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*On the Cover:* Professor John Bott's Patchwork Trout, a watercolor he painted in 2006, was one of the many pieces which were greatly admired by art lovers at the retrospective of his work presented in a September/October exhibit in the Marian Graves Mugar Art Gallery.

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# COLBY-SAWYER MATTERS

by Kimberly Swick Slover and Kate Dunlop Seamans

## College Joins Higher Education Leaders to Fight Global Warming

Colby-Sawyer has committed to a “climate-neutral” campus, which means off-setting or mitigating the impact of carbon-based activity (burning fossil fuels in any form). The pledge came with President Tom Galligan’s signing of the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) in which he joined the leaders of 330 institutions across the country and made Colby-Sawyer a charter signatory institution.

While there are numerous ways to become climate or carbon neutral, there are two which are the most common. The first is to generate an amount of energy from non-carbon-based sources (wind, solar, etc.) equal to the amount of carbon-based emissions. The second is to balance the carbon equation by doing something such as planting trees that will absorb the carbon that is released through the burning of fossil fuels.

“Climate change and global warming are among the defining issues of our time,” says President Galligan. “We believe human activities have significantly contributed to the problem, and we are committed to working together to solve it. Creating a culture of concern for the environment, including a commitment to sustainability, is critical to our success. Colby-Sawyer College is proud to be among those leading the way.”

A good definition of the word sustainability as pertains to this initiative was developed by the National Association of College and University



Business Officers and reads as follows: “The making of decisions that integrate environmental, social and economic opportunities across campus and within the broader community.”

The college will work to create a comprehensive institutional action plan to move toward climate neutrality, which could take a number of years. In the short term, Colby-Sawyer will build on its commitment to campus sustainability, a growing movement in academia toward living within the limits of the earth’s resources.

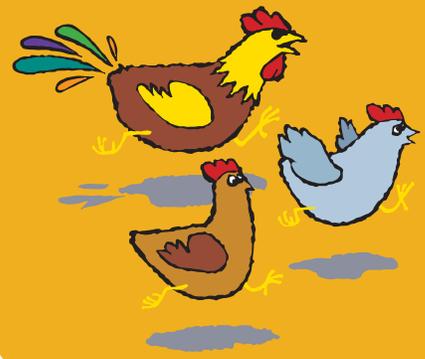
The Presidents Climate Commitment pledge was recommended by the college’s Community and Environmental Studies majors who, in 2006–2007, conducted a Campus Sustainability Assessment for their Green ROUTES project. The group’s recommendations met with wide support from students, the administration and trustees, and faculty and staff. The Climate Commitment, a program of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, was launched in June 2007, and is the first effort by any major sector of society to set climate neutrality as its target.

“Being one of the charter signatory institutions of the ACUPCC really

puts Colby-Sawyer out there on this issue,” says Professor John Callewaert, director of Colby-Sawyer’s Institute for Community and Environment. “And our new membership in the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education will provide important resources as we move forward with sustainability. While Colby-Sawyer is just getting into this movement, I think we will be able to move fast given our size and our culture of cooperation and communication.”

### CSC Fun Fact

**Each time chicken nuggets, a mealtime favorite, are served in the dining hall, Colby-Sawyer students gobble up 5,440 of them.**



## President Everett M. Woodman

**E**verett M. Woodman, who served as the third president of Colby Junior College from 1962 to 1972, passed away at age 91 on July 31, 2007, in New London, N.H., following a period of declining health. Colby-Sawyer College hosted a memorial service for him on Aug. 25, which was attended by his family and his many friends and colleagues from the college and surrounding communities.

President Woodman led Colby Junior College through a decade of growth and transformation. In a time of national unrest related to the Vietnam War, he emphasized the importance of international perspectives in education and promoted new campus events such as United Nations Day and Reaching the Questioning Mind Overseas. He was known as a collaborative leader who cultivated strong relationships with the college's faculty, staff, students and alumnae.

Following President Woodman's passing, many alumnae shared their memories through calls, letters and e-mails. "I have a beautiful letter from him in my scrapbook, pictures of him escorting me in his garden as May Queen, and a copy of his speech to the student body following some unrest on the campus," wrote Marta King Stone '69. "His life was one well lived."

Sue Chapman Melanson '66 shared a distinct memory of President Woodman dealing swiftly and compassionately with a student who had just lost a brother in an accident. "He told her the news, walked her upstairs so she could gather some things, then personally drove her to the airport. He was a master of detail, compassion and caring."

President Woodman was born in Franklin, N.H., on Feb. 11, 1916, and was educated at Phillips Exeter Academy, Dartmouth College (A.B.) and Boston University (Ed.D.). His first teaching position was at Colby Junior College

from 1939 to 1941, when he departed for military service in World War II. As a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, he served in France and participated in the D-Day Battle of Normandy. After three years in the service, he returned to Colby Junior College to teach until 1946.

In 1941 President Woodman married Colby Junior College alumna Ruth Randolph '40, and they became the parents of four daughters: Betsy, Lee, Jane and Deborah. After completing his doctoral studies in 1948, he taught at the University of Illinois and was appointed a Fulbright Lecturer at the University of Lyon and Strasbourg in France.

From 1952 to 1954, President Woodman worked in Madras, India, as a cultural affairs officer for the U.S. Information Agency and as acting public affairs officer for South India. For the next four years he served as an attaché at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi and as director of the Educational Exchange Program between India and the United States.

In 1958, President Woodman joined the Ford Foundation as an educational consultant to the government of India's Ministry of Education. He held that position until his appointment as president of Colby Junior College in 1962. Following a decade of service at Colby Junior College, he became president of the Nature Conservancy in Washington, D.C., and was later appointed director of the Peace Corps in Morocco.

Colby-Sawyer College presented President Woodman with an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters in May 1995. Long after his presidency he and his wife lived in the New London area, where he remained intensely interested in the college, participated in campus activities, and maintained many friendships across campus.

Colby-Sawyer President Tom Galligan, who became acquainted with the former president in the last year, says the college



community will cherish President Woodman's legacy—both as an influential college leader and a close friend of the college. "He expanded the reach of Colby Junior College through his broad international experience and desire to connect the college to the global community," President Galligan says. "He and his wife, Ruthie, are beloved and respected members of our community, and we will miss his presence on campus."

Margaret Wiley, assistant professor of Humanities, often saw President Woodman at the Susan Colgate Cleveland Library/Learning Center, where he was a frequent visitor and had placed his papers in the archives in 1996. "Everett Woodman had a deep love for Colby-Sawyer College and its students," Professor Wiley says. "He'd come into the library on his quad canes and go up to students, asking them their majors and what they were working on. He had a real gift for making others feel valuable."

Professor Wiley also recalls President Woodman's expansive world view. "His personal interest in the well-being of the college community was matched by his concern for all of humanity," she says. "A keen follower of world events, he felt strongly that global education and dedication to lifelong learning was necessary in today's world."

The legacy of President Woodman will live on in part through the recently established Everett M. Woodman Scholarship at Colby-Sawyer College. This \$8,000 annual award seeks to make the college more affordable and accessible for transfer students.

*Gifts in memory of President Woodman can be made to Colby-Sawyer College, Office of Advancement, 541 Main Street, New London, NH 03257 or the Clough Center, 273 County Road, New London, NH 03257.*

## Professorship, Endowed Faculty Chairs Announced

Colby-Sawyer College honored three long-time faculty members, Pat Anderson, Randy Hanson and Leon-C. Malan, as the recipients of a new professorship and two endowed faculty chairs in an investiture ceremony on campus.

The ceremony, in which the professors officially took on their new roles, was held in Wheeler Hall on Oct. 18, and was attended by the college's Board of Trustees, family members of the benefactors for the named professorships, and many members of the college community.

### The Gibney Distinguished Professorship

Humanities Professor Pat Anderson, who has taught at the college since 1977, was awarded the Gibney Distinguished Professorship. The professorship was made possible through a gift from Albert L. Gibney, long-time friend and husband of alumna Eloise Beach Gibney '36, and was created to promote public speaking across the college.

"Professor Anderson is a beloved and respected teacher and campus leader known for his boundless passion for and extensive knowledge of American literature, Native American culture, and film," said President Tom Galligan, who presented the award to Professor Anderson. "Pat is a fabulous and committed teacher and an active role model in the life of this college. It is therefore with great joy and honor that we name him as the Gibney Distinguished Chair."

In his new role, Professor Anderson will steward the Gibney Public Speaking Initiative, which will include establishing an advisory group, setting goals and planning events and activities for the initiative, and writing for scholarly publications.

Professor Anderson has been honored with the Jack Jensen Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1998, and in 2004 he was selected as a George Washington Distinguished Professor/Scholar by the New Hampshire Society of the Cincinnati. He also founded and



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(L to r) Professor Randy Hanson, President Tom Galligan, Professor Pat Anderson, and Professor Leon-C. Malan.

continues to host, along with students in the Communications Studies Program, a film-review program called "Reel Talk," which is featured on WSCS-FM, the student-run radio station at Colby-Sawyer, and is also produced by faculty and students as a cable television show.

### The David H. Winton Endowed Teaching Chair

Randy Hanson, professor in the History, Society and Culture Program, was named as the new recipient of the David H. Winton Endowed Teaching Chair, established in 2002 in honor of former trustee chair and benefactor, the late David H. Winton. Through one of his major gifts to the college, Winton, the father of alumna and current trustee chairman Anne Winton Black '73, '75, sought to recognize the college's professors and exemplify their vital roles as teachers.

Humanities Professor Ann Page Stecker, the first recipient of this endowed chair, introduced and lauded her successor, close friend and colleague, Professor Hanson, whom she described as the "Aristotelian, peripatetic teacher and learner." She began her remarks with a remembrance of benefactor David Winton, whom she described as "winsome, debonair and a committed presence" during her early days on campus.

"It has been the signal privilege and honor of my academic career to have been offered the opportunity and challenge of filling his dream of supporting the college's central mission—pursuit of excellence in the classroom," Professor Stecker said.

"His vision has lifted the whole community's standards of excellence. I believe the Wintons' extraordinary philanthropy of mind and resources allows those of us who teach and learn here to understand it is not enough to practice inquiry in Cartesian terms (*cogito ergo sum*: I think, therefore I am), but that we must enlarge that notion to demonstrate the characteristics of a mind alive to new ambiguities, paradoxes, challenges and new forms of creativity—with undiminished joy."

In a nod to her successor's fluency in Spanish and current sabbatical research in Mexico, Professor Stecker peppered her address with some Spanish language, which seemed to surprise and delight Professor Hanson.

"I believe he teaches in his sleep..." she said. "We know he teaches walking down the halls, scurrying from one class to the next. We observe him teaching everywhere—at his Day of the Dead celebrations, at faculty meetings, in front of a jam-packed tent at Commencement, and on the racquetball court."

Professor Hanson was recognized

with the Jack Jensen Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1999, the CASE/Carnegie Professor of the Year for New Hampshire award in 2003, and with a nomination for a New Hampshire Excellence in Education Award. He served as coordinator of the college's Liberal Education Program from 2002 to 2007, overseeing the new program, working with the Pathway faculty, coordinating the proficiency and exploration courses, and assisting in launching the innovative Learning Portfolio for students.

In addition to his teaching and leadership roles, Professor Hanson is engaged in research and scholarship both in liberal arts education and the history of Mexico. He has written articles and delivered presentations on many aspects of liberal arts education for educators at the local, regional, national and international level.

### The M. Roy London Endowed Chair

Professor of Business Administration Leon-C. Malan was appointed to the M. Roy London Endowed Chair, which honors a faculty member whose work and vocation combine excellence in teaching and a strong, positive influence on campus and in the wider community. This endowed chair was named in memory of M. Roy London, an educator who spent more than 30 years at Colby-Sawyer as a teacher and dean.

Like Professors Anderson and Hanson, Professor Malan, who teaches courses in business administration and community and environmental studies, is an exemplary teacher and scholar who was recognized with the Jack Jensen Award for teaching excellence in 2006. His teaching and research reflect his strong interests in the globalization of business and industry and its impact on and responsibility for global environmental issues. He conducts research in management and organizational theory, business strategy, globalization, and environmental studies with a focus on the interaction between organizations and their external environment, including the natural environment.

Professor Joe Carroll, the first faculty member to hold this chair, had the honor of introducing his successor. After thanking M. Roy London's son, Roy London, family friend Peg Cawley and the London family, Professor Carroll said there is no one who better personifies the focus on community and environment than Leon-C. Malan. He recalled Professor Malan's reference to Ubuntu, or human connectedness, during Professor Malan's Commencement address in 2006. "It is clear that he lives by the principles he urged our graduates to adopt, that is, the value of contributing to their communities in a spirit of caring and respect," said Professor Carroll.

He also stated that Professor Malan, in his 14 years of teaching at Colby-Sawyer, has superbly combined teaching, professional activity and community service. "Leon is a demanding and inspiring teacher who sets high expectations, is tough and fair, and supports students who show they are willing to put in the time required. Students exposed to Leon's innovative combination of business sense and environmental ethics cannot help but emerge wiser and better prepared to take on leadership roles."

Professor Malan is also engaged as a leader on campus and in the community. He was active in the design and implementation of the Community and Environmental Studies Program (CES) and recently assisted the students who led Green ROUTES, a CES project, in understanding the financial impact of a movement toward campus sustainability. He also serves on local community boards such as the Blaisdell Lake Protection Association and Sutton Conservation Commission.

In closing the ceremony, Deb Taylor, academic vice president, said that while these professorships recognize three extraordinary professors, their larger purpose is to celebrate and honor all Colby-Sawyer faculty members, whose dedication to teaching is the heart of the college's academic programs and students' educational experience.

## New Trustees Join Colby-Sawyer Board

Colby-Sawyer College welcomed four new members to the Board of Trustees in 2007: Joan Campbell Eliot '67, William "Bill" E. Gundy, Erik Edward Joh and A. John Pappalardo P'10.

Joan Campbell Eliot '67 of Middleburg, Va., earned an associate's degree from Colby Junior College and went on to earn bachelor's



Joan Campbell Eliot '67

degrees in physical education and math from Boston University and Rowan College. She was a physical education teacher at several schools

before becoming an athletic director and coach. She served as chair of the Middleburg Community Center and as president of the Middleburg Tennis Club. Joan also served on the boards of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, The Hill School, Notre Dame Academy, Piedmont Child Development

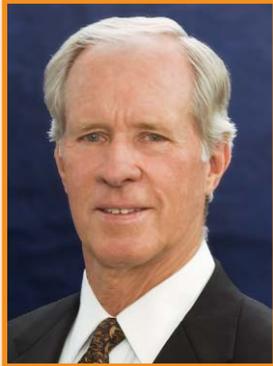
Center, the Salem County YMCA, and the vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church. She captains two U.S. Tennis Association teams in Middleburg, and is a volunteer at SOME (So Others Might Eat). She and her husband, Robert, have two children and three grandchildren.

William "Bill" E. Gundy of New London and Vero Beach, Fla., is a Dartmouth College graduate and retired managing director of business development from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. His career included 22 years in the computer/technology industry and 20 years

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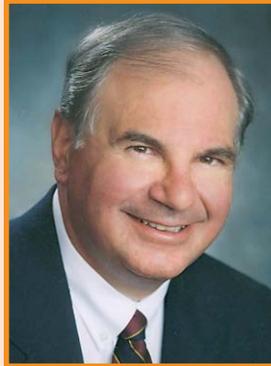
## New Trustees at Colby-Sawyer College *(continued)*

in the financial services industries, which included heading a startup computing company, serving as a regional vice president of Datacrown, a Canadian remote computing services firm, and in a variety of senior positions with State Street Bank & Trust Company. Bill has served on the Colby-Sawyer College President's Advisory Council since 2003. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the Summer Music Associates and of the Choir and Stewardship Committee at First Baptist Church, both in New London. He and his wife, Malora, have five children and 14 grandchildren. Bill's late wife, Jane, was a member of the Colby Junior College Class of 1957.



William "Bill" E. Gundy

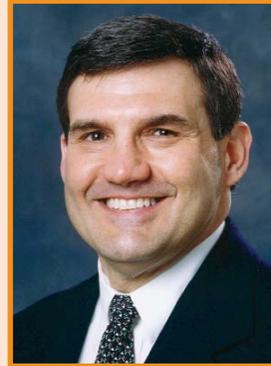
**Erik Edward Joh** is an attorney with his own firm, Erik Edward Joh, P.A., who also serves as counsel to Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP, Binghamton, N.Y. He graduated from Dartmouth College and earned a law degree from



Erik Edward Joh

Albany Law School of Union University. A former member of the Board of Governors of the American National Red Cross, Erik received the organization's highest award for leadership, the

Harriman Award. He has also served as president of the Florida Governor's Hurricane Conference and as trustee, treasurer and vice-chair of Albany Law School, Albany, N.Y., and as a trustee of Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Fla.



A. John Pappalardo P'10

He is co-trustee of the Gertrude E. Skelly Charitable Foundation and a trustee of several other charitable foundations. Erik is a former rowing coach at Dartmouth College and football coach at Christian Brothers Academy in Albany, N.Y. He recently retired as a football official after 34 seasons. He and his wife, Vicki, live in the Village of Golf, Fla., where he is vice-mayor.

**A. John Pappalardo P'10**, a graduate of Bowdoin College and Suffolk University

## College Welcomes Largest Class in History

Colby-Sawyer welcomed 381 new students to campus this fall, the largest incoming class in the college's recorded history. The students come from 18 states and five countries, with 35 percent from New Hampshire and 91 percent from New England.

"You are a special group of people with a diverse set of experiences," Vice President for Enrollment Management Greg Matthews told the students at Convocation, the official opening of the academic year, on Sept. 7. "One of you has come from 7,700 miles away in Nepal and one lives within four miles of here. Several of you have served in the armed forces, and we thank you."

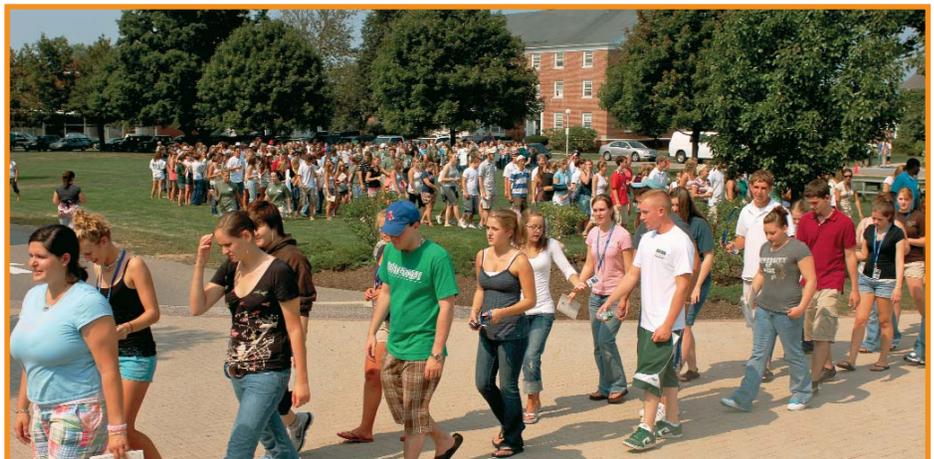
The students are academically strong, with their top five intended majors in nursing, business administration, exercise and sport sciences, child development and psychology. Following national trends in higher education, 70 percent of the new class members are women.

The students are actively engaged in athletics and recreation, as well as extensive travel and community service.

One new student operates a successful graphic design and printing business, another is a trapeze artist, and yet another is a member of the Junior National Fencing Team. Others are political activists, hunters, honor students, mountaineers, and former military service men and women or members of the

National Guard. Twenty-five new students have come to the college as transfer students, mainly from community and technical colleges in the New England region.

This record-breaking fall enrollment follows a year in which the Colby-Sawyer community has worked hard to personalize the recruitment process for each prospective student and emphasized the college's people, programs and



Members of Colby-Sawyer College's largest class in history heading toward Convocation, the ceremonial opening of the academic year.

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## Richard E. Crockford, Former Vice President and Dean of Faculty

**R**ichard E. “Dick” Crockford, a member of the Colby-Sawyer faculty from 1955 to 1972, died on Friday, Sept. 28, 2007, after a brief illness. He served as the college’s dean of studies from 1968 through 1970 and



as vice president and dean of faculty from 1970 through 1972. He is the father of Elizabeth “Beth” C. Crockford, Colby-Sawyer’s current academic dean and associate professor of Business Administration.

Dean Richard Crockford was born in 1927 in Miami, Fla., and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He later attended Bowdoin College, where he earned an A.B. in government in 1950, and Boston University, where he earned an M.A. in English in 1955. He went on to teach and serve in the administration of several schools, ranging from elementary to junior colleges and Boston University.

Dean Crockford joined the faculty of Colby Junior College in 1955. He taught English for 13 years before becoming dean of studies and, later, academic vice president and dean of faculty. Professor Emerita Hilary Cleveland, who has taught at the college since 1955, came to know Dean Crockford and his family well.

“He certainly was one of the most dynamic English teachers at the college,” Professor Cleveland said. “He always challenged his students’ views and tried to get them to see other points of view.” His style, which could sometimes seem confrontational, “was always meant to get at the truth and

open people’s eyes,” according to Professor Cleveland. He and his first wife, Claire, and their children were fully engaged and respected members of the community, she recalled.

