 3, 2010

1949

Dorothea Walker Dressler
MARCH 19, 2011

1950

Nancy Brown Pieper
JANUARY 6, 2011

Phyllis Scott Lobdell
MARCH 10, 2011

1951

Joan Barr Lowell
MARCH 1, 2011

1952

Barbara Campbell
Longstreet
AUGUST 29, 2006

Joan Coates Price
NOVEMBER 4, 2008

1953

Gail Manter Wells
OCTOBER 18, 2010

1954

Beverly Bennett Buergin
JULY 24, 2010

Marian Tweedle Anderson
FEBRUARY 13, 2011

Sandra Olt Atkinson
MARCH 23, 2011

Ruth Thompson Law
APRIL 13, 2011

1955

Mary Paul Yuengling
JULY 2, 2009

1956

Sally Ross Pestalozzi
FEBRUARY 8, 2010

Eleanor Kent Chastain
APRIL 6, 2011

1960

Jeryl Anderson Rosavage
APRIL 25, 2010

1961

Deborah Tracy White
MARCH 1, 2011

1962

Ann Arnzen Maynard Jones
APRIL 25, 2011

1963

Judith Demarais Franzoso
JANUARY 19, 2011

1964

Linda Johnson Zygadio
JANUARY 11, 2011

1965

Joan Wagner Low
OCTOBER 26, 2010

1967

Katharine C. Worthington
MARCH 17, 2008

Gay Symington Gelb
DECEMBER 11, 2009

1975

Laurie Ferguson
APRIL 17, 2011

1976

Vickie Johnson Sykes
NOVEMBER 29, 2010

1977

Micheline Hoage
FEBRUARY 23, 2010

Laura Emilson Riekert
JANUARY 13, 2011

1978

Lisa Clark Federico
JANUARY 11, 2011

Friend and Legend Curtis L. Ivey

Curtis L. Ivey, the Legends Society member for whom the college's science center was named in 2004, died on Friday, Jan. 28, 2011, in Naples, Fla. He was 89. Ivey was a successful businessman whose interests included real estate development throughout the Northeast. Formerly of Greenwich, Conn., and Naples, Fla., Ivey relocated to New London, N.H., with his wife, Doris, to be closer to their family and beloved "log cabin" on Lake Sunapee, where they had spent more than 50 summers.



Before the late 1990s, Curtis and Doris Ivey had little connection to Colby-Sawyer, but they were friends with many area residents who were involved with the college, including the late Joan H. and Charles J. "Chuck" Lawson, a former chairman of the Board of Trustees. Ivey was considering a way to honor the memory of his son, Curtis Ivey Jr., and while touring the campus with the Lawsons, Ivey, a graduate of Bucknell University who had studied biology and chemistry, recognized the need for a new science center. He and Doris made a significant investment in the college and agreed to allow the college to name the new science center in honor of the family.

On Sept. 17, 2004, Curtis and Doris Ivey, their children and grandchildren, and hundreds of college community members and friends attended the dedication ceremony for the Curtis L. Ivey Science Center. The two-story, 33,000-square-foot science center was dedicated in memory of their son, Curtis Ivey Jr., and a daughter, Elizabeth Ivey Jurgenson, who had recently died. At the dedication ceremony, then-President Anne Ponder said the Iveys' initial gift had inspired many others who helped to make possible the building she described as "one of the seven wonders" of Colby-Sawyer's history. "You have turned a personal and family anguish into something that will benefit future generations," President Ponder told the Ivey family.



Volunteer Extraordinaire Ethelyn "Jackie" Dorr Symons '35

Ethelyn "Jackie" Dorr Symons, who graduated from Colby Junior College in 1935, died peacefully in her sleep on Dec. 22, 2010, at age 95. She was a volunteer extraordinaire for a number of organizations, including her beloved alma mater, which she served as the longest-running class correspondent in school history. Symons took on the volunteer position after her graduation in 1935, writing bi-annual class news reports for the Alumni Magazine; she loved keeping in touch with her classmates. In recognition of her service and devotion, she was honored with the college's Alumni Service Award in 2008, and she continued to represent the Class of 1935 until her death. "Jackie's dedication and service to Colby-Sawyer is second to none," said Director of Alumni Relations Tracey Austin, "and she will forever be remembered as among our most compassionate and loyal alumni."



Friend Anne McLaren Ray

New London, N.H., and Naples, Fl., resident Anne Ray died in Naples on December 15, 2010, after a brief illness.