Former Dean and Provost Wally Ewing, who succeeded Dean Crockford, recalled him as the quintessential New England dean. “He filled the role admirably. He had the look, the manner and the temperament of a dean,” Dean Ewing said. “I knew I would have big shoes to fill.”

Dean Crockford left the college in 1972 to become the tenth president of Dean College in Franklin, Mass., where he served until his retirement in 1991. During his tenure there, the college developed new transfer- and career-oriented associate degree programs and opened several new facilities. These included the Children’s Center, a laboratory pre-school, the Academic Computer Center, a college radio station, and the Telecommunications Center. Enrollment in the Division of Continuing Education grew to more than 1,200 part-time students under President Crockford and he was presented with a Distinguished Service award from Dean College on Friday, Oct. 27, 2006.

Law School, is a co-managing shareholder with Greenberg Traurig, LLP. His areas of practice include securities fraud; health care and pharmaceutical fraud; corporate ethics; grand jury practice; criminal taxation; and federal litigation. He has taught classes at Suffolk University Law School and lectured at Harvard law School. John has been employed in various capacities as an attorney for the state of Massachusetts, including as a U.S. Attorney, Deputy Attorney General and Ward Commission Deputy Chief Counsel. He has been listed in the 2006 and 2007 *Best Lawyers in America*, *Marquis Who’s Who in America*, and *Massachusetts Super Lawyers*, 2005, 2006 and 2007. John has served as director of the Bowdoin Club of Boston, and as commissioner of the State Ethics Commission. He and wife, Karen, live in Hingham, Mass. Their son, Jonathan, is a member of the Class of 2010 at Colby-Sawyer College.

place, according to Tracey Guarda Perkins ’01, director of admissions. In a campus-wide communications effort faculty and staff, coaches, and current students have become even more involved in welcoming prospective students to campus and responding to their individual interests in academic, athletics and other co-curricular programs.

According to Perkins, the community has tried to convey the distinct characteristics of a Colby-Sawyer education: small and challenging classes, accessible professors, staff, coaches and administrators, and an engaged and active community in which individuals matter and can make a big impact.

“Our goal was to reach out to prospective students and their families at all the vital points in the application process and to really get to know the incoming students,” Perkins said. “Not only does Colby-Sawyer know the Class of 2011 better than any group before them, but the new students really understand the college and arrived with an unprecedented sense of community.”

## Colby-Sawyer College and Kearsarge Regional School District Receive a Carter Partnership Award Grant

Colby-Sawyer College and the Kearsarge Regional School District (KRSD) were recognized with a Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Award grant for Campus-Community Collaboration. The award honors a strong and vital partnership that has directly benefited students from kindergarten through high school and provided college students with professional development experiences and opportunities for community service for the last four decades.

The Carter Partnership Award was presented on Nov. 6, 2007, by former First Lady Rosalynn Carter to Colby-Sawyer President Tom Galligan and KRSD Superintendent Thomas Brennan as part of the 10th anniversary celebration of Campus Compact for New Hampshire. Awards were also presented to St. Anselm and Keene State Colleges to recognize exemplary collaborations by colleges and universities, in partnership with community groups, in addressing critical public needs.

President Galligan expressed gratitude to the former President and Mrs. Carter for their support of college and community partnerships and for the inspiring examples of their lives and work. He also thanked the Kearsarge Regional School District, as well as Colby-Sawyer students, staff and faculty, for their ongoing engagement in this multifaceted and mutually beneficial partnership.

"Colby-Sawyer College's dynamic and enduring partnership with the Kearsarge Regional School District has been great for the college and our students," President Galligan said, "and it has enriched the lives of many, from the

first-grader who gets extra attention from a college student in the classroom, to our future teachers and nurses, who gain professional skills by working alongside experienced mentors across the district. The partnership instills in everyone who participates a deep sense of what it means to contribute to and benefit from being part of a strong and caring community."

offices and guidance offices, and in the athletic programs.

Each year for three and a half months, dozens of future teachers devote 40-hour weeks to working with teachers and students across the district. Colby-Sawyer interns also work each semester with district guidance counselors, special educators, athletic directors, preschool teachers, after-school

program coordinators and coaches to gain professional experience and provide support to their supervisors.

"Our students bring energy, enthusiasm and excitement to their teacher mentors and the children," said Janice Ewing, chair of Social Sciences and Education at Colby-Sawyer. The younger students benefit from student teachers' capacity for bringing new research from the field of education into the classrooms.

Art education major

Sarah Heaney '08 is a current student teacher at Kearsarge Regional Middle School, working closely with art teacher Karla Salathe as her supervisor. "I slowly took over and eventually became responsible for all 11 art classes, spanning 6th through 8th grade, with about 300 kids for three consecutive solo weeks," says Sarah. "The internship has definitely been a great learning experience for me. Every day I find myself loving it more and feeling more comfortable in front of the class," she says. "I also feel much more a part of the community now."

### Engaging in the Community

Through its Harrington Center for Career Development, Colby-Sawyer encourages civic engagement and community service as an integral part of students' education and preparation as citizens and community leaders. The center supports three national AmeriCorps Programs that benefit students in the elementary and middle-schools, including After School Buddies, America Reads and Elementary and



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Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter was joined on stage by (from left) KRSD Superintendent Thomas Brennan and Colby-Sawyer President Thomas Galligan during the Carter Partnership Awards dinner.

### A Partnership in Education

The partnership between Colby-Sawyer College in New London and the Kearsarge Regional School District (SAU #35), which includes the New Hampshire towns of New London, Newbury, Bradford, Springfield, Sutton, Wilmot and Warner, brings the two educational institutions together for collaboration in many areas, ranging from teacher education and preparation to community service and the sharing of human and physical resources.

The core of Colby-Sawyer College's academic mission is to integrate academic preparation with professional experience, and 98 percent of the college's students participate in internships in their fields of study, according to President Galligan. Many of the college's students who are preparing for careers as teachers, nurses, psychologists, coaches and athletic trainers work closely with K-12 students in the school district, gaining professional experience through their work in the classrooms, in nurses'

Middle School Mentors. Through these programs and the middle school's The Zone after-school program, dozens of college students volunteer their time each week to teach, mentor, provide companionship to and to generally serve as positive role models for many younger students.

LuAnne Ryall, community service coordinator at the Harrington Center, said young students often relate to and are inspired by college students, and the positive relationships that form between them encourage youth to consider college in their own futures and to incorporate community service into their own lives.

Through her work with Colby-Sawyer students and the Kearsarge school district, LuAnne has discovered the depth and breadth of dynamic partnership. "Each individual program



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Colby-Sawyer students Sarah Heaney '08 (left) and Ashlee Willis '08 displayed posters about the college's partnership with Kearsarge Regional School District before the Carter Awards presentation.

emerged as a layer of a broad and deep union between two organizations committed to providing opportunities for education and civic growth," she said.

Ashlee Willis '08, co-president of Colby-Sawyer's Community Service Club, promotes community service for her fellow college students as a way of having fun while making a positive difference in people's lives. Ashlee

coordinated the mentoring program at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School for the last two years, and she and a fellow student expanded the program to the district's middle school this year.

"It's amazing to see how much the little buddies look up to their mentors," she said, "and how much of a difference the big buddies are able to make in the little buddies' lives—but also, the other way around!"

For LuAnne, one factor stands out as emblematic of the enduring partnership between the college and the school district. "There is a shared intention to build programs and relationships that provide more for both institutions than could be realized if there were no banding together to share human and campus resources," she said.

## Investing in Our Community's Future

Before making her life income gifts to Colby-Sawyer more than ten years ago, Joan Kaufman Kirkpatrick '54 Med Tech was a loyal supporter of the Annual Fund. Each year her current gifts enriched our campus community in many ways, benefiting key areas such as teaching and learning, scholarships, and faculty development.

Joan returned to New London with her husband, Charles, in the fall of 1995 to begin a new life after each had experienced the loss of a spouse. They immediately discovered that Colby-Sawyer "could be a genuine and important resource in providing opportunities to assist in the transition from single to married life once again." Joan and Charles are active swimmers and can be found at the college's Hogan Sports Center pool seven days a week. The only interruption to their routine is when they go to Florida in the winter. Charles says he and Joan feel strongly about their return to New London each spring. "Both the college and the town are magnets forcing us to return, renewing the delight and pleasure of the close association and support of Colby-Sawyer and New London."

The generous contributions Joan and Charles make each year to add to their planned gifts bolster the college's ongoing success. These additions, they say, "are expressions of our gratitude for the benefits we enjoy in our relationships with the college and, in a larger sense, the greater New London community."

To honor and celebrate their commitment to the college, Joan and Charles are members of the Heritage Society. Along with other alumni and friends of the college, this is their way of recognizing their important role in ensuring the college's fiscal well-being in years to come.

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Our community is grateful for the special trust that Joan and Charles Kirkpatrick and many other alumni and friends have placed in us through a variety of planned gifts. If you have included Colby-Sawyer in your will, estate plan, or trust please let us know. We welcome the opportunity to invite you to membership in the Heritage Society to celebrate your future gift now.

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# A Farewell Conversation with Artist and Professor John Bott

by Kate Dunlop Seamans



PHOTO: MICHAEL J. SEAMANS

Surrounded by friends, colleagues and admirers, John Bott shares a laugh at the opening reception for the retrospective of his work in the Marian Graves Mugar Art Gallery.

AN ARTIST DOESN'T STOP BEING AN ARTIST AND A TEACHER DOESN'T STOP BEING A TEACHER JUST BECAUSE OF A RETIREMENT PARTY, BUT CAREERS DO COME TO A CLOSE. AFTER 30 YEARS AT COLBY-SAWYER, PROFESSOR JOHN BOTT IS PLANNING TO LEAVE THE CLASSROOM BEHIND AT THE END OF THIS COLLEGE YEAR.

In tribute, the Department of Fine and Performing Arts hosted a retrospective of paintings, drawings, print and sculpture by Professor Bott. At the opening reception, crowds filled the Marian Graves Mugar Art Gallery to view the work of the man who has taught and created at Colby-Sawyer since 1977.

Born in West Virginia and adopted as a child, John doesn't know if there are other artists in his family, but he started painting at age 13 with the support of an uncle who bought him art supplies. He also credits his school's art program for early cultivation of his talent. John received his M.F.A. from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and has exhibited works throughout the eastern United States and the Midwest, as well as in Germany and Japan. He says he knows where almost every one of his large pieces is, and that includes significant collections and institutions across the world.

*On Expression: "Art is a way to express yourself, and the more confidence you have in yourself, the more you're able to express yourself, but also, the more you express yourself, the more confidence you have."*

"I've almost always painted pretty paintings," says John, "and I got a lot of criticism for painting pretty because it's not deep, there's no tragedy. At some point I decided that because everyone else thought it was the wrong thing to do, it must be the right thing to do—I like them pretty and I'm going to do them pretty. This is a different time. When I started really getting into painting in the 1960s, in grad school, everybody did one painting after another that was almost just like the other, and you got criticized if you broke that style. Something happened in the '80s and people decided it was all right to do any kind of style you wanted. It was pluralism. There's no one big school of art now like there was in the '50s and '60s. There's no pop art to strive to be a part of. It's a world that's exploding in no one right way, and I just go along with the flow."

While there may no longer be one school of art to study or

with which to conform, John has a definition of art readily available—in short, art is a mirror.

“The most important thing there is, is culture,” he says. “We’re held together by culture, by that set of beliefs that people believe in and act on. Culture’s supported by mythology, and it doesn’t make any difference if the myth is right or wrong as long as people buy into it. Art is a part of that mythic structure that tells people what the culture does and doesn’t believe in. That’s Art, with a capital A, and it includes poetry and novels and movies and everything.

“Artists are not people who deliberately understand all of these things and make up marvelous symbols to put out for everyone to see. The real talent of art is being able to pick up on the spirit of the age, an awareness of what’s happening, before most people do. That funnels into the art and then the culture changes or is made stronger. I don’t think many artists really change the culture like Jackson Pollock and the others that you can name, but most kind of support the culture. Art’s a reflection of the time in which it’s made, but it’s scary if you’re making art and you think it might be important. It’s much more fun to make it and just have it be enjoyable.”

Though culture-changing artists may be the rare titans of art history books and museums, John is generous with his view of who can help support and subtly shape the culture at large. He thinks it’s everyone.

“I think we all have the capability of being artists, but not visual artists necessarily,” he says. “We have to look at our own nature, what it is that we’re drawn to do and find the art in that. If you’re a writer it’s because you can do it. You didn’t want to be a writer initially because you wanted to write the



Bellingrath—Acrylic on canvas, 1997



Self portrait/Walking in a Meadow—Watercolor, 2000

*On Painting: “I’ve never been a down-and-out struggling artist, though I came from relatively lower middle-class circumstances. Just being able to do what you want to do and keep a roof over your head and eat well is a pretty good thing.”*

Great American Novel. No, it was because in the third grade you started getting compliments about how well you could write. I know by the fifth grade I was the class artist because I could do it, and that’s how you get your reputation. Some people are football players and some people are artists. Everybody has some kind of talent.”

Back in 1977, John was attracted to Colby-Sawyer because of the significant and traditional presence the Art Department had within the small college.



Diana and Nymphs—Watercolor, 2000

**On Teaching:** *"I've always taught, I'm very biased about that. I don't think you can teach art unless you do it. And teaching feeds the art."*

"Colby-Sawyer had, and has, one of the very best art departments in New England," John says. "Part of the philosophy is that you don't have to have a nuclear reactor to have a good art department, all you need is five teachers. The great programs have all been small. Art departments have a habit of getting too big—you have weaving and this and that, and, next thing you know, it's a big crafts play-school instead of a serious, hardcore, classical art department, which is what we've had. It's been a tradition of art here at this college since it was founded to have serious stuff, and lots of people have come here to study art."

Colby-Sawyer's appreciation for the arts offered a space where John could pass on his own love for creating, and many of his students have gone on to graduate school and success in the art world.

"If a student comes into my class, they want to paint," John says. "No one gets stuck in there who doesn't want to do that. What I have to do in the beginning is help them figure out how to do what they already want to do. I don't think you can look at a student's work and tell them it's good when it's not because they're smart enough to figure that out. But they're not really smart enough as a general rule to figure out what they're doing well, so you point that out to them.

"I'd like to say that right now we have some of the nicest students; the baby

boomers have done a wonderful job raising these kids. They seem to be getting younger every year; it's difficult to look at them and think of them as being college students, but it's still fun to see someone go from a freshman to a senior with a whole different bearing about them."

It's the students that John will miss next year when he no longer has a class roster and grade book to consider. From his 16 acres on top of a mountain in Unity, complete with trout pond in the front yard, John will continue painting and sending works to galleries, but the vitality of campus life won't be there.

"I'm going to miss the company of people in those magical college years. It's a great time for kids and they're fun to be around; they keep you young. For the last three years, I've been working fairly hard not to get too attached to new ones, since I'm leaving, but I do have a couple and I'm going to miss them. And I'm going to miss conversations with all the faculty who know things I don't know—if you pump them just right they'll talk about marvelous things.

"This has been a wonderful place to work and live. My hope for the place is that it continues in the direction it's headed. We've gotten academically better, and I hope the young faculty they bring in all believe they can do it here, that they don't have to be at an Ivy League school to be a good teacher. Colby-Sawyer has been a great place to have my career—I'm happy and proud of what I did while I was here." ■

**On Retirement:** *"I'll go down south for a couple of the miserably cold months up here and hang out with old high-school buddies. We'll sit in the front yard and drink coffee and talk about things we did when we were 16. It'll be a lot of fun, actually."*



*Birds Gotta Swim; Fish Gotta Fly—Watercolor, 1998*



*New Hampshire Suite: Fall—Acrylic, circa 1980*

# An Artist at Work: *Thoughts Upon the Retirement of John Bott*

When I came to Colby-Sawyer, John Bott welcomed me as a new teacher. He offered advice about teaching and emphasized the importance of helping students to challenge their ideas and the importance of providing them with the skills to create well-formed ideas. He did this through constant conversations, pulling ideas from them that helped the students find their voices as artists. He would amble through the studio chatting about the work at hand, but also asking about the students and what they were thinking and feeling.

John warned us against teaching at the students, or teaching as we were taught, because he said every student is an individual and each deserves attention. He connected with his students in a way that seemed like front porch conversations, but those conversations uncovered the layers of meaning until every student was creating work that was meaningful to them. Through the years that I have watched John Bott teach, his strengths were evidenced in how he connected with each student—he took the time that was required.

John has taught painting, drawing, watercolor, design, creative expression for the liberal education area, and many art history courses during his tenure at the college, and in each area he developed curricula and fostered learning outcomes that would be universal within the department no matter who taught the course. John has always felt that art history should be included in each of the studio experiences as the basis of all work, not only so students could see

what had come before them, but also as a method of understanding how new works could derive their understructure from historical references.

John's own work shows a continuum of subtle changes and examinations. New concepts are generated and layered over the bones of preliminary ideas, creating new visual outcomes. John's understanding of color theory is superb, and his love of color is constantly beaming off his canvases and watercolors for everyone to enjoy. Pure saturated colors are woven and threaded through every image and shape, and his work radiates with new spatial realities as the colors recede or bounce off the canvas.

I have appreciated John's, and his wife Kathy's, friendship over the years. My memories of our time together range from quiet, late-afternoon fly fishing excursions to cooking lessons at their home and sitting on their porch watching the birds while chatting about the array of flowers in the garden. I still have iris tubers from their garden that bloom every spring.

These are memories that will always come to mind when I think of John, but also I will remember the orations at faculty meetings and the genuine intent behind his being, at times, the devil's advocate during discussions. John has contributed much to the life of this college, and to the life of this faculty member who so many years ago was given a hearty welcome by this wonderful artist and wonderful teacher.

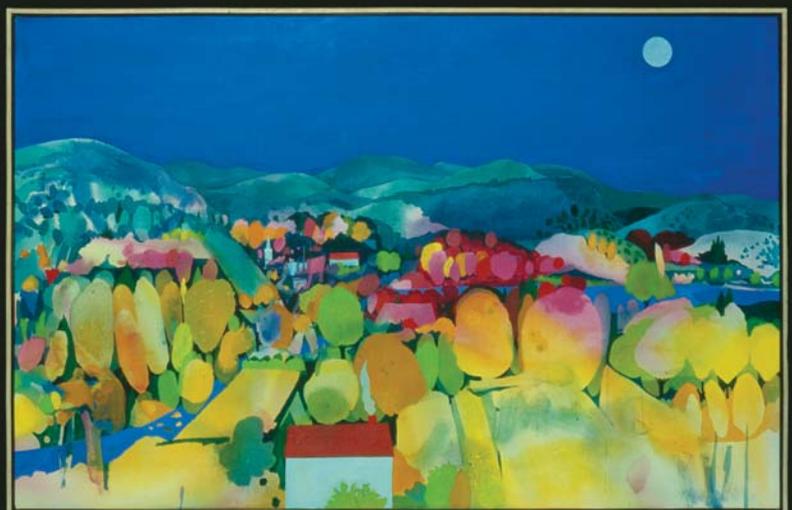
—Loretta Barnett, chair, Fine and Performing Arts Department

*“Listen to all of John Bott’s stories and soak up whatever you can because he has lived in such an exciting time of art and the generation of important artists we look at, like Pollock. He has some wonderful ways of talking about art, really nice insights with so much to offer. He is a wealth of information.”*

—Rebekah Tolley, director of the Mugar Art Gallery and assistant professor of Fine and Performing Arts



Patchwork Trout—Watercolor, 2006



You Can't Get There—Acrylic on canvas, 2001

# Wail of the Wild

## A Summer with the Loons of Lake Winnepesaukee

by Kate Dunlop Seamans  
PHOTOS: KATE DUNLOP SEAMANS

Ask Chris McClellan '08 about past summer jobs and he'll off-handedly mention working at his small Vermont town's grocery store and as a camp counselor. Ask him about fulfilling his Colby-Sawyer College internship requirement, though, and he'll smile before telling you about his paid post as a field biologist this past summer at the Loon Preservation Committee's (LPC) Loon Center in Moultonborough, N.H.

Chris, a Community and Environmental Studies (CES) major at Colby-Sawyer, spent 40 hours a week on Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire's largest body of water. Commuting by boat from his grandparents' cottage on Bear Island, where he spent childhood summers, Chris tracked and recorded data on the lake's loon population.

"Loons are an indicator species, so the presence of loons indicates health in an ecosystem," says Chris. "The more loons we have, the better for the lake."

The state's loon population, however, has dropped an estimated 40 percent in the last four years, according to the latest annual census organized by the LPC. Sadly, the haunting wail of the loon is heard echoing across our mountain lakes and ponds less and less often.

### Landing Among the Loons

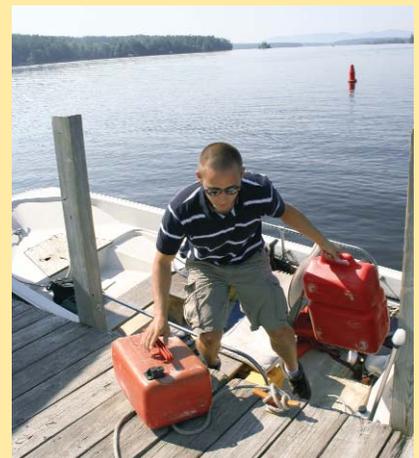
A self-funded project of the Audubon Society of New Hampshire, the LPC was founded in 1975 in response to a declining loon population and increased human activity on

### On the Water = On the Job

Spending a day on the job with Chris made it easy to understand how the work could be both fascinating and fulfilling. On this August morning the water is mirror-calm, the sun is hot, and the air is still. Chris figures it beats being in an office.

"The first thing we have to do is get gas," he says, stepping into the 16-foot, 60-horsepower Boston Whaler and shaking the red gas can to gauge how much is left. Just minutes after leaving the Loon Center's dock at Lee's Mill on his way to Ambrose Cove, he spots a single loon and stops. The bird is so close that its banded leg is visible, and Chris notes its color combination in his waterproof field journal. Unfazed by the presence of the biologist or another boat towing a water skier, the loon floats on the surface even as the engines rev.

Shifting back up to speed, Chris is relaxed as he navigates. "I knew the lake pretty well before, but in the beginning, back at the end of May, I was nervous about rocks and buoys," Chris says. "Now I can get anywhere."



lakeshores. The committee strives to “restore and maintain a healthy population of loons throughout New Hampshire; to monitor the health and productivity of loon populations as sentinels of environmental quality; and to promote a greater understanding of loons and the natural world.”

Chris’s grandmother, Dorothy “Dorrie” Ernst Bean ’51, an LPC member, thought the organization and Chris would make a perfect pair, and she suggested he inquire about an internship.

LPC staff biologist John Cooley Jr. took Chris’s call and liked what he heard about the prospective intern’s coursework and experience at Colby-Sawyer College.

“The field biologist position has a range of tasks, but it is an entry-level job, so one doesn’t have to have expertise in a specific area,” Cooley says. “We look for people with outboard motor boating experience, who have an interest in and enthusiasm for the natural history of lakes and loons, who have strong observational skills and can take good field notes. Softer skills include being able to work with people—our volunteers and visitors—and in that case Chris’s group project Green ROUTES (Redirecting Our CampUs Toward Environmental Sustainability) that he did at Colby-Sawyer was very relevant. His familiarity with the lake was a real plus, so in the end, Chris just really fit the bill.”

Chris was one of the Loon Center’s six summer field biologists, but the only one assigned to monitor Winnepesaukee, and he covered the entire lake. Weather dictated his activities, which also included slideshow presentations and bird banding at night, but he spent 90 percent of his time on the water and sometimes went out up to eight days in a row.

## Change at a Local Level

With a clear passion for resource management, Chris envisions a career in environmental policymaking. “Some of my friends are pretty jealous that for my internship, I get to drive a boat on one of the prettiest lakes around, but to be honest, I wouldn’t want to do it for the rest of my life,” he says. “I’d like to work with Washington [D.C.], but not in Washington; I’m not a big fan of politics.

“As long as what I’m doing eventually gets to the level where real national or international laws are being passed, I’ll be happy. But you have to start local, which is what I’m doing here. A lot of the research LPC did affected legislation to outlaw lead sinkers; loons would swallow them and die. So change can definitely happen at the local level.”

## Caution, Baby Loons

The politics of Washington feel very far away from the mountain-ringed lake, though, and Chris is happy in the moment as he spots two pairs of loons. There are no babies with them, which means they are chickless for the season. One of the males yodels, and the boat moves on.

Chris heads across Moultonborough Bay to Langdon Cove, where a pair of loons has produced a chick. Still a brown puff ball, the baby sticks close to its parents but swims on its own instead of hitching a ride on a parent’s back.

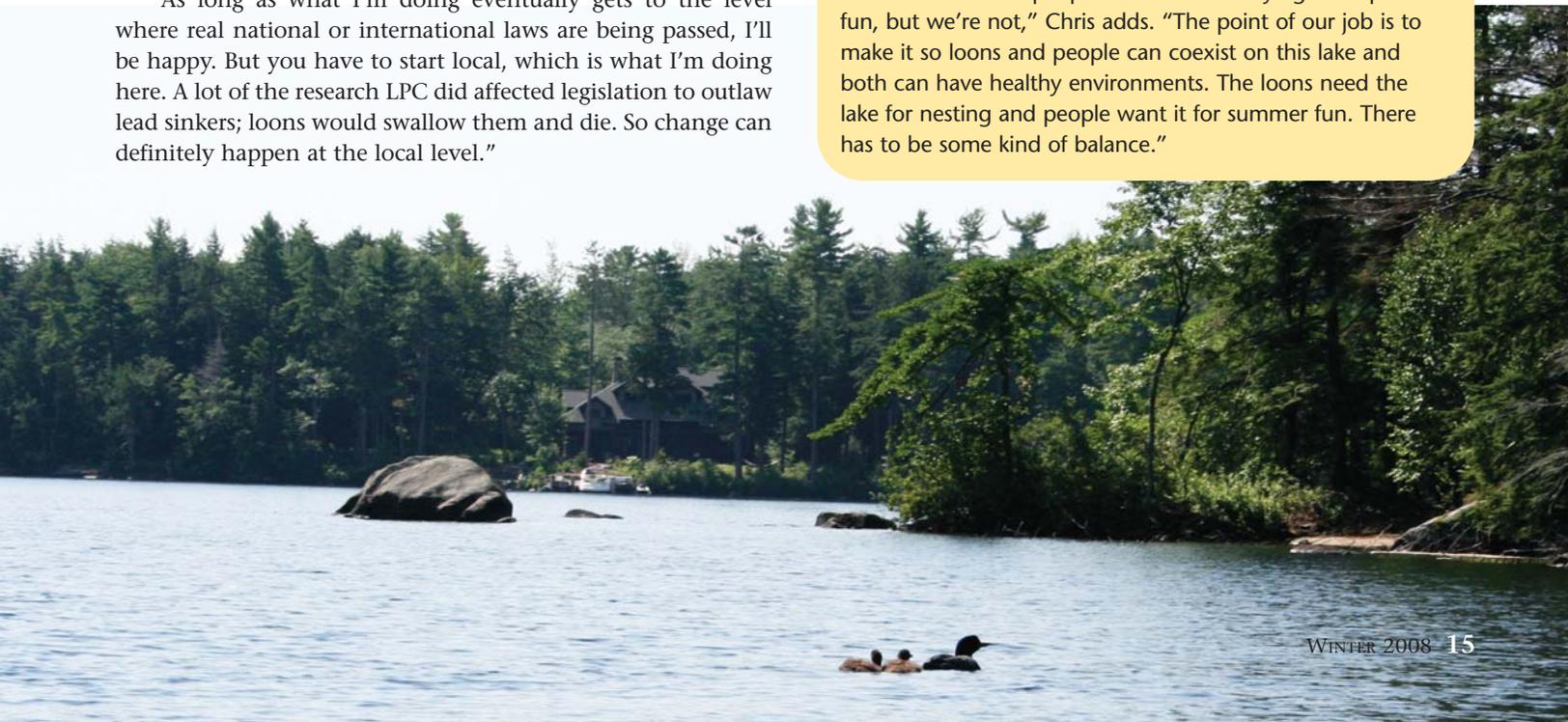
“My first chick hatched July 1,” Chris says, guiding the boat through the shallow water. “There are about 40 loons on the lake not including juveniles, and eight pairs have chicks. They’re getting big now; most are about three weeks old and developing nicely. It’s fun to watch them grow.”

At the marshy rear of the cove, Chris hauls yellow ropes marking a nesting area into the boat and

covers a floating sign that reads “Loon nesting sanctuary, please stay away” with a bright orange message: “Caution, Baby Loons.”

Stowing the ropes, Chris comments, “This internship has been my most rewarding job, but also the most challenging. Some people don’t like what [the LPC is] doing; they think we’re some radical group doing crazy stuff and preserving something that doesn’t need preserving. Sometimes they don’t like where we put these signs, but my job is to make people aware that they’re sharing the lake with loons.

“I think a lot of people feel like we’re trying to stop their fun, but we’re not,” Chris adds. “The point of our job is to make it so loons and people can coexist on this lake and both can have healthy environments. The loons need the lake for nesting and people want it for summer fun. There has to be some kind of balance.”



## The World Around Us

In Buzzell Cove, a small C of water wrapped around an island, Chris motors past the resident pair of loons floating near shore with their two chicks and heads for the nest he knows is hidden at the water's edge. Just a packed heap of dirt coated with twigs and bearing the indentations of the birds' bodies, the nest would be easy to miss and trample, but it still holds the shell fragments from the chicks' hatching. Collecting them in a plastic bag, Chris points out how important good observational skills are to his work.

"I found this nest by accident when I just happened to see a loon enter the water and knew it had to be leaving its nest," he says. "If you spend a lot of time on the water with the birds you get to know what their behavior means. If a loon were acting skittish and weird now, for example, you'd know that it probably had a chick and lost it."

Always one to enjoy hiking and being in the woods, Chris's appreciation for loons and their environmental challenges has increased over the summer, and he plans to check on the birds' progress in future summers.

"The more courses I take for the CES major, the more I appreciate what's around in the world," he says. "People in general have to pay more attention to what's around them; most don't know what they're missing."



## Balance: Humankind & Nature

The coexistence of humankind and nature is often addressed in his CES courses, Chris says. He cites Water Resources (CES201), which he took with Nick Baer, assistant professor of Natural Sciences, as a course that examines ecosystems with the goal of understanding humans' impact on water resources.

Chris mentions another course he took at Colby-Sawyer, Desert Communities (BIO/CES 366), that clarified for him how people exploit water. "People think it's okay to use thousands of gallons of water to have lawns in inappropriate locales such as deserts and lakesides. Water is such a huge resource that needs different, better regulations. I can't think of anything else that's more important than that," he says, with the determination of someone set on making change in the treatment of the environment.

"Through my CES courses, I better understand the role of certain species in an ecosystem. If you tell someone on the street that loons are an indicator species they're not going to necessarily understand what that means," he says, "but taking those classes shows how important the presence of biodiversity really is to an ecosystem."

John Callewaert, Chris's academic advisor and director of Colby-Sawyer College's Institute for Community and

Environment, had the opportunity to observe Chris at work on Winnepesaukee last summer. What he saw is exactly what all faculty hope for with student internships. "The experience was great for Chris," says Professor Callewaert. "He's been able to learn important skills, as well as apply his knowledge of field research and natural history. Most importantly, though, I think this internship showed Chris the importance of working with the local community for effective environmental management, as well as the importance of groups like LPC."

## Life and Death on the Lake

People often don't see the effects they and their actions have on the wildlife around them. Though the LPC successfully campaigned for a ban on lead sinkers, many fishermen still have some left over from before they were outlawed, and many more have sunk to the bottoms of lakes over the years. Ingesting lead is the leading cause of death for adult loons in New Hampshire, and Chris had to confront the slow death process, as he described in his journal:

*July 9: I got a call from lake residents reporting that a loon had beached itself at their house, a bad sign. I drove out there and spent a good half hour observing the loon. He let me get within two feet before he even raised his head. He was*

*in an awkward position, with his head resting on his back. Occasionally, he would tremble and look around, blinking both sets of eyelids very slowly, not seeming to register anything going on around him. His lack of fear at my presence was unnerving, and I was almost 100 percent certain he had ingested a lead sinker.*

*I had no materials with which to collect the bird, and did not know where I could take him if I got him in my car, so I called my supervisor. He came with a large net, a cardboard box, and several towels. The box was lined with water-soaked towels to keep the bird cool.*

*I slipped a dry towel over the bird's head and back to subdue him a little so I could get close enough to grab him. Then I carefully grabbed his beak and the back of his head so he wouldn't freak out and impale me, and John (Cooley) grabbed underneath his legs and lifted his body. Together we set him in the box, poured water on his feet to keep him cool, and made sure the towel was softly draped over his head to keep him calm. John took him to an animal hospital for x-rays but unfortunately, it was indeed a lead sinker, and the loon had to be put down—it was too late to save him.*

Though the LPC has not recruited at Colby-Sawyer before, and Chris is the first student from the college to work at The Loon Center, Cooley says he would be happy to talk with other CES majors about the possibilities. Chris's detailed paperwork, dedication and group-work experience at Colby-Sawyer contributed both to a successful internship and to the LPC's research.

"This work has been totally new to me, and if I have another class where we have to do an exercise in the field or monitor something, I think the way in which I do it will be more efficient," Chris says. "My experience at LPC has really made me appreciate those who do field work for a living—the research is just as important as the work done by those who pass laws—but policy is where the action is and where decisions are made. That's where I want to be."

Someday, no doubt, Chris McClellan will be making those big decisions, and he will smile fondly anytime he hears the plaintive wail of a loon and remembers his summer protecting this iconic bird on the waters of Lake Winnepesaukee.

*For more information about the Community and Environmental Studies major at Colby-Sawyer College, go to [www.colby-sawyer.edu/academic/ces/index.html](http://www.colby-sawyer.edu/academic/ces/index.html)*

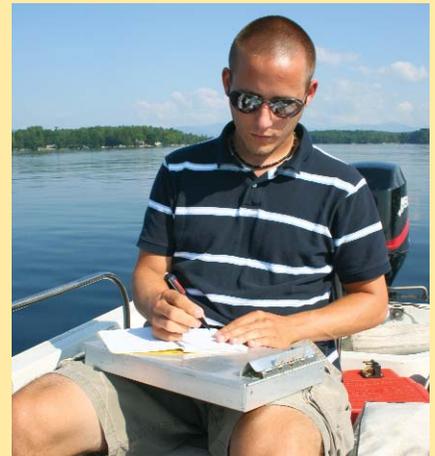
## The Work Goes On

Back at the Loon Center, Chris fills out a biological collection report for the eggshell fragments, and an expense report for the tank of gas per day that the boat consumes. Surrounded by loon posters, stuffed birds and other loon paraphernalia, Chris and his supervisor, John Cooley, talk easily about leg band color combinations, the high number of birds on the water that morning, and the plan for the rest of the day.

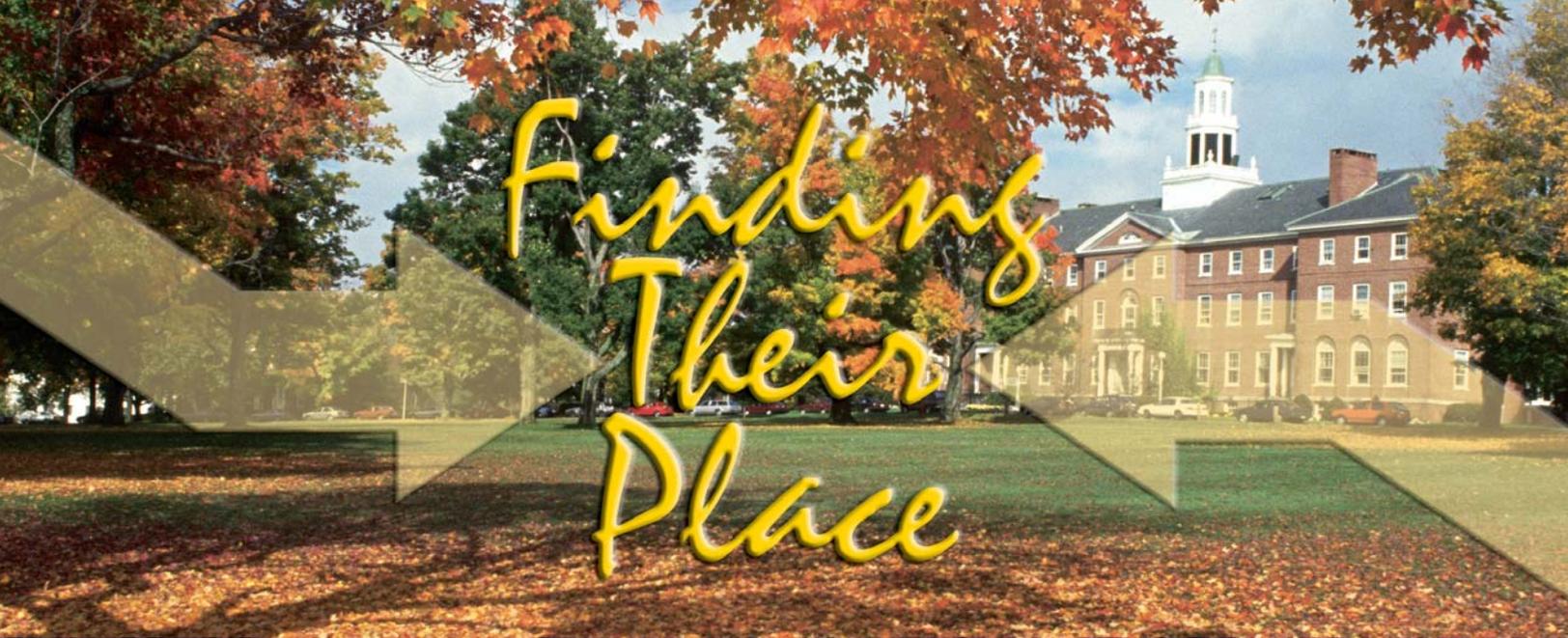
In the evening, Chris will present a slideshow on the life history of the loon at the Appalachian Mountain Club's Three Mile Island Camp. The next night, he will captain the boat on another lake for a banding trip from dusk until 3 a.m. (an early night). When he hears that a Fish and Game employee will be present, Chris laughs and exclaims, "Good, she can net and grab its head!"

Banding seems simple, he explains, but it's actually a bit complicated. The loon is caught in a spotlight, which confuses it, and then scooped out of the water with a net.

"The beak is snapping and the bird's struggling," Chris says. "An adult male can weigh 15 pounds so we have to grab the head pretty quickly. It takes more guts to see this big bird in your boat and grab it than people might think. Then we work the bird up, measuring its bill and weight before snapping the band around its leg. We let it go in the same spot we netted it, and though a bit dazed, the birds always swim off okay."



*For more information about the work done by the Loon Preservation Committee, visit [www.loon.org](http://www.loon.org) ■*



# Finding Their Place

## *Transfer students follow their hearts to Colby-Sawyer*

*by Kate Dunlop Seamans*

**A**mong the college's record-breaking number of incoming students this past September were 26 transfer students, bringing the total transfer population at Colby-Sawyer to 80. While they are the minority at a school where most students still fall into the traditional student profile, the transfer students are representative of the changing "average" college student.

"There is a new trend of students attending a community college for a year or two and then transferring to another institution to complete their bachelor's degree," says Colby-Sawyer's Associate Director of Admissions and Transfer Coordinator Jen Jacques. "They might be starting out at a community college for a variety of reasons, such as financial, because after two years the student can transfer and receive a degree from a larger college or university but pay that higher price tag for only two years. The move could be for social reasons: the student may need more time to grow before leaving home. It could also be academic—sometimes students have that light bulb go on a little late, and academically they need to show they are capable of handling college-level work."

Other reasons Jacques cited include deciding that their first school is too large/small/far/close to home, that the culture isn't a good match, and that often, one person in a relationship will transfer to be closer to a girlfriend or boyfriend.

Each transfer student's journey to Colby-Sawyer is unique, but love has a lot to do with it—romantic love, love for humanity, love of learning, and love for Colby-Sawyer itself. Here are some of their stories.

## "I Knew I Needed a Change"

Juan Banelos had his daughter Elisa right where he wanted her—close to home at one of the large schools in the California State University system. And that's where Elisa thought she wanted to be, too. After all, it fit her criteria of a big school, and she was having a lot of fun as a business major. By sophomore year, though, the love affair was fading fast as she found it difficult to get the classes she wanted. Finding little guidance from her advisors, and feeling anonymous in classes of up to 150 students in which professors had to use microphones to lecture, she decided she needed to make a change.

From the other side of the country, Elisa's boyfriend and best friend since age 11, Armando, encouraged her to seek out a smaller school so she could experience the lively classroom interaction and personal attention he was enjoying as a student at Dartmouth College.

"I found Colby-Sawyer online and read about the required internship, which I thought was unique and great because a college degree isn't enough," Elisa says. "Experience is what employers look for, and I thought that would suit me. When I found Colby-Sawyer, I stopped looking."

Working closely with Transfer Coordinator Jen Jacques, Elisa filled out all the paperwork to make the transition. By January, she was enrolled at Colby-Sawyer.

"Jen Jacques was really nice, and she's probably the reason I'm here right now," says Elisa. "I called her so many times, and she was so helpful. Through her is how I see all of Colby-Sawyer: warm and friendly."

Not as warm was the day of Elisa's arrival on campus—she moved into her residence hall in the middle of a snowstorm. "It was the first time I'd seen snow in my whole life," Elisa says. "At first it was pretty, but then it was like, 'Oh, my God, when is it going to end?' It snowed forever."