Anne, who is survived by her husband of 60 years, Frederick G. Ray, served on the college's President's Advisory Council from 2001 until her death.

Anne, together with Fred, was a loyal and supportive friend to the college. In 2002 the Rays made a gift to provide for the construction of a climbing wall in Mercer Hall. The Ray Climbing Wall continues to be a popular recreation spot for Colby-Sawyer students, faculty, staff and community members.

President Tom Galligan remembers Anne fondly. "Anne was a true life-long learner. She was active in her communities, and thrived on expanding her knowledge," he says. "She was a wonderful person and a most gracious hostess. She loved talking about her family, and her devotion was always clear."

Anne and Fred are the parents of Karen Ray Johnson '92 of Wilmot, N.H., and Peter Ray of Vashon, Wash., and grandparents of eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Friend, Legend and Decorated Veteran **Robert Pratt Kelsey Jr.**

Lt. Col. Robert “Bob” Pratt Kelsey Jr. (retired), a long-time friend and supporter of Colby-Sawyer College, died at age 87 on Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011, in New London, N.H. He was born in Jacksonville, Fla., attended Deerfield Academy in Deerfield, Mass., and entered Harvard College in 1941, leaving in early 1944 to serve in World War II. During the war he was decorated with the Silver Star and Bronze Star and was twice awarded the Purple Heart. He remained active in the U. S. Army Reserve and in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for the Army’s Force Development until his retirement in 1965.

In 1974, Kelsey married Patricia “Pat” Driggs, a graduate of Russell Sage College who taught physical education at Colby-Sawyer College. The Kelseys retired to New London, N.H., and deepened their involvement with the college.

Through their extraordinary philanthropy Bob and Pat Kelsey had an enormous impact on the college, according to Vice President for Advancement Beth Cahill. “Bob’s generosity, which spans more than two decades, has provided important resources that have helped this college thrive. It is fitting that Bob’s legacy continues on campus with the Kelsey Fields and Kelsey Tennis Courts.”

Alumna, Former First Lady of the College **Ruth Randolph Woodman '40**



Ruth Randolph Woodman, a member of the Class of 1940 and a longtime friend of the college, died at the age of 90 in New London, N.H., on Sunday, Jan. 16, 2011. She had lived in the New London area for many years and remained close to Colby-Sawyer College until the end of her life. Woodman studied ballet from an early age, attended Newton public schools and Colby Junior College, and then trained in ballet in New York under famed dancer and choreographer Vincenzo Celli. In 1941, she married Everett M. Woodman, whose first teaching position was at Colby Junior College, from 1939 to 1941. Soon after their marriage he departed for military service in World War II, returning to the college to teach until 1946.

Dr. Woodman was appointed president of Colby Junior College in 1962, and Ruth worked tirelessly to promote the cultural life of the college. In 1972, as her husband’s tenure ended, she was awarded honorary bachelor’s degree, citing her patronage of the arts. Long after his presidency, the Woodmans returned to the New London area, where they participated in campus activities and enjoyed many friendships across campus. A fervent student of languages, Ruth and her husband would often enjoy lunch at the dining hall’s French Table. She was renowned for her hospitality, warmth and gift for making people feel special.

The Cleveland Colby Colgate Archives hold the Ruth R. Woodman Papers, a collection that documents her life and correspondence. The college’s Everett and Ruth Woodman Dance Studio is named in their honor. Ruth was predeceased by her husband in 2007. The legacy of President and Mrs. Woodman will live on in part through the recently renamed Everett M. and Ruth R. Woodman Award, which seeks to make the college more affordable for transfer students.

Contributions in Ruth Woodman’s memory may be made to the Everett M. and Ruth R. Woodman Award, c/o Chris Reed, Director of Annual Giving and Advancement Services, Colby-Sawyer College, 541 Main Street, New London, N.H. 03257. He can be reached at 603-526-3797 or 800-266-8253 or via e-mail at chreed@colby-sawyer.edu.



Ruth Randolph Woodman performs the Bharata Natyam dance form while living in India. She studied ballet from an early age and later trained in New York under famed dancer, teacher and choreographer Vincenzo Celli. After her marriage to Everett Woodman, his work took them to India, where Ruth revived her dance career. She befriended three South Indian sisters, the popular film stars and classical Indian dancers known as the Travancore Sisters, and studied the Bharata Natyam dance form under their guru. Ruth performed with the three sisters and the dancer (later film actor and painter) Bhaskar Roy Chowdhury.