For a city girl from California, New Hampshire was a whole new world, and it wasn't always easy adjusting to the change. "Back home I had one white



Elisa Banelos  
Class of '09

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friend growing up, and here I'm the only Mexican person on campus—it's really weird," Elisa says. "At the beginning I did feel isolated, but I also think it probably had a lot to do with myself because it was all so new and I didn't know how to react. This semester, I came back with a whole new outlook that I'm going to go out of my way to talk to people, and that's helped. I've been going out a lot more and been more open to new things. But in the very beginning it was really hard. I would call my mom and cry. I feel this experience will make me a stronger person, though. In my first semester here I grew more than I ever have—my outlook on my education, people, myself—I became more mature."

The oldest of five children, Elisa grew up surrounded by business—her mother, Nestoria, has a bachelor's degree in business, and her father, Juan, owns two companies. At a young age, Elisa went to work with Juan, did some accounting, and even managed his store. Majoring in Business Administration felt like second nature.

"From my parents I learned that you can have a career but still be there for your family. Both my parents know how to juggle that," Elisa says. "My dad's a

hard worker, but his family always comes first. That's why I want to work for myself. I want to have the flexibility to be with my family. I don't want to be a parent who's always traveling. I've seen it and I just don't want that lifestyle. I want to go into fashion and own my own shop.

"At Colby-Sawyer we do a lot of group work in classes; at my other school you were just on your own. But I've learned here that to be a good businesswoman, you have to know how to talk to people and manage conflict because there are going to be people with different opinions. I have to stay true to my values, but still see other points of view."

Despite missing her grandmother's cooking, adjusting to the New England weather, and getting used to a smaller campus, Elisa knows she's now at the right college.

"It's still hard," she says. "I thought about going home, but there's no comparison academically. My Colby-Sawyer professors are more willing to talk to me, they e-mail me, ask how I am—I feel more connected to this school than my last one. The education I'm getting is amazing."

## "I Should Have Listened To My Heart"

It seemed like a good match. Kellie Tingle's sister was already a senior at a prestigious Massachusetts women's college, and Kellie liked the school, which offered her a financial aid package she felt she couldn't turn down. But Kellie, from Thomaston, Conn., who spent her freshman year at her sister's college, is now a sophomore at Colby-Sawyer. Colby-Sawyer had been on her radar a long time—she had heard about its excellent ski racers—and she had visited the New London campus three times as a high-school senior. "The first time I came, I just fell in love with the place," she recalls.

Despite the instant connection, Kellie chose to attend her sister's college in Massachusetts based on its financial aid offer.

"It's a great school, but it just wasn't the place for me," says Kellie. "Being at an all-women's college was difficult; the environment wasn't what I was used to. I have a brother and have always had guy friends. I like having guys around just to add that humor aspect to my life. Another thing is that, at Colby-Sawyer, everyone's very outdoorsy and laid-back for the most part. I didn't find that at my old school at all, and I felt like I could be happier somewhere else." Though she made some great friends that year and still keeps in touch with them, they weren't enough to keep her in Massachusetts.

After a lot of thought, and with the support of her family, Kellie decided to transfer to Colby-Sawyer for her sophomore year. Jen Jacques, who had worked with Kellie the year before, was delighted to work with her again as a transfer student.

"Kellie knew her heart was here at Colby-Sawyer and that this would be a better fit. I had felt that, too, when I worked with her the first time, and that is the hardest part of getting to know students and families so well. I was thrilled to hear from her again," says Jacques.

Kellie was surprised when Jacques remembered her "right off the bat" and stayed in weekly contact to make sure

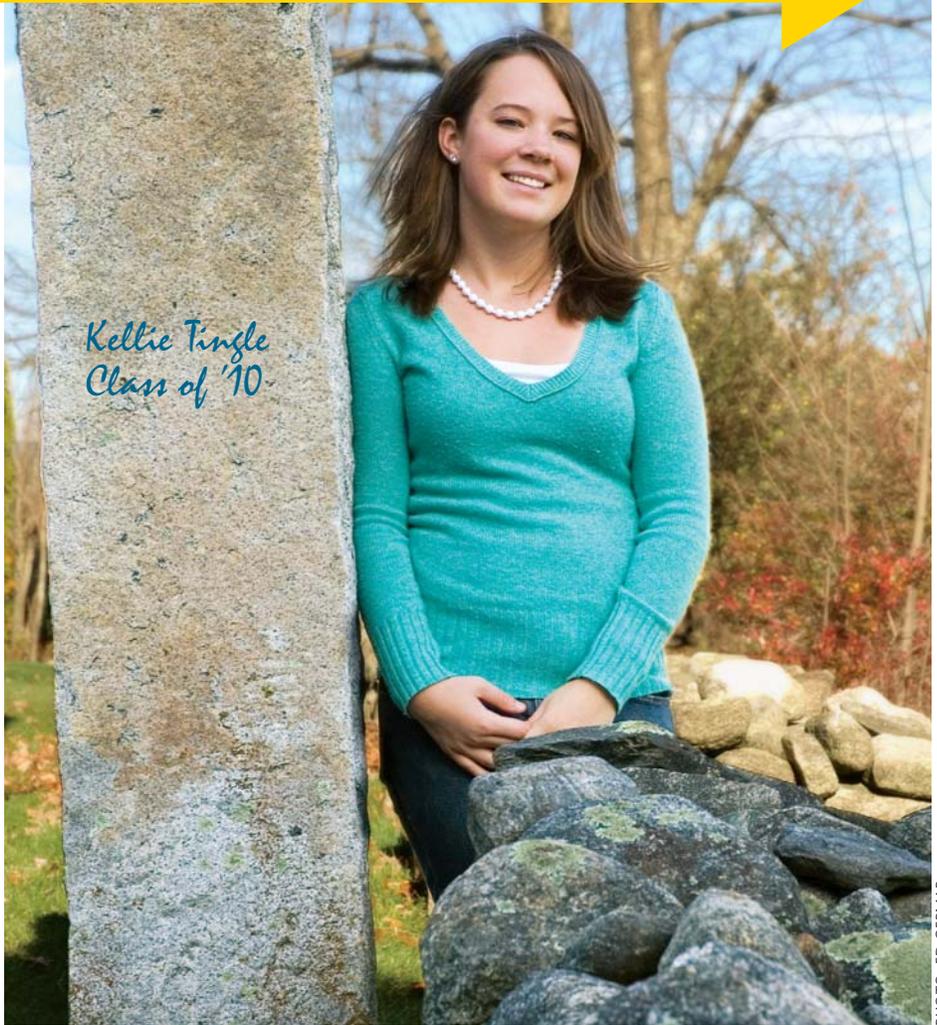


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everything was in order. Arriving on campus, Kellie found Colby-Sawyer's orientation program very helpful as she adjusted to her new school, especially because her group was comprised entirely of transfer students. She also likes having a roommate this year, a new experience. She hopes to make the ski team, but is glad to know that if she doesn't, there are still plenty of people on campus who share her love for the sport.

This semester, Kellie, a Child Development major who wants to be a teacher, is taking ecology, psychology, history and sociology classes, and academically, she sees little difference between the opportunities offered at her two schools.

"I'm challenged here just as much as I was there, which is good. I love my classes," she says. "I think the year at my first school heightens my appreciation for

what I have at Colby-Sawyer. I certainly wouldn't say that I regret going there; the school just wasn't for me. I love it here. Transferring has been such an easy experience compared to what I expected. It feels like I've been here forever."

If Kellie could offer high school seniors one piece of advice regarding choosing a college, it would be to go where they know they want to be. "There was a huge difference in financial aid offers, and that's what I based my decision on. If you can make it work, though, go where you want. It's costing more to go here, but it's worth it. I used to think I should go where I could get the most financial aid, but now I would say that's wrong. I should have listened to my heart, because when I came to visit Colby-Sawyer, I knew I would love it here, and I do."

## "Where did you bring me?!"

Married couple Zachary and Marianne Lamas, both 21, will graduate this spring, Zac with a degree in biology and Marianne with a degree in psychology. While most of their classmates sleep on-campus and eat at the dining hall, Zac and Marianne live on his grandparents' Raccoon Ridge Farm in nearby Salisbury, N.H., and dine on meals made of ingredients the family grew themselves: rabbit, carrots, tomatoes, onions, herbs, mushrooms and peppers, for example. He is deeply attached to the land and what it can produce; she is a black belt in Tae Kwon Do who loves the martial arts.

Theirs is an accelerated love story that left friends shaking their heads in wonder, but giving their blessing nonetheless. Zac, from Connecticut, and Marianne, from Fremont, California, met the summer before their senior year of high school.

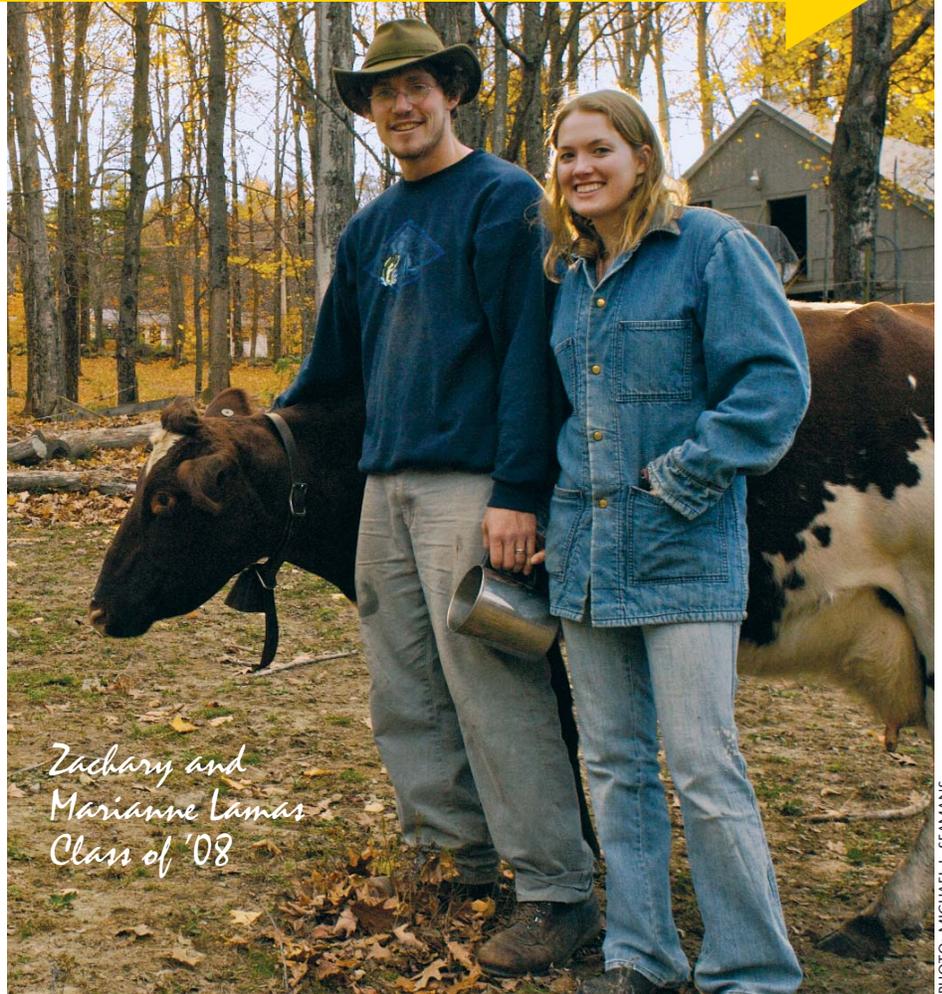
Zac had flown west to stay with an aunt and take summer Latin classes at the University of California, Berkeley. He got a job maintaining a Web site for a consignment shop and met Marianne's mother, an artist, when she dropped by to sell some pieces. Zac made quite an impression.

"You just have to meet this Zac," Marianne's mother told her daughter. "You have to know that there are people like him in the world." Feeling a bit sorry for the guy with no friends in California, Marianne agreed to meet him.

"When I first met her, I thought she was 14, and I kept wondering why her mom was introducing us," says Zac. "I thought she was rather odd, actually. Then later I saw her driving a car and realized she was my age, and it was wonderful."

"Yeah, he thought I was 14, and I didn't think he was anything special, so that's our funny story; we weren't really impressed with each other," laughs Marianne. "But then we started talking online and decided to hang out, and then it was like we were both just hit on the head. We were 17, but we both pretty much just knew."

Zac finished high school in



*Zachary and  
Marianne Lamas  
Class of '08*

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Connecticut, returning to California in November and again in April to attend Marianne's prom. The six months apart were "grueling torture," but by then they knew they wanted the same things: a family, to live in a rural area, and each other.

Marianne, graduating from a high school where people cried if they got anything below an A, wasn't sure what she wanted to do about college, but she rejected the idea of attending a state university because she "wasn't ready to go out and have an apartment." Instead, she attended a community college in her hometown for a year to take care of general education requirements.

Zac skipped his own graduation and moved to California in May to attend DeAnza College, a community college serving the San Francisco area. Zac's job coaching a swim team offered enough

financial security that he proposed in January, and after their June wedding, Marianne joined Zac at DeAnza.

"DeAnza was actually great because the students were generally older, but those who were our age were living on their own," says Zac. "It was more like a teacher-adult relationship than the teacher-student one here at Colby-Sawyer."

Though Zac's two-year degree is in German, an environmental studies class he took at DeAnza turned his interest toward biology. After many discussions and a lot of soul searching, the couple decided to head east. Marianne had never left California, but once the decision was made, she dove into researching their options.

"I was the one who found Colby-Sawyer," Marianne says. "I was looking for colleges in New Hampshire and

when I told Zac about Colby-Sawyer, he was so relieved. It was close enough to his grandparents that we could accept their invitation to live with them, but I wanted to make sure this was a college I actually wanted to go to—and it fit. Colby-Sawyer has good psychology and biology departments, and I thought it was really neat that it was small because I've had classes with hundreds of kids. I really wondered what it would be like to be right there with the professor. It turns out I've really liked that about Colby-Sawyer."

There was at least one moment of doubt, as Zac recalls. One day last winter, their first together in New Hampshire, the Lamases arrived on campus in an

intense snow storm with high winds. Zac hopped out of the car and rushed off to class, only to be stopped in his tracks by Marianne's dismayed scream of "Where did you bring me?"

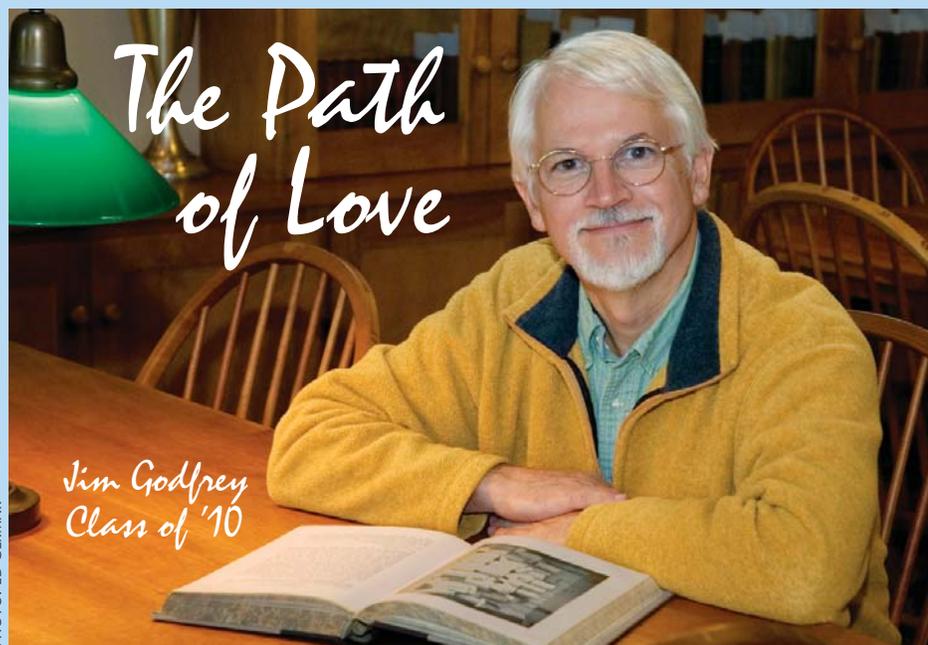
"The wind was just howling at her, it was so cold," Zac says, bemused. "She was still standing by the car, paralyzed by the cold."

"We didn't visit before applying. We were just going on blind faith, but everything really has turned out well," says Marianne. "The application process was very easy; Colby-Sawyer is really on top of things. And I love New Hampshire. It's so nice here."

While Zac would like professors to appreciate more that not all Colby-

Sawyer students live on campus, and laments the 30 units of credits he lost in the transfer, he appreciates the open labs that make it easy to get work done and the support he's had from professors regarding his agricultural interests.

"What do I want in life?" Zac asks. "To lie in a hammock and watch my kids play in the yard. I see farming as the best way to be able to do that. I have relatives who make big salaries, but they're always working. We're mortal, so I value time. I love husbandry; right now we have a cow, six pigs, too many chickens and rabbits. Ultimately, we'd like 60 acres, though the right one acre would be enough to handle our farmer's market produce and the smaller animals in



The son of an Army hospital administrator and a social worker, all signs pointed to Jim Godfrey going into a medical or humanitarian field, but it's only now, at age 57, that the former computer programmer finds himself answering the call to enter nursing.

Colby-Sawyer considers any student who has previously attended college a transfer, regardless of how long it has been, and Jim, a sophomore, is older than most of his professors. He has nearly as many credentials, too: a degree in mathematics with a minor in philosophy from West Virginia University, and a graduate degree in mathematical logic from the University of Notre Dame.

The road to Colby-Sawyer has been a long, and at times very painful, journey. Eight years ago, the isolation of computer programming was beginning to wear on Jim, and he considered going into nursing. The nurses he knew, however, talked him out of it with tales of their own dissatisfaction with the profession, especially a lack of respect from physicians and the growing paperwork that kept them away from patients.

The life change Jim sought came in a form other than a new career when his wife, Donna, was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"I cut back to working part time and became her primary caregiver for about a

year and a half of chemotherapy and radiation treatments. She was very determined to overcome cancer, and she held onto that determination until she had no strength or energy left," says Jim. "Near the end of her life she was apologizing for how much work it had been to take care of her and I assured her that I had enjoyed being her caregiver, that it was a blessing to me. I told her, 'I think this is what I could be happy doing, taking care of other people.' She told me that I had been a wonderful nurse to her, and that I'd be a wonderful nurse to others. Then she told me she just couldn't do it anymore, that there was nothing left in her, and she thought she was going to die that day. I said I understood.

"There was a marvelous thing that happened...that same morning she said, 'I was born at 8:55 in the evening, and that's when I'm going to die.' She was very weak and slept a lot, but it was two days later that she fell unconscious. For about six hours before she died, her siblings and friends were there, singing and talking, but when she stopped breathing, it was 8:55 in the evening. Her death was so peaceful and gentle, it was one of the most moving and awesome experiences of my life—as much as I realized her life was ending, it was a beautiful and lovely experience."

When Donna died, they had been married 14 years. Their daughter, Hester, was 11. Jim resigned from his job completely.

"I had to help my little family to heal, to be able to grow again," says Jim. He continued doing volunteer work at Hester's school, then started looking into nursing

the beginning. We'll see. The classes I've taken here at Colby-Sawyer have been very helpful, and my grandfather is a wealth of knowledge. I talk to him and get a second education—usually by me messing up and him showing me how to do it."

While Zac pursues his dream of a family farm, Marianne is contemplating a career as a guidance counselor, a decision she hopes her internship at Kearsarge Regional High School this spring will help her make.

While Colby-Sawyer may have started out as a means to an end, with its convenient location and the right departments for the Lamases' interests, Marianne says it's become more than that.

"The culture of the place is really neat," she says. "The people are really nice to be around, and the professors are great—it's turned out that I like it a lot. Some of the classes I've taken have really changed my life, and I didn't expect that. I think it's so neat that I have my own academic advisor who teaches in my major. It's great that the professors have so much time for you. At the bigger schools, if you have a question you're pretty much out of luck. You're not going to get to talk to the professor. I want to learn from the real deal, someone who has experience, not a teaching assistant who's a year older than me. And experience is what the professors here have, which is awesome." ■



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schools and learned about the program at Colby-Sawyer, just half an hour from his home. He found a warm welcome from the Admissions Office and took classes on a part-time basis for a couple of years.

When Colby-Sawyer was flooded with applications for the nursing major and had to give priority to full-time sophomores, Jim explored other schools' programs, some quite far away, because he was willing to move. Friends urged him to check again with Colby-Sawyer, and when he did, there were some openings in the nursing program for sophomores, right where he would belong with the classes he had already completed.

This semester, his first as a full-time student, Jim is taking Introduction to Professional Nursing; Environmental Issues; Computer Concepts and Applications; a Spanish language course, and Acting I.

"My classes are using very different aspects of my personality. They are a real whirlwind, actually," says Jim. "I go through a whole mix of emotions: joy and celebration and discovery about the people I'm meeting and the subjects I'm taking, and then there are also times of fear, when I think, *Oh, I'm in way over my head, what am I doing?* But, of course, I would feel that way; it's all so new. It's a full body and mind workout. Next semester I'll have a lot more nursing courses, so this is a good opportunity to cover a variety of things and meet faculty and students in a wide range of areas."