(Photograph provided by the Woodman family.)



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Biology and Environmental Studies students who participated in the field study course *River Communities* in May take a break on a ledge in their descent from Delicate Arch in Utah's Arches National Park. On their hike with Professors Nick Baer and Laura Alexander, the students observed water's effects on the landscape. The students include: (front row l to r) Ashley Reynolds, Jeff Marc-Aurele and Gage Bensley; (middle row) Laurel Bauer and Jessica Chickering; (back row) Adam Wilson, Ryan Bernstein and Jack Nessen.

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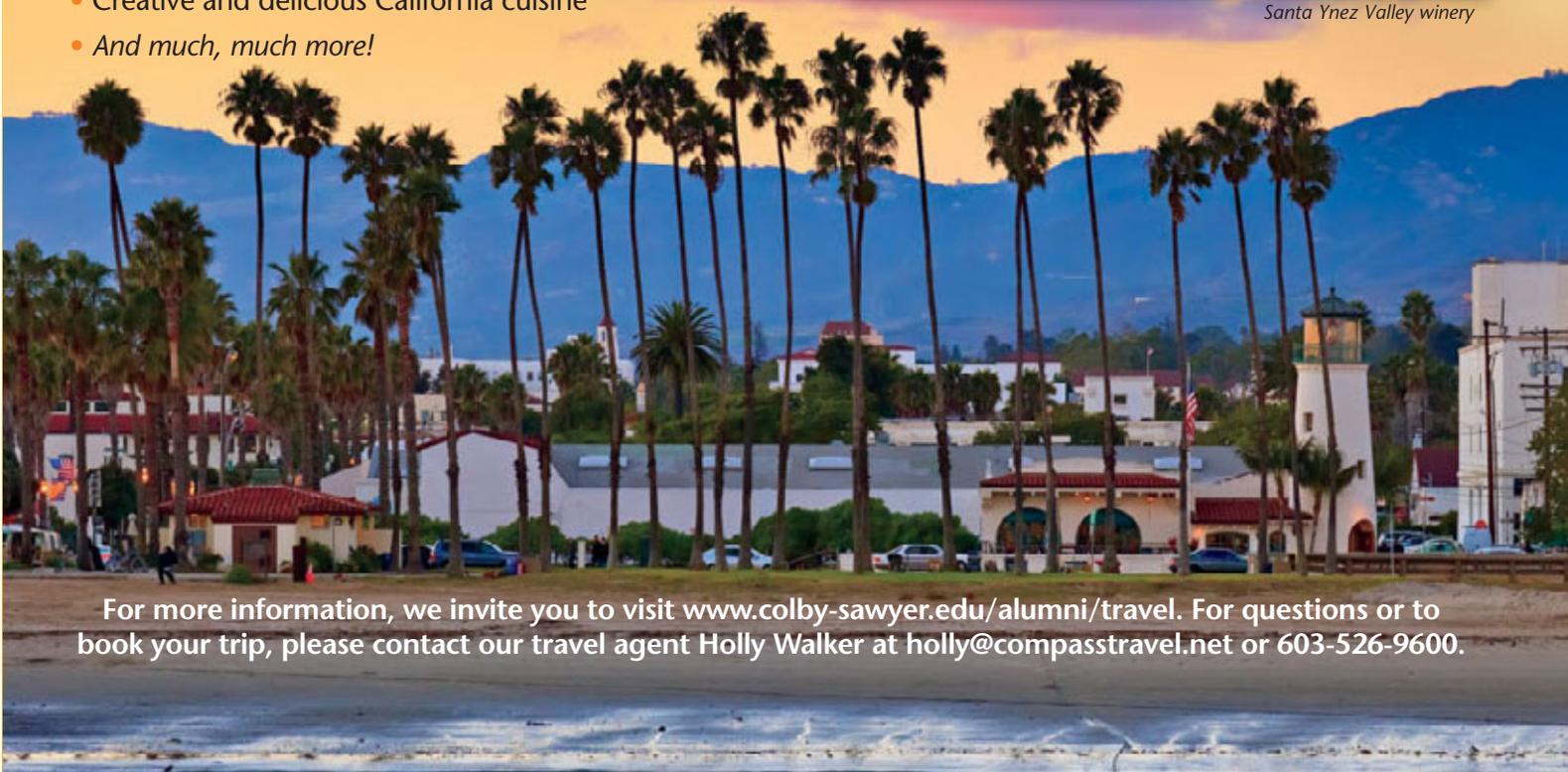
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