How students would react to him had

concerned Jim, but he says he has met terrific people. "I was concerned that other students might feel like they didn't have anything in common with me, or be puzzled by me, but they've been very welcoming," Jim says. "They've come up to me to talk, or invite me to events on campus. On Mountain Day, someone from my acting class spotted me and said, 'Come over here and sit with us,' so I joined their picnic. Some class projects are for pairs or groups, and people have made me feel very welcome."

One advantage of returning to college later in life is the freedom of inquiry. When Jim was 20 and didn't understand something in a lecture or class, he was embarrassed to ask about it. Not anymore. "It's been so liberating to be able to ask professors questions," he says. "And they're happy I ask because it encourages the other students to get involved, so I don't hesitate a bit. It makes the learning process so much more enjoyable not to have the fear."

If there's any advice Jim would share with his classmates, it would be to ask questions and explore a broad range of subjects. "Don't narrow your focus; use your college years to broaden your experience," Jim suggests. "You need to major in something, but branch out as much as you can. More than ever, people have options for second or third careers. You don't have to figure out your whole life when you're 20. I feel like my life is just beginning, and I feel so blessed to be able to begin a new life with so many

memories and experiences. I feel brand new."

There are a lot of options in that new life, and while there are several areas of nursing that appeal—pediatric nursing has a strong pull, as does oncological nursing and hospice care—Jim's plan is to work in a general hospital for a few years and gain some solid experience.

"I do feel a strong urging toward general relief work, though," he contemplates. "Responding to emergency situations like Katrina, or working in poverty-stricken areas...and HIV is so widespread in Africa ...it seems like a vivid calling for me to be able to respond to that in some way."

Jim's choice of words, when he says nursing is a calling, is no accident. His faith is a major aspect of his life, and he says the guiding principle of his life is to ask, "From here now, what is the path of love?"

"I refer back to that question very explicitly in my mind when dealing with global issues or national politics, social issues or how I relate to my community and other people," Jim says. "I just look for the path of love. I think that love is the expression of God's presence in the world. I'm constantly aware of how much God loves me, and that makes me want to spread that around through my whole life. I don't put any limits on God, any limits on love."

Jim Godfrey is proof that there's no limit on dreams, either. He'll turn 60 a month after he earns certification as a Registered Nurse. ■

# SPORTS ROUND-UP

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FALL 2007

## Women's Volleyball (28-8, 8-2 TCCC)

The Chargers began the season with a 16-1 record, the best start in program history, and they ended the season with a mark of 28-8, the second highest win total in school history.

The Chargers opened the season by winning the Springfield College Invitational Tournament, which included an impressive, first-ever win over Springfield College. Colby-Sawyer went on to finish 8-2 in The Commonwealth Coast Conference (TCCC) and reached the conference championship match for the 11th time in the past 12 seasons where the No. 2 seeded Chargers fell to



Rookie of the Year Michelle Doody '11.

the No. 1 seeded Endicott Gulls 3-2 in a hard fought match.

In the program's third trip to the ECAC tournament, the Chargers made quick work of their opponents, downing Smith College 3-1 in the quarterfinals and the United States Coast Guard Academy 3-0 in the semifinals. In the championship match, the Chargers squared off against the Judges of Brandeis University, falling 3-0, but earned a second consecutive Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III New England Women's Volleyball Championship Runner-Up award.

The Chargers efforts in conference play did not go unnoticed, as junior **Taylor Forsberg** (Moultonborough, N.H.) was named Libero of the Year and freshman **Michelle Doody** (Franklin, Mass.) was named Rookie of the Year. Both earned first-team All-TCCC accolades. Junior **Kristen Romanko** (Mansfield, Mass.) and sophomore **Genny Moore** (Centerville, Mass.) both received second-team all-conference honors from TCCC.

## Women's Tennis (13-4, 8-2 TCCC)

The Colby-Sawyer women's tennis team started the season 6-0, which included an 8-1 win over Salve Regina. The Chargers finished the regular season with a record of 12-3 overall and headed into the conference tournament as the No. 3 seed. In the tournament, the Chargers advanced to the semifinal round thanks to a 5-1 victory over Nichols College. In the semifinals against the Endicott Gulls, the Chargers jumped out to an early 2-1 lead after doubles



Mary Francis '10 earned two all-conference recognitions.

play, but the Gulls fought back, capturing five of the six singles matches on their way to ending the Chargers season.

For their efforts on the season, four Chargers women were named to the all-conference team. Freshman **Hannah White** (Stockbridge, Mass.) was selected as TCCC Rookie of the Year in addition to earning first-team doubles honors with her partner **Jen LaChance** (Killingworth, Conn.). White also earned honorable-mention accolades for her singles play, and LaChance also earned second-team honors for her singles play. Sophomores **Mary Francis** (Steuben, Maine) and **Brittany Mailman** (Freedom, N.H.) also earned all-conference recognition, as Francis was named to the first-team for her singles play and the pair received second-team doubles accolades.



Second Team All-TCCC Elise Kapp '09.

## Women's Soccer

(8-8-3, 6-6-1 TCCC)

Under the direction of first-year Head Coach Paul Cleary, the women's soccer team qualified for their third consecutive postseason, earning the No. 7 seed in The Commonwealth Coast Conference (TCCC) tournament. In the opening round of the tournament, the Chargers faced No. 2 seeded Western New England. The Chargers battled the Golden Bears through both halves and two overtimes to a scoreless tie, with neither team able to capitalize on several scoring opportunities. For the second time in as many years, the Chargers advanced to penalty kicks to decide their fate in the conference tournament quarter-finals. In penalty kicks, the Golden Bears

proved to be too much for the Chargers, as they won the shootout 4-2.

Two Chargers were named All-TCCC for their efforts on the season. Senior **Phoebe Wolcott-Macausland** (Enosburg Falls, Vt.) and junior **Elise Kapp** (Yarmouth Port, Mass.) earned second-team honors. Wolcott-Macausland was second on the team in goals (9) and points (20). Kapp earned her third all-conference award in three years, leading the team in goals (10), assists (6) and points (26).

## Men's Soccer (9-9-2, 8-3-1 TCCC)

The men's soccer team earned the No. 7 seed in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III New

England Men's Soccer Championships. They qualified for the tournament by virtue of their most wins ever in TCCC action. The Chargers advanced to TCCC semifinal round play with a 1-0 win over Gordon College in the quarter-finals, but were bounced from the conference tournament by Western New England, 2-1. In the ECAC tournament, the Chargers were unable to overcome two first-half goals by Framingham State, as the Chargers fell 2-1.

Three Chargers earned all-conference awards, as seniors **Chris Rafferty** (Milford, Mass.) and **Nic DeZenko** (Methuen, Mass.) each earned first-team honors, while junior **Doug Currie** (Harvard, Mass.) earned second-team honors.



Seniors Nic DeZenko (left) and Chris Rafferty (right) each earned first-team honors at the all-conference awards.

## Coffin Field House Sporting a New Floor

This fall the Colby-Sawyer volleyball and basketball teams began competing on a new hardwood floor in the Coffin Field House, which is part of the Dan and Kathleen Hogan Sports Center. The attractive maple floor replaced the original rubberized surface that had been in use since the Coffin Field House opened in 1991. At a cost of over \$250,000 that came from generous donors the 20,000-square-foot floor gives athletes and students a gym of which they can be proud. Whether our students are welcoming visiting teams for The Commonwealth Coast Conference Championship or using the gym for an intramural title, the new floor makes the Chargers' home court a great place to compete.



# The Chargers Club:

## 25 Years of Support for Athletics

Story and photos by  
Kimberly Swick Slover

Today Colby-Sawyer College student-athletes, both men and women, are tough competitors on 16 varsity teams. Chargers teams sport beautiful blue-and-white uniforms and warm-up suits and travel throughout the Northeast to compete at a high level—often making it to the semi-finals or winning championships in their conference.

So it's hard to imagine the life of a student-athlete 25 years ago, when Colby-Sawyer was still a women's college and athletic teams competed without uniforms or much of the basic equipment they needed for their sports. Though the athletes played hard and loved to compete, few people attended their games, and their efforts went largely unnoticed.

The Chargers Club changed all that. Twenty-five years ago, in January 1982, a small group of New London women gathered on campus to form the club and consider how they could support athletics—both financially and otherwise—and help the athletes gain the attention and recognition they deserved. Today, the Chargers Club pursues the same goals, and it has raised more than \$340,000 for athletics since its founding.

This past summer at a gathering on Kidder Point, overlooking Pleasant Lake with Mount Kearsarge in the distance,



Nancy Teach '70, '84, and her mother, Mary Teach '43, joined the anniversary celebration. Both alumnae served on the Chargers' Board for 20 years.

college and community friends gathered to celebrate the Chargers' 25th anniversary. Surrounded by many of the Chargers Club's founding members—Pat Kelsey, Gusta Teach, Emily Weathers Campbell and Janet Kidder—current club president Jen Ellis '85 reflected on those early days, when as a student, she and her teammates showed up for tennis matches in any old blue T-shirt.

Ellis grew teary-eyed as she recalled how good it felt when she and her teammates arrived wearing brand new uniforms to face their always formidable opponent, Middlebury College. The work of the Chargers Club, this small and unassuming local group of friends, had helped the student-athletes feel like a real college team and an athletic force to be reckoned with and respected.

### Just Friends

In 1982, then Athletic Director Judy Newcomb approached Pat Kelsey, a current trustee who once taught physical education at Colby Junior College, about the need for a community-based athletic booster club to help support the teams. The college, then led by President Nick Muller, was struggling financially and unable to meet the basic needs of the athletic teams. Pat, who today serves on the college's Board of Trustees, jumped at the chance. "Well, I'll get one started," she said, and called on her many friends in the community to join. She asked Gusta Teach, who often organized community activities, to serve as president while she took on the secretarial role.

"In those days, women's athletics wasn't high on anyone's agenda," says Teach. "The kids on the teams were so devoted, but they weren't getting any attention. We thought it would be helpful to have someone behind them—not just financially, but also there cheering them on."

To raise funds, the club members asked community members and business leaders to donate items for Chargers Club auctions, which they held on campus during Parents Weekends. With Emily

Weathers Campbell in charge of the popular Bloody Mary beverage station, the group auctioned off golf clubs, art work, and whatever other items were donated to benefit the teams.

"The teams needed basic things such as uniforms and warm-up suits, and big-ticket items such as tennis courts," says Janet Kidder, the club's treasurer. "We didn't have any trouble getting people interested in donating and supporting the club. It wasn't grand—just people in the community who wanted to help out."

The Chargers Club also initiated an annual awards ceremony and banquet to honor the student-athletes, a tradition that continues today. "We wanted to make a fuss over what the student-athletes were doing," said Pat Kelsey. "They worked so hard and deserved some recognition."

For Kidder, the club was simply a new way for the community to get involved in and support the college. "The college is important to the community, just as the community is important to the college," she said. "It's as true today as it was 25 years ago."

### How the Chargers Make a Difference

In the Chargers Club's first year, they raised nearly \$3,000 for athletic programs, and, by 1989, had helped to bring in more than \$130,000 to build the six original Kelsey Tennis Courts. In 2001 alone, the club purchased \$20,000 worth of equipment for athletics and close to \$7,000 was spent on the Annual Senior Athletic Awards Reception.

Over the years, the club has made the athletic programs better in ways small and large for athletes, students, parents, and fans, purchasing team bags for student-athletes and a John Deere all-terrain vehicle to keep the playing fields in excellent condition. They've contributed sound and video systems and a lighted scorer's table for the Coffin Field House, as well as a swimming records board for the Knight Natatorium.



Jen Ellis '85, president of the Chargers Club, expressed her own, and the club's, appreciation to its founding members.

Erica DeSanty '05, a former tri-captain of the women's basketball team, said that while the "material advancements" brought about by the club made her athletic experience better, the involvement and support for her team meant even more. "As strong supporters of our team, the Chargers Club personally made me feel like I was a great athlete by coming to all of our games, hanging signs in the gym, and always telling each of us how well we did. That will improve the college experience of any athlete."

Trevor Dorian '05, a former co-captain of the men's baseball team, benefited specifically from the Chargers Club's contributions to his team, which made dugouts and indoor batting cages and other equipment possible. "The Chargers Club made a difference for the team

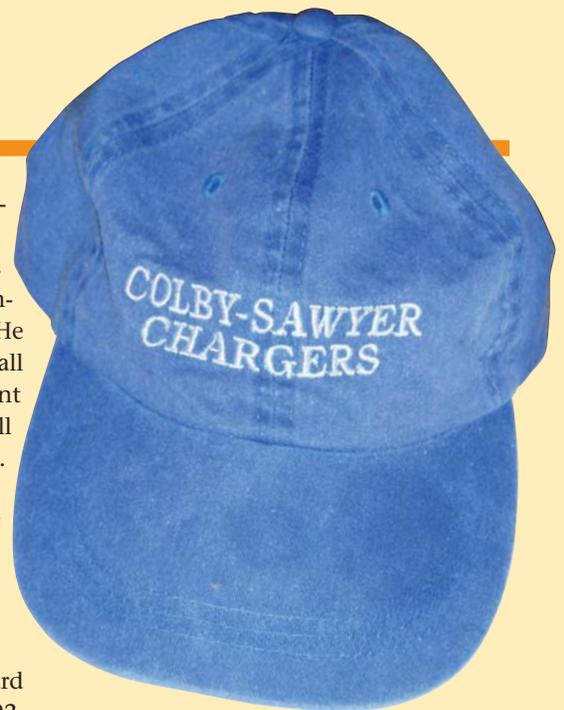
every day that we trained and competed," he said.

Jim Daley '08 plays on the men's soccer team and serves as student member of the Chargers Club Board. He believes the club is an essential part of all the athletic teams, providing equipment and accessories, and ensuring that all athletes can compete at a high level. "As part of the Chargers Club," he said, "I'm able to experience the generosity and help the members are able to provide to the athletic community."

### The New Era

Jen Ellis joined the Chargers Club Board in 1989 and became its president in 1992. She continues in that role today and has been part of the club's, as well as the college's, evolution. "As the college grew and prospered, it could now afford to operationally support 16 varsity teams. The club tries to make the programs better and nicer by purchasing items the coaches and administration request—above and beyond the basics to make our program stand out among others in our conference," Ellis said.

Athletic Director Debi Field McGrath '68 believes the involvement and support of the Chargers Club is what makes Colby-Sawyer's athletic program special. "Their personal commitment to students and teams, as well as their financial support, has helped to launch Colby-Sawyer as one of the premier Division III



athletics programs in New England," McGrath said. "We have more work to do, but are well on the way to providing a truly quality experience for our student-athletes. I'm so appreciative and offer my kudos to the entire membership which has given so much of its time and energy over the years."

The Chargers Club's mission remains much the same as it was in 1982, but benefit auctions have been replaced by an annual tennis tournament on campus, small retail and raffle efforts, and a broad-based annual appeal letter sent to alumni and friends of the college. The club now raises about \$20,000 annually to support the athletic awards ceremony and fulfill the teams' wish lists.

"We may add another larger annual event to our schedule soon to allow us to raise more friends and funds for Colby-Sawyer athletics," Ellis explained.

The founders of the Chargers Club still take pride in their accomplishments, in part because what began as a tiny group of friends with good intentions has grown deep roots in the college and community.

"Jen Ellis's guidance has helped to realize our vision—that the Chargers Club would become an important part of the community," said Janet Kidder. "I've been involved in all kinds of boards and organizations, but I'm really proud to have been a founding member of the Chargers Club because it's still going strong. They are a wonderful group, and I'm so pleased to have been part of it." ■



The president and the founding members of the Chargers Club share a proud moment at the 25th Anniversary party. (L to r) Emily Weathers Campbell, Jen Ellis '85, Pat Kelsey, Janet Kidder and Gusta Teach.

# POLITICS

by Kimberly Swick Slover

**W**hen presidential politics were heating up in the first primary state of New Hampshire, a few candidates and their campaign representatives were finding their way to New London to meet voters in town and on the Colby-Sawyer College campus. Many Colby-Sawyer community members enjoy the quadrennial rituals while others grow weary of the media hype and the campaigns that last longer and cost more than ever.

Yet another group of community members has a great passion for politics. They revel in the campaign spectacle and value its larger purpose in our democracy. They believe in government's ability to make life better for citizens and feel compelled to play a role.

Ricia McMahon '79 was a faculty spouse, young mother and Colby Junior College student when she began a journey into political life that has led her into state and national politics and her current role as a representative in the New Hampshire Legislature. Students Xanthe Hilton '11 and Brendan O'Neil '08 are two of the many college students inspired to work for Senator Barack Obama's presidential campaign. And Zachary Irish '08 is president of the Student Government Association and a college representative for Mitt Romney's presidential campaign.

## Another Time, Same Place

The late 1960s and '70s were a time when college campuses were rife with political tension and activism related to the rise of feminism and debate over the Vietnam War. Ricia McMahon had begun taking classes while caring for her young children and getting involved in community life. She recalls meeting with other women on campus for "consciousness raising" and marching down Main Street in New London with students and faculty members to protest the shootings of student demon-



*N.H. State Representative Ricia McMahon '79 greets her old friend, Senator Hillary Clinton, for whom she is campaigning in the 2008 presidential election. PHOTO: SOPHIA PARIS*

strators at Kent State College in May 1970.

When she was urged to run for one of two local seats at the state's Constitutional Convention, a short-term position in the State House, she thought it would be an opportunity to participate at a new level. She campaigned door to door and won the election. "I was very naïve and inexperienced in terms of running a campaign," she said. "It was my first taste of running and winning." The work was mundane and the issues not as weighty as she hoped, but, she says, "it was the beginning of my addiction."

From there McMahon began working for various Democratic candidates for state offices, which reinforced for her the value of forging close connec-

tions and speaking out about her beliefs. In 1976 she was tapped to become the executive director of the state Democratic Party. She took the job and two years later was invited to the White House by President Jimmy Carter's staff to discuss the political climate in New Hampshire and the state's role in the next presidential election. "What I found validating was that my opinion was being sought, and it mattered that I had ideas about how things could be improved," she said

Many years and political campaigns later, McMahon was asked to serve as the New Hampshire co-chair of a Steering Committee for Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton, who was beginning his run for the U.S. presidency. She later became his state political director and was on hand to provide counsel and support as he cleared some high hurdles before emerging as the "comeback kid" in the New Hampshire primary and going on to win the Democratic nomination and the presidential election.

McMahon then headed to Washington, D.C., as chief of staff for the Office of National Drug Control Policy, a position she held throughout the Clinton administration. She then returned to her home in Sutton, N.H., and soon after ran for a



seat in the state House of Representatives. Again, she went door to door, greeting old friends and meeting new voters. “The one key is understanding your community,” she says. “I heard someone say, ‘I know she’s a liberal, but she’s our liberal.’”

## Campaigning for Change

As Xanthe Hilton '11 arrived on the Green at Dartmouth College on Sept. 26, 2007, the night of the Democratic Presidential Candidates Debate, throngs of students chanting and carrying signs for different presidential candidates were gathering. She quickly found some friends and grabbed a bullhorn from the Obama campaign, for which she volunteers while serving as president of Students for Obama in New Hampshire. A group of supporters for Bill Richardson shouted at her and she reeled around and launched into a loud “Obama! Obama!” retort that overwhelmed the Richardson team.

Before long Hilton was leading a high-decibel battle against a formidable force of Hillary Clinton fans, and once again the Obama supporters emerged as arguably the loudest, and definitely the most creative and enthusiastic, in their chants and dances. Hilton, the tall, blond ringleader, could barely speak for the next two days.

“I’m one of those people who was always taught that if something was wrong, I had a responsibility to change it,” she says. “I’ve seen things wrong—I’ll say it—with this [presidential] administration and want to change it.”

Hilton hopes to do that by working for the candidate whom she believes stands the best chance of bringing about dramatic and positive change in Washington and in the nation. She likes that Senator Obama is relatively new to Washington and agrees with his plans to support universal health care and end the war in Iraq. On a personal level, she says she likes his honesty and how he listens to people.

“A lot of people are cynical about life and especially about politics, but I’m hopeful. I’m very opti-



Xanthe Hilton '11 shows her passion for her candidate, Senator Barack Obama, at a rally at Dartmouth College this fall. PHOTO: MICHAEL J. SEAMANS

mistic, and I believe in the American system of government,” she says. “I really, *really* would like to see Obama as president because he’s the one person who can change the country.”

Hilton is spreading the message about Senator Obama through events and word of mouth on campus and through her travels around the state, phone calls and her extensive use of online global networks such as Facebook. Although she’s a Pennsylvania resident, she registered to vote in the New Hampshire Primary, which college students are permitted to do, because she feels her vote will

count more here than elsewhere.

“Obama has strong support among college students,” she says. “It’s just a matter of getting them out to vote.”

Last summer Brendan O’Neil '08 and fellow volunteers from the Obama campaign showed up with their campaign signs at the New England 300 NASCAR race in Loudon, N.H., a place where they did not expect to find a receptive audience. “Some people said, ‘I can’t believe you guys are here,’ and we got a lot of heckling, but it was good for us to be seen there,” he says. “People see that this is important to us. We’re saying the politics can be different from what we have now.”

A Communication Studies major with a Philosophy minor, O’Neil worked as a field intern for the campaign’s Concord, N.H., office for three months of 60-hour weeks to fulfill his major’s internship requirement. He canvassed neighborhoods, attended events and worked in the office, helping to build grass roots support for Senator Obama’s candidacy.

Like Hilton, O’Neil was raised in a politically active family, and he believes that government can and should be a force for good. “I think politics can be positive and definitely working for government can be. I’d love to run for local office at some point,” he said. “If everyone pitches in, it makes society better off.”

Though politically active in high school, O’Neil has found few students who share his zeal at Colby-Sawyer. “Most people my age are completely disillusioned or disengaged from politics,” he says.



Brendan O’Neil '08 (left), along with Obama campaign field representative Jack Mahoney, on the campaign trail in New Hampshire. COURTESY PHOTO

“There’s a lot of apathy. We’re in kind of a bubble here—people are happy, and we’re not bombarded with national news and issues, so it’s easy to forget there’s a world out there.”

O’Neil is critical of the roles that media and money play in the presidential race and its negative result for citizens. “Our campaign system is financially beneficial for a lot of TV media; it becomes a big media circus that generates a lot of revenue and turns the race into a beauty pageant,” he says. “Rather than focus on the issues, candidates’ personal attributes become the major focus—Obama being black, Richardson Hispanic, Romney’s Mormonism. These become the things that people vote on.”

To identify which candidate he’ll support, O’Neil digs deeper to learn about their record and views on the issues. While he most closely identifies with Congressman Dennis Kucinich’s views, he likes Obama’s approach to governing and believes he is the more electable candidate. “To stay informed and involved, I have to make a conscious effort, especially because I don’t live in an urban area,” he says.

## A Belief in Representative Government

For as long as Zachary Irish ’08 can remember, his mother and his grandfather have discussed politics over breakfast. They have always been well informed and passionate about expressing their opinions on the issues, according to Irish. “That’s where my interest comes from and why I’m involved in government. Everyone should play a part,” he says. “You should not complain unless you get involved. I feel it’s really important to have my voice heard.”

Acting on that belief, Irish, a History, Society and Culture major and future social studies teacher, has taken on many leadership roles at Colby-Sawyer. He’s served on Community Council, as a resident assistant, and in various elected offices in the Student Government Association (SGA), currently as president. These experiences have given him opportunities to convey his views and to represent students to the administration and trustees and at major college events. These roles have taught him to listen and seek input from as many people as possible before reaching conclusions and acting on their behalf.

“The ability to communicate, that’s the biggest thing,” he says in describing the attributes of good leaders. “Organization



Zachary Irish, president of the Colby-Sawyer Student Government Association, addresses his fellow students, parents and college community members during Convocation 2007. PHOTO: MICHAEL J. SEAMANS

is my strength, and that’s important, but I’m also very approachable.”

Colby-Sawyer offers “unlimited opportunities for students to have their voices heard,” according to Irish, and he finds the college’s leadership “amazing” in responding to students’ concerns.

This year students have spoken out to the SGA most vehemently on three issues: extending quiet hours in residence halls; whether to prohibit smoking near the entrances to campus buildings; and allowing coed apartment suites in Rooke Hall. Irish and the other SGA officers have worked hard to give students ways to express their opinions, holding special meetings, setting up a bulletin board to solicit views, and sending out surveys on e-mail. Once the SGA collects enough feedback, they’ll make recom-

mendations to the college administration about whether to change current policies.

“You’re here to represent the people who elected you,” he says. “That’s what I feel government is not always doing so well.”

Although the demands of his SGA role, classes and a current teaching internship have left little time for presidential politics, Irish has signed on as a college representative for Mitt Romney’s campaign. A conservative Republican, Irish likes Romney’s take on important issues and thinks he seems like a presidential figure. A staunch supporter of the current administration in the past, Irish now thinks it’s time for a change.

“I will never say I don’t support the president, but some things have changed my views about his credibility. One of the most important aspects of leadership is being trustworthy,” Irish says. “I will never change my views from being Republican, but we definitely need a change in administration.”

In the spring semester, when he’s less busy and the early primaries have thinned out the field of candidates, Irish plans to engage more in presidential politics. “I will get more engaged, whether it’s working for a candidate or trying to get students involved,” he says. His job as a social studies student teacher requires him to stay current on the issues, which he believes is an asset to any leader. “I don’t think the student body realizes that some of these issues will affect them, such as social security and health insurance. I’m not sure what it will take to get their attention, but I’ll probably start in the residence halls, talking about the issues, the candidates, and asking some engaging questions.”





## Acting on Core Beliefs

Now in her second term in the New Hampshire Legislature, McMahon has brought her passion for politics and government policy, and her knack for building relationships, to work for her constituents. The house has addressed issues such as funding for education in the state, health insurance for low-income children and for college students, civil unions, and the protection of Mt. Sunapee, for which McMahon wrote a bill as a freshman legislator.

Her biggest challenge in the legislature so far has been the complex and contentious issue of retirement benefits for state workers, in which she has played a leadership role in gaining support for overhauling the system. The state's investment in the retirement funds had fallen far short of what was promised, which led to tough negotiations about the state workers' needs versus the tax burden on citizens and municipalities. "I'm very proud that we stood up to the challenge and did the right thing," she says. "I can see how important it is that people feel secure as they age."

Speaker of the House Terri Norelli says McMahon jumped into the issue with both feet, educating herself and others in the house and creating appropriate legislation. "This is the



Xanthe Hilton (third from right) gathered with her fellow supporters to meet Senator Obama following a campaign event in Concord, N.H. COURTESY PHOTO

second biggest issue (after education funding) we're facing, and Ricia has really risen to the top in terms of leadership and knowledge."

Speaker Norelli describes McMahon as collaborative and tough when she needs to be. "She tries to build consensus but she doesn't have any qualms about saying no, when necessary, to friends or advocacy groups with whom she usually agrees. They appreciate her forthrightness," she adds.

McMahon also serves as co-chair of the state's steering committee for Hillary Clinton and has been tapping into her extensive networks to gain support for the senator's presidential bid. She offered to work for Clinton before the campaign even approached her. "Speaking up for what you believe in...it's part of my core values," she says. "Believe it, and it becomes the fabric of your life."

Hilton, Irish and O'Neil are also likely to continue to act on their core beliefs. Hilton plans to serve as an intern for New London Rep. Randy Foose in the State House next semester and continue her work for the Obama campaign and as a freshman SGA senator. After graduation, O'Neil would like to volunteer for a government program such as Vista for a year before going on to graduate school and eventually teaching political philosophy. In addition to his teaching career, Irish hopes to run for a seat in state government one day.

O'Neil says service projects through Vista will give him a path to give back in positive ways. "I always feel if I don't contribute to society then I'm not doing anything worthy." Hilton adds, "One thing I know for sure is that I will always remain an active voter and voice for what I believe is right. Nothing can change who I am." ■



State Representative Ricia McMahon in the historic House of Representatives chamber in the State House in Concord, N.H., which seats the nation's largest state legislature.

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# Nature as Classroom: Exploring Western River Communities

by Kimberly Swick Slover

Photos by Nick Baer, Carl Herz '09 and Leon-C. Malan

**“I’M A FIRM BELIEVER IN GETTING STUDENTS OUT OF THE CLASSROOM and into experiences in nature,” says Nick Baer, assistant professor of Natural Sciences. “If students get out of their element and to a new place that stimulates their senses, that’s where the best learning happens.”**

Professor Baer and his colleague, Leon-C. Malan, professor of Business Administration, set out to test this theory last spring by leading eight students in the college’s new field course, River Communities (CES 350), an exploration of water resource management which culminated in a 10-day trip to the Colorado River Basin in Colorado and Utah.

The course began on campus with the reading of two texts, *The Exploration of the Colorado River and Its Canyons*, by John Wesley Powell, and *Crossing the Next Meridian: Land, Water and the Future of the West* by Charles F. Wilkinson. There were also weekly discussions on the social, economic, political and ecological implication of water resources in the western United States.

The scarcity of water there has led to a complex system of determining water rights and distributing this vital natural resource among demanding stakeholders, which range from small towns and sprawling desert cities to individual farmers and massive hydroelectric plants.

“The idea is to use the Colorado River basin as a model for how we utilize water resources,” says Professor Baer. “The Colorado is a favorite model because it’s well known and

has an amazing allure, and it’s the classic example of an extremely altered river.”

The Colorado River originates in the Rockies and winds through the West and Southwest, with 20 dams along the way, until it reaches—and some years fails to reach—the Sea of Cortez in Mexico. “There are all these competing needs for the water resource from municipalities, agricultural and industrial interests, native people, and, oh yeah, the natural biology,” continues Professor Baer. “The objective of the course was to familiarize students with how people balance all these demands on a finite resource.”

The class traveled out West to speak with many of the players engaged in the balancing act between human needs and desires and the area’s fragile environmental resources. They also wanted to experience for themselves the magnificence of the natural landscape.

They hiked and camped in the Rockies to see where the spring snowmelt spawns the Colorado River; they met with municipal hydrologists to discuss water use; and they listened to attorneys specializing in water laws and farmers who depend on irrigation to ensure the survival of their farms. After



Students (from left) Geoff Rush, Carl Herz, Sam Grinnell, Amanda Lambert, Sarah Champagne, Amy MacMahon, Stephanie Seavy, and Sean McCaffrey pose while hiking to acclimatize to the elevation of the Rocky Mountains.

visiting Arches National Park in Moab, Utah, the class flew in tiny bi-planes and followed the Green River north over the desert. They ended the trip with an exhilarating four-day rafting trip.

The journey was an intense learning experience wrought with intellectual and physical challenges for the faculty and students. After hiking, camping, cooking, rafting and writing poetry in the wilderness, often while coping with a lack of bathrooms and showers, they emerged as a closely connected—and fairly grungy—group of people with a deep understanding of human dependence on water.

## An Amazing Experience with Hard Lessons

The eight students, mostly Biology or Community and Environmental Studies (CES) majors, were drawn to the class for different reasons, including the desire to see their knowledge gained from texts and the classroom put into action. They also cited as their impetus for taking the course the opportunity to travel and recreate in parts of the country they'd never seen while learning from the two extraordinary teachers and mentors who were leading the adventure.

The students included Amanda Lambert, Amy McMahon, Carl Herz, Sam Grinnell, Geoff Rush, Sarah Champagne, Sean McCaffrey and Stephanie Seavy.

For Carl Herz '09, a CES major and Psychology minor, the trip was "non-stop fun and adventure." He learned some lessons the hard way ("respect



Amy MacMahon and Stephanie Seavy enjoy a new learning experience as they tour a hydroelectric facility.



Students learn about the Uncompahgre River diversion that supplies the agricultural area of Montrose, Colorado.



Farmer Mike Olberg explains his drip irrigation system to Professor Leon Malan (far left) and students Sam Grinnell, Carl Herz, Amanda Lambert, Sarah Champagne and Sean McCaffrey.

nature" and "don't fall into the rapids"), but was mesmerized by the stark beauty of Utah's Arches National Park and the wildlife in the region. "I will never forget the beautiful places, the animals we saw (bears, elk, beavers, etc.), the cough of a mountain lion in the night, the cliffs and plateaus, and how close we all got to one another," he says.

Carl also witnessed mankind's tendency toward short-sighted self-interest relative to the use of natural resources. "In Denver, where water will run out in something like seven years if the city keeps expanding, people use more than 50 percent of their household water for landscaping," he says. Some Utah desert farmers grow watermelons, each of which consumes about 120 gallons of water. It was disheartening for Carl to realize that such huge issues may not be addressed until the situation becomes catastrophic.

CES major and Biology minor Amanda Lambert '08 was also surprised by how tightly Western states regulate water resources among so many stakeholders and yet still fail to resolve the dire need for conservation measures that will preserve the supply for the future. "I never knew people had to be so careful about every aspect of their water supply," she says. "It made me respect the watershed both at home and in dry areas."

## Canyons as Classrooms

Sean McCaffrey, a non-traditional student and the college's men's and women's tennis coach, described the trip as one of the most amazing

learning experiences he's ever had. During the trip, he and the other students were required to become "experts for a day" and share their research over the previous months on subjects such as indigenous people, history, geology, ecology and conservation.

"These assignments not only allowed students to speak to what they had learned and share their personal stories of how their research evolved, but they also allowed the entire group to round out their own knowledge base by active involvement while on the river," Sean says. "While learning about water and ecology, we had the chance to actually be on the Green River (which flows into the Colorado River). While trying to understand farming practices in the West and how natural resources are utilized, we had the chance to visit some fantastic farms and damming facilities. Reading about these practices in a book will never compare to actually being in the field and learning first hand from those who employ tactics to help conserve the valuable natural resources."

While everyone felt exhausted by the end, the trip was a life-changing experience for each participant, according to Sean. "Our tents became our dorms, our backpacks acted as desks, our professors exchanged suits and ties for sandals and shorts, and the canyons and mesa doubled as a classroom," he says. "The knowledge one gains from being immersed in an educational experience like the Rocky Mountains is great, but coupling this with two phenomenal educators plus seven other students, was fantastic."

Sarah Champagne '08, with a major in CES and minor in Business Administration, opted for the course because it sounded "extremely exciting" and would be led by two of her favorite professors. Some of the highlights of the trip for her were rafting down the Green River and meeting with people and organizations who deal with the day-to-day challenges of managing competing demands for limited water resources.

Sarah, like Carl Herz, was struck by the absurdity of the idea that, while Denver may run out of water in less than a decade, water is pumped into desert communities such as Las Vegas and Phoenix to keep lawns and golf courses green. "The water resource issues we came in contact with were things I had never fully understood," she says. "Seeing these problems first hand allowed me to gain an understanding that I would not have been able to do in the classroom."

## Savoring the Quiet Moments

The course was a huge success in giving students an appreciation of the complexity in managing water resources, Professor Baer asserts, and exposing them to career paths they have never considered. "The students interacted with environmental attorneys, hydrologists, river guides, farmers, all people tied to water and all with very different views, and they were incredible experiences," he says.

Along with all the intensity, the group enjoyed quiet moments at night by the fire, reading poetry and even composing a few poems of their own. "It was lovely, a very lovely experience," he adds. "People got along well and they were really adaptable."

The River Communities course will be offered every other year, alternating with another field course, Desert Communities (CES/BIO 366), which takes place near Tucson, Arizona.

Judging from their enthusiastic response to the course, the students who took part seem to affirm Professor Baer's premise that "if students get out of their element, in a new place that stimulates their senses, that's where the best learning happens."

Sarah Champagne's comment echoes those of the other students. "A field study course is such a great form of learning," she concludes. "I recommend it to everyone." ■



Sean McCaffrey takes the oars to guide the raft in Desolation Canyon on the Green River.



# ALUMNI NOTES

## Save the Date! Reunion 2008!

From Friday, May 30–Sunday, June 1, the Colby-Sawyer College campus will be abuzz with alumni spanning seven decades to celebrate Reunion 2008. The weekend will provide a wonderful opportunity to renew old friendships, to make new friends, and to see and learn about the Colby-Sawyer College of today. While the college will honor those classes with years ending in “3” and “8,” all Colby-Sawyer alumni are invited to participate in the weekend’s festivities. Mark your calendar, call your friends and classmates, and bring the family to New London for Reunion 2008!

## Alumni Awards

Each year we take great pleasure in honoring alumni who have provided exceptional service and commitment to Colby-Sawyer College, their community and their profession. The **Alumni Service Award** and the **Young Alumni Achievement Award** are presented annually at Reunion Weekend. Nominations for next year’s awards will be accepted through February 29, 2008. To nominate a deserving alumna/us or to learn more about these awards visit [www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends/awards](http://www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends/awards) or contact the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving.

## Athletic Hall of Fame Nominations

The Colby-Sawyer College Athletic Hall of Fame honors the achievements of the college’s outstanding individual athletes, teams, coaches and supporters who have enhanced and reinforced the college’s commitment to athletic excellence. Nominations for the 2008 class of inductees will be accepted through March 1, 2008. To make your nomination or to learn more visit [www.colby-sawyer.edu/athletics/Athletics\\_HOF.html](http://www.colby-sawyer.edu/athletics/Athletics_HOF.html) or call the Department of Athletics at (603) 526-3610.

*To learn more about the members of the Class of 2007 inductees, see the inside back cover of this issue.*

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All photos must include the full name and class year of everyone pictured. Digital photos must be at a resolution of at least 300 dpi. Cell phone camera photos will not be accepted. Photos of babies/children will only be published if an alumna/us is also in the photo. We cannot guarantee publication of every submitted photo.

## Alumni Marketplace

Get the latest Colby-Sawyer gear by visiting the Alumni Marketplace at [www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends/gear](http://www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends/gear). From Colby-Sawyer flip-flops and golf balls, to custom-made diploma frames and campus prints, the marketplace has a wide variety of items for you to purchase and show your school spirit!



## Get Involved and Stay Connected

Every year hundreds of alumni are involved in the life of Colby-Sawyer College through their volunteer service. By volunteering their time and talent, these caring alumni are vital to the strength and well-being of Colby-Sawyer. The following are some of the many ways that alumni can volunteer and make a difference.

**Class Correspondents**—Correspondents gather news and write class columns for the *Alumni Magazine*. Through their ongoing communication, they keep classmates connected to one another and the college.

**Class Agents**—Class agents are responsible for working with their classmates to encourage philanthropic support of the Colby-Sawyer College Annual Fund.

**Reunion Committees**—Members of the reunion committee foster a sense of excitement and camaraderie among their classmates through the planning and promotion of Reunion Weekend activities.

**Alumni in Admissions**—Working with the staff in the Office of Admissions, these alumni serve as Colby-Sawyer ambassadors by promoting awareness of the college and helping to recruit new students.

**Mentor Program**—Alumni career mentors share their wisdom and experience by volunteering as a resource to assist students and fellow alumni in their career exploration and development. Mentors may share career advice, provide networking contacts, and share strategies for finding employment, internships or gaining admission to graduate/professional school.

**Student Intern Sponsor**—Internships provide an opportunity for students to enhance their academic programs with field experience related to their career interest. Alumni can provide students with this meaningful experience by sponsoring an internship with their business or organization.

**Regional Host**—Throughout the year, the college hosts regional alumni events and activities throughout the country, and alumni can volunteer to host these events or provide assistance in the planning process.

If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving.

## Colby-Sawyer College Alumni Inaugural Delegates

During the past months, Colby-Sawyer alumni represented President Tom Galligan and their college as official delegates to inaugural ceremonies at other colleges and universities. We are grateful to those who accepted invitations.

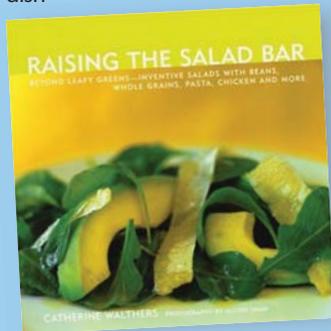
Mary Ellen Blatchford Walker '80 at Saint Michael's College on September 29, 2007.

Mary Knox Tatnall '57 at Haverford College on October 6, 2007.

Eleanor Morrison Goldthwait '51 at New England Conservatory on October 27, 2007.

by Mike Gregory

**W**inter in New England may be a time for hearty fare, but what better way to conjure the memory of summer than with a tasty salad? In her tantalizing cookbook *Raising the Salad Bar* (Lake Isle Press) **Catherine Walters '76** serves up healthy, delicious variations on the dish that is too often an afterthought. Say goodbye to iceberg lettuce smothered with ranch dressing. Here, wheat berries are paired with a tangy citrus dressing, while seared scallops are served with watercress and pineapple. Bursting with color and helpful hints, this is a cook's guide that sails right over the salad bar.



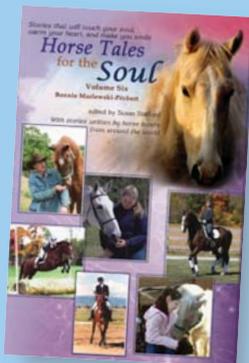
*Grants for Libraries: A How-To-Do-It Manual* (Neal-Schuman Publishers), by

**Pamela Herd MacKellar '69** and Stephanie K. Gerding, has been praised as "the Boy Scouts' field manual" of grant-writing. It's a step-by-step roadmap for librarians on the tricky road of grant funding, an



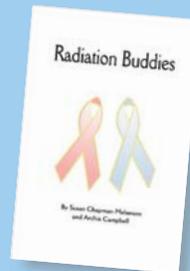
indispensable aid in this time of tight budgets.

From **Jan Moore Canavan '67** we learn that she recently had her work published in *Horse Tales for the Soul*, Vol. 6 (K&B Products). This popular series, compiling stories from horse lovers around the world, focuses on the life lessons to be learned from these noble animals.

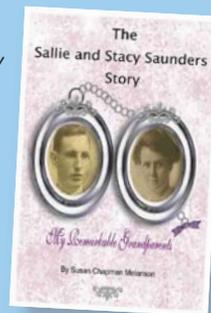


**Susan Chapman Melanson '66** had three books in the last installment of this column. Her prolific output humbles us, though she has

managed only two works this time. *Radiation Buddies* (Lulu Publications), written with Archie Campbell, is an inspiring tale of the authors' friendship since high school, a bond that becomes their lifeline as they each battle cancer. *The Sallie and Stacy*

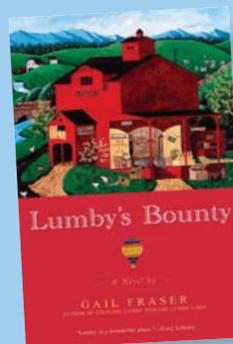


*Saunders Story* (Lulu Publications) takes us back to the early 20th Century for the true-life tale of the eponymous couple: she, a Tufts-educated doctor at a time when there were few women in the medical profession; he, a blind lawyer whose sight is surgically restored after seventeen years. The multigenerational saga of the Saunders offers a window onto a larger history of New England as it steps into the modern age.



We noted last time the rerelease of the Lumby books by **Gail Fraser '74**.

*Lumby's Bounty*, the third in the series, is due out this month under the NAL imprint of Penguin Group.

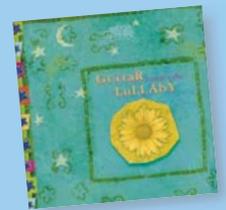


Also due out this month is the debut CD by the Boston rock band Optimo. Fronted by **Jeff Vangel '99**, the group has been playing their brand of bass-heavy psychedelia in various area venues. Take a listen to a selection of songs at [www.myspace.com/optimoband](http://www.myspace.com/optimoband).



**Keith Percy '77** conceived and produced a CD back in 1998, but since it's remained a top seller since then, we felt obliged to mention it.

*Guitar Lullaby* (Ellipsis Arts) features the calming, melodic work of classical guitarist Ricardo Cobo. With awards from the American Library Association and the Parent's Choice Foundation, it's a work that transcends the genre of lullaby recordings.



It's been a big year for **Suzanne Voth Gorman '77**. Her CD *Open Book*

yielded the single "Heartbreaker," which, as of this writing, was in contention to be a Grammy nominee. Another song, the 9/11 tribute "We'll Remember," has

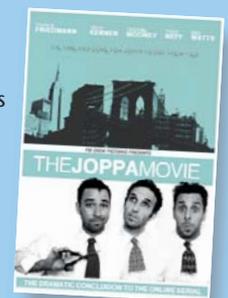
also garnered serious radio play. In April she joins a United Nations tour that includes Whitney Houston, Kool and the Gang, and the ubiquitous Bono.



Finally, leave it to the surreal comedians of **Joppa** to make their way into a column about books and music...with a film. **Mike Mooney '02**, **Thom Neff '01** and **Ben Watts '03**, along with co-conspirator

**Kevin Kerner '01**, have branched out from their online comedy to bring us *The Joppa Movie*. Available as a special edition two-disc DVD,

the movie is proof positive that there's something funny in the water of Newburyport, Mass. Find out more at [www.whatisjoppa.com](http://www.whatisjoppa.com).



# IN FOND MEMORY WINTER 2008

## 1924

Dorothea Lamson Stibitz  
JULY 4, 2007

Louise Sprague Danforth  
NOVEMBER 7, 2007

## 1933

Barbara Parker Thieme  
MAY 12, 1989

Phyllis Brown Bateman  
JANUARY 6, 2001

Barbara Allen Fowler  
JULY 8, 2005

Patricia Smith Mulhern  
FEBRUARY 10, 2006

## 1935

Mildred Messer Burnett  
MARCH 29, 2007

Ina Faulkner Bourgard  
JUNE 17, 2007

Mary Metzler Szafarz  
JUNE 17, 2007

Margaret Schmeltz Hawkes  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2007

## 1936

Edna Ostheimer Henderson  
AUGUST 2, 2001

Judith Clarke Kitchen  
OCTOBER 7, 2007

Pauline Cluff Stevens  
OCTOBER 26, 2007

## 1937

Lois Alley Ferguson  
OCTOBER 23, 2007

## 1938

Martha Gorrie Knowlton  
SEPTEMBER 28, 1989

Elinor Pederson Healey  
OCTOBER 1, 1991

Dorothy Hill Shea  
MAY 11, 1994

Virginia Chase Fritts  
APRIL 10, 1995

Narrina Peckham Mitchell  
APRIL 23, 2004

Martha McCracken Howard  
JULY 9, 2007

## 1939

Marilyn Cross Cross  
OCTOBER 7, 2007

## 1941

Barbara Owens Geiger  
MAY 2, 2007

Helen Newton Peterman  
JUNE 4, 2007

Virna Farrington Covington  
JULY 12, 2007

Ruth Leach Howard  
JUNE 16, 2007

## 1943

Frances Murray Davidson  
AUGUST 14, 1997

Jeanne Chaput Noyes  
OCTOBER 1, 2007

## 1944

Marjorie Parker Meador  
MARCH 18, 2007

Mary Elford Raynsford  
JULY 6, 2007

Barbara Delano Harding  
AUGUST 29, 2007

## 1945

Ruth Jordan Cushing  
FEBRUARY 10, 2007

Laurania Nickerson  
O'Connell  
JUNE 8, 2007

Charlotte Epps Irion  
AUGUST 3, 2007

## 1947

Janet Beaudry Kingsley  
OCTOBER 1, 2007

Patricia O'Connor Joyner  
OCTOBER 21, 2007

## 1948

Martha Fronefield Guerry  
SEPTEMBER 9, 1995

Joan McGrath Moran  
MAY 19, 2006

Barbara Felch Wilson  
JULY 6, 2007

## 1949

Margery Stouffer Biggar  
APRIL 12, 2007

## 1950

Anastasia Payne Rooke  
OCTOBER 16, 2007

Ruth Kinney Gould  
NOVEMBER 1, 2007

## 1951

Joan Howlett White  
DECEMBER 14, 2006

Jane Radcliff Weimar  
OCTOBER 21, 2007

## 1952

Jean Scheckler Scully  
MARCH 31, 2007

Joyce Hill Richardson  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2007

## 1953

Dorothy Wood Kuhn  
OCTOBER 15, 1997

Patricia Parry Powell  
JUNE 13, 2000

Myrna Perry Heald  
JUNE 2, 2007

Joyce Bertram Diehl  
JUNE 22, 2007

Janet Butterfield Haworth  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

## 1955

Sally Stayman Palmer  
JANUARY 23, 2007

Constance Market Day  
JUNE 14, 2007

## 1956

Barbara Ann Lyons  
JANUARY 22, 2007

## 1957

Marcia Gilmore Nickerson  
JULY 29, 2007

## 1959

Nancy Nielsen Williams  
JULY 29, 2007

## 1963

Patricia J. Hussey  
JUNE 1979

Susan Horton Weissberg  
JUNE 1979

Diane Steeves Gasperack  
APRIL 15, 2006

## 1967

Nancy Keister Wellington  
JULY 4, 2007

## 1969

Viola Pica Bernard  
AUGUST 20, 2007

## 1970

Julianne Lawlor Muniz  
FEBRUARY 2, 2007

Susan Bonanno  
JULY 13, 2007

## 1971

Lynn E. Connors  
JULY 24, 2007

## 1972

Nicola Conn Deyo  
JULY 12, 2007

## 1976

Amy L. Bohaker  
OCTOBER 18, 2007

## 1991

Bonnie Hoyt Gambill  
AUGUST 10, 2004

## Former Faculty

Kathleen E. Torsey  
JULY 22, 2007

Former President Everett M.  
Woodman  
JULY 31, 2007

Richard E. Crockford  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2007

Charles J. Beauchamp  
OCTOBER 6, 2007



# CLASSNOTES



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## ACADEMY

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It is with great sadness that we report the passing of **Louise Sprague Danforth** on November 7, 2007. Louise had served as the Academy class correspondent from 1987 until her death, and she will be missed dearly.

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## 1930

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## 1932

**Barbara Johnson Stearns**  
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The years really do pass quickly and news time seems to come around before I'm ready. However, I did hear from 3 members of the class of '32. **Dorothy Melendy Scott** and **Dick** have moved to Sunapee Cove, an assisted living place in Georges Mills, NH. They have 2 more great-grandchildren, which brings their total to 2 girls and 3 boys. I'm jealous about the girls, for I have only 3 boys. I talked to **Nancy Gaunt Bradford**, who

seems her same cheery self. She's on oxygen all the time and using a walker—great "girl." I also talked to **Dodie Reece French**, who was living in Manchester and who attended our 75th Reunion. She moved to CA early in Nov. to be nearer her 2 daughters. You'll miss your lovely winters here, Dodie! Unfortunately she fell recently and broke some bones in her foot—ouch! I am still hanging in, have had some tooth problems, but think I'm all set now. My youngest great-granddaughter just received her doctorate in "The Warming Trend," the same subject for which **Al Gore** received the Nobel Peace Prize. I'm very proud of her. I'm still taking Adventures in Learning courses—adult education at Colby-Sawyer. In the fall term I took classes on opera and Japan. A new series starts in Jan. and I hope to enroll.

## 1933

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## 1935

**Ethelyn "Jackie" Dorr Symons**  
c/o **Sue Symons**  
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Coupeville, WA 98239  
(360) 678-0403

As time was short for these class notes, **Sue Symons**, daughter of **Ethelyn "Jackie" Dorr Symons**, called all the alumnae for whom we had telephone numbers. It was a nice way to spend a Sunday afternoon—chatting with the class of '35! **Frances Crosby Allen** lives alone in Fort Myers, FL. She was just about to go out to dinner, as she does each evening. Her children, who live in MA and NH, call and visit often. She is doing well and says "Hello to Colby!" **Doris "Dottie" Evelyn Cooper**, who also lives on her own, in Lake Worth, FL, happily remembers all the wonderful days at Colby. Although she was in the hospital and nursing home for 14 weeks in 2006, Dottie is doing well now. She commented, "As long as I can eat 3 good meals a day and handle my own stock portfolio, I am just fine." **Barbara Stone Cornwell** is having a good time living on her own on the 5th floor of her retirement home. Her 2 children live in Roanoke, VA, and near Dallas, TX. She has 2 grandchildren, and one great-grandson, who is 3 and "a wild thing." She is in good health, getting up daily at 8 a.m. Her doctor says at 92 she can do whatever she wants. For Barbara, that means eating ice cream when she wakes up at 2 a.m.! **Lucille Smith Davison** still

lives at home in Manchester, NH. She has daily caregivers come in and help her out. **Connie Alley French** has moved into a house next door to her daughter in East Calais, VT. Having her daughter pop in daily is quite nice, although the move also means learning new numbers and getting a new driver's license. Connie loves her house that her daughter redecorated for her. She says that all her furniture fits beautifully, as if it were made for a VT house. This autumn she will have visits from her granddaughter, her grandson (who is getting his Ph.D. at Stanford in CA), and her sister from FL. Connie, remembered by many of her Colby classmates as "a very pretty girl," says, "I get a kick that the class of '35 has moved up to the 1st page of the alumni notes." Sadly, **Margaret Schmeltz Hawkes** passed away on Sept. 8, 2007. **Katharine Field Hinman** reads 4-5 books a week at her Sausalito, CA, home. Her family of 2 sons, 5 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren all live nearby, with one granddaughter away in San Diego, CA, studying for her master's degree. Katharine still drives and takes walks, both of which she does "not very fast." **Barbara Crampton Jones** says that she gets out in her wheelchair and her daughter and granddaughter come to visit daily. She still knits for the Linus Project and enjoys crossword puzzles. **Ruth Phillips Jones** laughed throughout our conversation. She was busy watching golf and also enjoys cheering for the Red Sox and the Patriots. She likes her home in the Village at Duxbury, where her family visits her often. She no longer drives, but still goes out for dinner, unless the sports on the television are too good to miss! **Mary Giddings Lawing** at 91 has moved into a retirement home in Longmeadow, MA. She enjoys visits from her daughter, son and 6 grandchildren. One grandson is a senior at US Naval Academy in Annapolis, studying to be a Naval Aviator. One of her granddaughters is spending a year studying in Germany. Mary paints in oils as a hobby; "It's time-consuming and very satisfying." Other hobbies are watching the Red Sox and the

New England Revolution (soccer). Staying active for Mary included plans to go sailing with her family this past fall. **Marjorie Rolfe** and her cat live in Penacook, NH. Though Marjorie lives alone, she goes out for rides with friends to keep busy. She fondly remembers living on the same corridor with Jackie Dorr Symons and Dottie Cooper. **Catherine Whited Shoemaker** lives alone in Fearington, NC. She has a nurse come in during the week and her daughter from Cleveland comes to visit. Catherine is a Tiger Woods fan and watches all the games in which he plays. She reminisced how much she loved Colby and Dr. Sawyer, as well as how he truly made Colby-Sawyer College. She laughed when she remembered, "Dr. Sawyer used to call me a 'Westerner' because I was from Cleveland!" **Marjorie Cain Spence** lives alone, as do many of the class of '35. Nearby her home in Whitinsville, MA, she has 2 sons, 5 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren, who all come to visit her. Her health is good and she plans to drive a few more years. Remembering the class of '35, Marjorie commented, "We were a good group!" Jackie Dorr Symons is recovering slowly from her fall last winter. She has regular companions who keep her company daily, taking her out in her wheelchair for walks and hair appointments. Her sons and daughters visit her often, as do her 2 grandchildren. Her grandson, Alex, is a cadet at VA Military Institute and her granddaughter, Whitney, is in high school in Centreville, VA.

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## 1936

**Barb Melendy Parker**  
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(603) 526-2724

Due to a change in the production schedule of the *Alumni Magazine* and a lack of time, there is very little news from the class of 1936. Look for more in the next issue when we are back on schedule. The following arrived too late for the last issue. **Lee Strickland Letherland** writes, "I was pleased to attend a Colby



*Betty Pond Zimmerman '36 has 12 great-grandchildren—which might explain the big smile!*

brunch in Palm City, FL, early this year to meet President Galligan and other Colby Jr. and Colby-Sawyer alumni and friends. It was such a lovely occasion. I realized I was the oldest one attending, but I felt young at heart remembering my Colby days and knowing the college continues to be quite special. Best wishes to all." A long letter came from **Betty Pond Zimmerman**, apologizing for not writing since leaving CJC. Here is a condensed version of her letter. "Upon graduation I was offered a job with Dr. Young in Skowhegan, ME, who was the father of my first roommate, **Elinor Young Griffin '37**. While I was in Skowhegan, I was offered a job at the Smith College Infirmary, North Hampton, MA, where I met my first husband, Norman Burnett, a geology professor. We had 4 children, losing our first 8-month-old boy to pneumonia, but have a daughter Gail and twin boys Bradford and Bruce. After losing Norman to cancer, I married John Zimmerman and the family increased with another daughter, CoraMae, and a son, John. We moved to Westford, NJ,

and our lives were full of music, sports and fun. Gail graduated from Colby in 1963, the twins graduated in 1986, CoraMae graduated from UNC in 1974, and John from ECU in 1976. I lost Zimmie after 17 happy years. All children are married except for John. In Sept. I'll have 12 great-grandchildren. In 1977, I opened a maternity shop with a friend, but we had to give it up in 1985. I now live in an apartment, but had to give up golf. I am still plugging along at 91. My nickname now is BeeZee." Many thanks for getting us up to date (Betty) BeeZee! As I write this, the weather is warm, the leaves are turning color, the sky is blue crystal clear and it is MOUNTAIN DAY! That should bring back lots of memories. Happy days ahead to all, Barb.

*Please See In Fond Memory*

## 1937

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## 1938

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*Editor's Note: Welcome and special thank you to **Mary Trafton Simonds**, who has agreed to serve as class of 1938 correspondent.*

Losing touch with dear friends is not what we want, so with your help I'll try to keep you updated.

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

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Many thanks for the first 4 prompt cards that encourage me to think "we can do it" and to Barbara Rightman who replied for her mother. Hope other daughters and sons will keep me informed! I have heard that **Martha McCracken Howard** died after moving to FL to avoid ME's cold weather. **Nina Parker Gardner** has Alzheimer's. She is fortunate to be in a 6-person board and care home. Lots of caregivers and loving companionship, but alas, she no longer writes. **Shirley Johnson Watt** enjoyed an exciting year with the weddings of 2 granddaughters, one in May, second in Nov. She keeps active, but reports she's slowing down. Aren't we all? **Barbara Symonds Ayers** lost her dear husband, Ray. Her home on a pond with 100 ft. of waterfront near Sanbornville, NH, is a gem. Alas, it's up for sale. Any buyers? **Barbara Howard Welch** still lives in her lovely home at Hilltop and watches our little town of New London and Colby-Sawyer grow by leaps and bounds. Many graduates live here, but not many from '38 or before! And another move, Bill and **Barbara Knowles Merrill** left Sebago Lake, ME, and moved to Vero Beach, FL. Three married children—2 sons and a daughter—live nearby, while son Scott lives in CA with 3 daughters and a first great-grandson! Barbara commented, "Taking life easy, getting around nicely, but we are old." **Betty Champlin Bottorf** has also changed her address, to Walnut Creek, CA, to be close to her youngest child and 17-year-old granddaughter. She misses CT. Finds life different, but happily left in the east are 2 granddaughters and 3 great-grands in CT, plus a MA daughter! Sounds like a great family! As for me, **Mary Trafton Simonds**, life at Brookehaven Retirement Home keeps me happy and out of mischief. Lots of trips to the

symphony, museums, shopping, etc. Still drive daytimes and volunteer at Cambridge Hospital. **Inez Gianfranchi Snowdon** enjoyed a great summer at her lake camp in Acton, ME. Like all of us, there are aches and pains, but she regularly volunteers at her church shop "Budget Boy." Inez talked with **Barbara Rounds Carson**, who summers in her Phippsburg, ME, home after wintering in Athens, GA. Her family of 5, plus grands, join her. What a gorgeous sandy beach they have near Fort Papham! Hopefully Barbara is getting around without her walker, which she told me about last Dec. **Joan Davidson Whitney** and her husband really enjoy the retirement community they moved to over a year ago. She especially likes the 2 doctors on site, bank, fitness center, and being served dinners every night in a beautiful dining room! Joan continues outside activities with her Garden Club, the Cancer Center and duplicate bridge. They have club trips and have met many interesting new people in their retirement home. Joan's 6 children, 5 grands and great-granddaughter are all fine. **Mary Lee Kingman Natti** returned a fascinating card from her MA home. She writes, "In '37-'38 I met **Ann-Marie Gjerlow Aasland '37**, a Norwegian exchange student at Colby Jr., and a lifelong friendship began. During WWII she married Arne Jacob Aasland and they had 5 kids: Olaf, Kirsten, Dag, Gro, and **Tora Aasland '63**, who was also an exchange student at Colby Jr. and spent vacations with us on Cape Ann. In 1965 Robert, our children Susanna and Peter, and I spent 2 unforgettable weeks in Norway—especially one in their cabin on a little island in a Norwegian lake. Tora for some time has been governor of Rogaland Province in Norway.

Through the years the Aaslands and Nattis have kept a 3-generation friendship going. My daughter, Susanna, has illustrated about 70 children's books and her husband, Alan Willsky, is an MIT professor. Their daughter Lydia is 24, and is starting her Ph.D. in secular religions studies at Vanderbilt. Kate, 21, is doing a junior semester in Paris for Pomona College. At this point I am 'de-booking' my house which overflows with books—but have lived here since 1947."

*Please See In Fond Memory*

## 1939

**Fran Holbrook Armstrong**  
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**Fran Holbrook Armstrong** moved to ME this past fall to be closer to her sons.

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## 1940

**Judy Conover Reinicker**  
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**Janet Canham Williams** has moved into Woodcrest Village in New London. She says all is well and she is grateful for the family and friends nearby. We can look back with pleasure to the many picnics we had at Ragged Mountain when we came back for Reunions.

### Class agent needed!

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## 1941

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*Editor's Note: Welcome and special thank you to **Janice Wilkins**, who has agreed to serve as class of 1941 correspondent.*

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Hi, everybody. As you all know by now, '42 had no column in the last issue due to, let's say, a computer glitch! Therefore, we're including the highlights this time. Just as well because the latest news is very slim. I need more diligence from all of you, PLEASE! **Marcia "Penny" Sickels Crowley** came for cocktails while we were spending last winter in Marco Island, FL—a chance for us both to catch up! Penny sent me her news, which I will quote: "I still manage to keep up with my various public service commitments. They take me near and far. I received a much appreciated award in Washington, DC, in March for my work, given by 2 national organizations dedicated to public administration. Son Stephen is heading the national global warming challenge of the Sierra Club. He is a high school teacher in VT with a master's in environmental education. Daughter, **Joan Crowley '69**, has moved back to MA from VA now that her daughter, Caitlin, is at VA Tech. Joan's professional focus is marketing. Son David is working toward a master's at Harvard and also on an interesting autism study at MacLean Hospital. Peter and his wife, Liz,

have a construction management firm, building million dollar vacation homes in Ludlow, VT. Their daughter, Abby, is only 5, but already a star skier. Their son, Tim, hopes to raise alpacas one day. My time is about equally divided between distribution of federal and state funds for transit, roads, bridges, and bike paths, and also statewide environmental issues." **Jane Knowles Webb** returned my card last spring to say, "Life is much the same. We are in the same house in Weston for 46 years. We have had our 63rd anniversary. We are busy with tennis, writing, and bed and breakfast guests. Our new asset is a 2-year-old Australian sheep dog; we take him to many of Weston's 65 miles of trails." **Shirley Parsons** spent last winter working on her family genealogy and finding out many things she never knew! (Good or bad, Shirl!?) She had to miss Reunion as she was attending her sister's 50th birthday celebration. She also sent the sad news that **Nancy Bowman Rutherford** lost her husband, George, very suddenly last winter. Heartfelt condolences from all your classmates, Nancy. A card from **Nancy Eads Hornberger** tells of a trip 2 years ago to the college on the hill. She reports it looks great! Nancy lost her husband in 2000. Her son, Bob, a lawyer, lives in Ft. Smith, as does Nancy. Her daughter, Ellen, lives in Dallas and works for Price Waterhouse Cooper, a global auditor, with whom she's been since graduating from Emory U. Nancy has one granddaughter, 3 grandsons and 5 great-grands! **Mary Reed Cody** e-mailed from Mexico, which she happily calls home, saying she spent a lot of time in Canada last winter, but misses her annual get together with **Nancy Bowman Rutherford**

on the Vineyard. Mary is a happy camper living in Todos Santos, Mexico. She has kids in Waban, MA, which brings her to New England when Mexico is steamy hot. That's all for last issue's news, time for what's really new! Reunion this past June was great, although the turnout for '42 was pathetic. Only **Marcia "Penny" Sickels Crowley** and **Dave** and I made it to the hill, and we're glad we did. The weather was beautiful and the many meals (too many) were delicious! And the events were fascinating and fun. Since our class was so small, not even our pictures were taken; probably just as well! We are definitely getting to be the "older group!" In trying to drum up classmates to go, Marci and I called most everybody in New England, and in so doing gleaned lots of news, even though no one could go. I talked to **Mardy Jack Johnsen's** son and learned sadly that Mardy has advanced Alzheimer's and is now a widow and living in a care facility in CT. **Jean Craig Brooks'** husband said she isn't well enough to travel and stays pretty close to home. **Terry Allen Cadwell** had a date conflict and couldn't make Reunion, but both she and her husband are well and enjoying many visits from her family. Speaks well for that VT air! **Marcia "Mish" Barnes Shaw-Straube** had just arrived north to Scarborough, ME, from Vero Beach, FL, literally just unpacking, so another trip just wasn't possible. **Ginny Newins Blondell** couldn't go, but she lives around the corner from me and I hope to get together with her soon. **Lou Prior Clark** lives in Yarmouth, ME, but traveling is difficult for her. She had a stroke and speaks mechanically (very well). Her fun personality shone through. **Janie Rayner Groo** hated to miss it,

but traveling was too difficult. I heard that a lot! Our age is beginning to show! **Marion Huggins Brown** also couldn't go, but she lives in Needham so I hope to get the CJC Needhamites over for lunch soon. I talked to **Ruthie Murray Carkeek**, who lives in VA. Steve is still recovering from his stroke and traveling isn't easy. **JoAnn Peterson Jones** and her husband live in Groton, CT, but couldn't make Reunion. Everyone else I tried to contact either had no answer or a busy signal and time ran out. A nice surprise came from **Judy Lind Williams**—unsolicited! A nice newsy letter! We haven't heard from her for a long time. Judy lost her husband in 1976 when her oldest son graduated from college, 2nd son from West Point, 3rd son in college and daughter in high school. When she was an empty nester, she sold her house, lived in CA and continued traveling. She was a TWA hostess for 6 years! And now I quote: "I have had a fabulous life filled with adventure and blessed with good health. I stay very busy with activities including golf and bowling, etc., and volunteering." She has 6 grandchildren and now lives in Hampton, VA. As for me, I still hobble around, dependent on my cane. We are so happy here at North Hill and keep very busy with the many activities they offer and count our blessings to be here! Our children are nearby and keep track of us—no night driving, long trips, etc. Their rules remind me of when they were under our regime! My sadness right now is the death of my middle sister. She had lived in CA for over 60 years but came to ME each summer, so we saw her every year. We are off to CA for her services as I write this in Nov., so Marco Island, FL, has to wait until Jan. Please keep news coming my way. My job is hopeless without it!

# 1943

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Sincere thanks to all who responded to our plea to hurry and return the postal as class news deadlines have been established as Oct. 1 and April 1. Wonder how many noticed our class news started on the third page of that section in the last issue of our wonderful *Alumni Magazine*. Also interesting was that almost every single postal we received included the words, "Please say hello to all our classmates" or "Best wishes to all." Loved the note from **Pricilla Coan Barnes**, which read, "Jim and I are still busy doing volunteer work and are thankful for the health to keep busy. We know at our age good health is a gift and not a gimme." Last July, 34 of their family members came together for a reunion. MN, FL, IL, CO, NM, CT, AR, and OK blended together for a fun time. Or as **Jean Thurman Ramsey** wrote, "Life goes on with normal changes as we age! (And are we ever aging!)." She and Frank continue to enjoy their life in retirement village. Even though he has a very severe case of macular degeneration, they play 9 holes of golf 4 times a week and she says he's rather remarkable at times. They had a great time in July when they went to NH to celebrate his 90th birthday. All 4 children and their families plus friends were there for the celebration. **Shirley Hobbs Craven's** husband, Tom, is also 90. As she writes, most of their activities are appointments to doctors, although when he is able they exercise at Synergy. She keeps house and enjoys studying the Bible, watching the scenery at ocean side, playing cards, and dining out. **Barbara Preston MacPhie** and Franklin celebrated their 65th anniversary this past Nov. They are enjoying their move to Derry, NH, but still miss FL and hope to get down there this winter. Their son and his lovely lady were married in Sept. at a gorgeous spot on Cape Cod.

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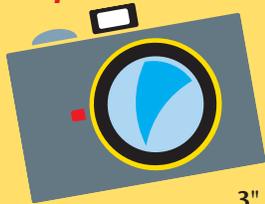
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So much happiness for all. **Mary Scheu Teach** had just returned from attending a grandson's graduation from Marine Boot Camp at Parris Island, SC, which was very impressive. He is the 1st Marine in her family, which also has representation in the Navy, Army, Coast Guard and Air Corp. Recently she drove down to Williamstown, MA, with **Jean Bush Gabriel '44** to visit **Sally King Cramer** and see the Monet Show at the Clark Museum. In June she also went to a Teach family wedding at the San Juan Capistrano Country Club and then flew up to San Francisco to visit granddaughter **Jessica Teach Navarro '97** and her husband, Kenn. While there she also had lunch with **Enid Belden Robertson Logan**, who has never lost her enthusiasm despite losing 2 husbands as well as her hearing due to cancer treatments many years ago. Back home she was greeted by a 6-month-old great-granddaughter, Madilyn Scheu Moulton. An enthusiastic note from Enid also mentioned that "Shiner" with her 2 angel daughters, Nancy and Donna, were there for lunch and a visit at her home. Enid still volunteers at the hospital and on the Altar Guild at church. "Summer has gone fast," writes **Doris Douglas Butler**. She took a 4-day trip to Meredith, NH, with her youngest son and an AARP trip to ME along Route 1, which was very interesting. She also spent a few hours in Kennebunkport before heading back home to CT. **Charlotte Shapiro Krentzel** is at Lasell Village in Newton, MA. Her grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren live within walking distance. All are well. It seems strange to her to be at Lasell, which, like Colby-Sawyer, has become a co-ed 4-year college.

While continuing to sketch and draw, **Carolyn Sigourney Holtz** also studies French to keep the little grey cells active. Still on the go in Miami is **Ginny Hansen Gato**. She volunteers 2-3 times a week at a local hospital, plus a little gardening, knitting and maintaining her home keeps her busy. Then add weddings, engagements and showers. The last grandchild is a high school senior this year and her great-grandson is now 8 years old. Time sure does fly. **Olive Heyman McLaughlin** has had a busy few years. She spent the last 2 as secretary of the Residents Council and is now president, spending the summer sorting through 10 pages of bylaws. She also keeps busy playing both social and duplicate bridge, plus swimming 4-5 times per week, which she finds good for her arthritis. Although life has slowed down for **Shirley Webster Sheldon** since her stroke, she wrote that her life is still wonderful with her dear husband of 63 years. She has full-time care and still enjoys painting, although her style is different now. She also reads and has an electric chair for outside. Unfortunately **Julia Ann Keeney Walton** tripped and fell on an uneven sidewalk in May, which kept her off the golf course for most of the summer. Just after she mailed her postal they left for a cruise on the Great Lakes. They plan on being in Venice, FL, from the middle of Jan. until April. When **Shirley Mowry Reichenberg's** husband, Bob, retired 4 years ago, their son, Blair, moved their business to the Mad River Valley of VT and is now manufacturing brushes in Waitsfield. It's still called Woonsocket Brush Company. They visit home once a year for a few days. Fortunately, their

oldest son does the driving. They live in RI for 7 months and on an island in Webster Lake, MA, for 5 months. **Margo DeGraff Hotaling** is doing quite well with the usual aches and pains at our age. She tries to keep in touch with **Barbara "Connie" Constantine Johnson** and **Jean Aronson Rea**, but hasn't seen them since their last visit. She still lives alone in a big house in the country with her beautiful 4-legged companion, Colby, and keeps busy with volunteer work. In Sept. at Dartmouth class of '45 mini-reunion dinner, Doc and I sat next to Connie, who looks great, and had a grand time chatting. At that time she owned 3 homes and was living in her New London residence! Fortunately, when the sale of her Quechee home fell through, Martha and Jim were able to move in, so it remains occupied by family until it sells. By the time you read this Connie will be back in Marana, AZ, enjoying her view of those mountains. Instead of returning her postal, my CJC roommate, **Joan "Mandy" Manda Mueller**, surprised me with a phone call. Keeping up with her 2 sons and daughter and Melissa's 3 grandchildren keeps her busy. Our postals to **Jean Stewart Hilton** in Barnstable, MA, and **Jane Hamlin Horton** in San Antonio, TX, were returned, so if anyone has their correct addresses we'd appreciate receiving them for the next mailing. We have been fortunate to be able to continue our involvement with the square and round dance activities. Some day we'll slow down, but not quite yet. If you did not return your postal card, we'll welcome it anytime and save it for the next issue. As Enid wrote, "Hugs to you all."

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# 1944

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It's always great to have news of our class of 1944! **Natalie "Nancy" Macbain** has developed a balance problem so she walks with a cane. She is living at Faulkways, a continuing care active place. Nancy's former roommate **Janet Peters Gardiner** keeps active, but has given up golf. **Shirley Merz Bryant** spends winter months in Hobe Sound, FL. She is moving to Bermuda Village Retirement Resort in Advance, NC, and would like to know Colby graduates in the 27006 zip code. Grandson Ryan is playing football for UNC. Shir will attend games, and spends summers in Hague, NY, on Lake George. **Jane Titus George** is a real estate broker, an educator at the Philadelphia Zoo, and is "Banana Guru" at one of the largest superstores 3 mornings a week for a couple of hours. Her grandkids have been in Iraq and Jane is annoyed at newspaper coverage that never tells the "good things about what our guys are doing." **Ann Tilton Carpenter** plays golf, tennis and bridge. She has a grandson in Beaverton, OR. **Myrtle Furbush Mansfield** has had 2 mastectomies. She went to a "Moose Festival" in Colebrook, NH, attended FL and AL football this past fall, belongs to 2 quilt groups, and enjoys knitting. **Ann Richmond Knipe**, living in Belleair Bluff, FL, goes to Gloucester, MA, each summer for 2-3 months. This past summer she had a luncheon with **Jeanne "Penny" Losey Bole**. **Cynthia Alexander Carlson** has 3 daughters and 8 grandchildren. She was heading to FL at the end of Oct. for 6 months. **Betty Van Gorder Minkler** lost her beloved husband, Don, in May on their 61st anniversary. In Aug. she spent a week at Mt. Shasta with 4 grandchildren and extended family,

and in Oct. she was going to China with her son to retrace their roots. **Margaret Kentfield Burkey's** first great-grandson was born in June. Her Navy son Paul and his family are moving beside them next July so she will have 5 grandchildren living next door! **Ann Norton Merrill** plays bridge and tennis with **Ann Tilton Carpenter**. Dudley will be 95 and is doing well. Hope we can get together in New London soon. **Janet Colby Gordon** is coping with the onset of Alzheimer's disease and will be moving soon to be with her son in CO. Good luck, Janet. **Alice Crowther Brooks** is living in a life-care community in Naples, FL, with a myriad of things to do, like par 3 golf courses. Bill, her husband, is busy with art, though he recently broke his hip. **Barbara Phillips Mello** was celebrating her 65th reunion from high school. She has been dealing with painful scoliosis and arthritis. Great-grandchildren were due in Oct. Spoke on the phone to her roommate, who is now in a wheelchair. **Mary Jane Niedner Fletcher Mason** visited me, **Jean Bush Gabriel**, after going to a 100th birthday party nearby. We visited a place in Rockport, MA, that her grandfather owned and sold. Her daughter Bonnie's son is moving to Newport Beach, CA, to start an editing career. **Pauline Tringa Beckley** has a new great-grandchild, Emma Kate. Three daughters live close by, and Pauline enjoys gardening and shopping. **Patsy Leonard Miller** returned from her cottage in Sand Lake, Ontario, Canada, Labor Day weekend with 3 Miller grandsons—a senior at CA Polytech, and sophomores at UCLA and Westdale High—and their mom, Judie. She went to the lake in

Aug. with Kappie and Dau and Jeff Sullivan and poodle, Betsy Sperry, daughter and husband Bob, and Christine Browning—a fun crowd! **Jessie Fyfe Armstrong** has 2 grandchildren in college and one in private school. She lives in Chatham and plays a lot of bridge. **Jane Cooper Fall** spent the summer at Bow Lake near Rochester. There was a bad storm that felled 20 tall pine trees. Jane had back surgery on June 12, but has played some golf since. **Penny Losey Bole** had a magical trip to Hawaii, a land of beauty, multicultural people, sunshine, exotic flowers, and a warmer Pacific Ocean. Penny and Deek are once again in Dunedin, FL, for warmth at wintertime. **Catherine English Kipe** recently returned from 2 weeks in Norway, where she had a wonderful coastal water trip. The scenery was spectacular, even though it was a bit rainy and foggy. **Mary Mitchell Williams** is still in Fairfield, CT. They had a great trip cruising on Seven-Seas Voyager to Russia via the Baltic Sea, and particularly loved St. Petersburg. They spend one month in April in FL. **Janet Peters Gardiner** lives in Palos Verdes Estates, CA. She would really like to be able to visit the Colby-Sawyer campus, but because it's too far, she enjoys reading about the college in the *Alumni Magazine*. Janet looks forward to hearing news about her classmates. She keeps in touch with **Nancie MacBain** and exchanges Christmas cards with **Mary Helen Williams**. Janet sends her best wishes to all. **Jane MacCabe Kelly** and Tom have decided to spend life at Waverly Heights Retirement Community in Gladwyne, PA, but will return to their lovely home on Winnepesaukee at Mirror Lake in

the summer. Jane looks great and this past fall stopped in to visit in New London. **Shirley Tunison Eustis** wishes she'd been in New London for the summer breezes. Shirl had a few trips to New York City to see Ben, 3, her only grandson. They were all at Bay Head, NJ, for half of Sept. Shirl and I, **Jean Bush Gabriel**, got together in New London at the end of Sept. as representatives for our class on the President's Alumni Advisory Council. I am spending more time in New London. Do call if you are visiting up there. Had a knee replacement last Jan. It was difficult, but I'm in fine shape now! A big hello to all my classmates!

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## 1945

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Here it is after Labor Day and yesterday I received the last *Alumni Magazine*. At the same time, I was advised that the news is due Oct. 1 for next issue! Oh well, here we go: **Leah Keever Cotton** still lives in Duxbury, MA, but spends summers in Nova Scotia. **Charlotte "Char" Epps Irion** sounds very happy at Sommerset Retirement Community and has a great friend, Bill, with whom she travels and enjoys life with. Go for it, girl! **Mary "Ricky" Philbrick Jones** has 12 grands and her 3 daughters, all living in Summit. How lucky can you get? She sees **Betsy Dunn Kennedy '42**, who wrote the song "Colby Forever"...wonder if they still sing that one? She also used to see **Jane "Tish" Philbrick Armstrong '46**, who sadly passed away in April. **Nancy Erickson Murphy** and her hubby, Cal, have celebrated their 61st anniversary and live part-time in Sequim, WA, and the rest of the year in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. I recently found a "Nancy Murphy" recipe from her days in San Diego. It's a good one, too! They have 6 grands and 3 great-grands. **Dorothy "Doadie" Johnson**

**Thomas** still plays golf 3 times a week, weather permitting, in Oak Hill, VA. She has 10 grands. By the time you read this, she will have returned from her first cruise. Bet it won't be your last, Doadie! **Nancy Dean Maynard** is settled into her new apartment in Lowell, MA, where she will be close to her daughter, Barbara. **Shirley "Shal" Glidden Splaine** has had a busy summer with the Doll Museum in Ashland, NH, and her ever-expanding garden! Blows my mind that she does most of the gardening herself. As I write, Gus and I are planning for our cruise on the Queen Mary II. Sounds really posh with several formal dinners etc. A little different from our current lifestyle, but we look forward to being pampered. Next news will be due April 1, so you'll be hearing from me before then. Remember, if you don't send me any news ...I'll make up something!

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## 1946

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Here it is again—time for more news about the Class of '46. After making 9 telephone calls, I finally got an answer. Busy girls we are! **Shirlee Woodman Colcord**—love the way she spells her first name, don't you?—is taking it easy these days due to a leg problem. Shirlee states, however, "I'm very fortunate." She has 4 children who live near by and are able to help her "oh so much." Being a Red Sox fan and occasional trips to Foxwoods keep **Eleanor Chandler Hall** going these days. Recovering from her stroke, Eleanor is again "going strong." She is very proud of her 22-year-old granddaughter who recently graduated from Simmons College in Boston and now works as a full time RN. I had a nice chat with **Betty Abt Hardy**. After a bout with health problems she is once again feeling well. **Janice Hesse Somerville** has "doctoritis" as most of us do! Her many doctor appointments take up

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much of her time these days. I caught her just as she was packing for a trip to their home in FL. She was spending a month there before heading home to Marion, MA, to celebrate the holidays with her family, then returning to FL until May. Janice still misses Colby classmate **Jacque Pennicke Coughlin**, deceased, and her husband, Jack, but says she has wonderful friends in both MA and FL. **Jean Cammett Olsson** and her husband, Olaf, have been married for 39 years. They enjoy their 2 daughters, one son and 4 grandchildren. Though they've had their share of health issues, they look forward to family visits—the younger ones keep them going! I spent a delightful 4 days in Washington, DC. My nephew, Charles (Terry) Hopkins II had been nominated and confirmed as Asst. Secretary for Veterans Affairs. My sister, Colby alumni **Charlotte Hopkins Morneau '48**, and I were invited to the swearing in ceremony. It was a very happy and enlightening affair. I especially enjoyed talking to these dedicated young men and women who work for the dept. President Bush sent boxes of chocolates to be given to Terry's family, complete with the White House seal on each box. I was so very proud and honored to be there. It is certainly something I will never forget. That's about all the news I have for now. I have a new e-mail address, Hoppy46@yahoo.com, that will make it easier for everyone to send their news, happenings, thoughts—anything that you'd like to share with the '46 alumni. I'm hoping this will make it easier for everyone to get in touch. Write a little; write a lot. We have a whole 'nother year to keep our classmates informed. Come on, ladies! Share your lives with us!

## 1947

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**Margaret "Peggy" Fish Langa** writes that her husband, Paul,

had a serious operation in Dec. 2006 and was in the hospital for almost 2 months. He is doing much better now, but Peggy doesn't think he will be playing golf any more. She adds, "I am still playing a lot of bridge, golf, and of course volunteering at church. I was 80 years old this past Aug.—I probably look it, but inside I feel 23!"

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## 1948

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This year I will celebrate my 20th year as your class correspondent. I've enjoyed keeping up with those of you who are good enough to write. It's been a great opportunity for me to learn to know my '48 classmates throughout their adult years. I suddenly realized that I know most married names and that I rarely have to check them out anymore. It's fun for me, but if there is anyone out there who would like to "have a go" at the column, I'd be happy to let you take over. I'm afraid my style of writing is getting old and it might be nice to have a change! When I mentioned this to **Carol "Shoe" Shoemaker Marck** she commented, "Les, old dear, there is NO ONE who could ever take your place as most of us are too lazy. You seem to have the key and enjoy and love the whole gang and we love to share our news with you. You are UNIQUE and I want that to be printed in your column, verbatim, please. Quite honestly, Les, it boggles my mind to think of all the notes and letters you must write to get news out of us!" Thanks, Shoe, I appreciate your faith in me. Shoe and Chuck took their semi-annual trek to Snowmass, CO, in July. Before they made their way home to PA in Aug. they stopped in Empire, CO, and had coffee with **Emy Lu Simson Croke**. Shoe commented that Emy is still the "neat gal" we knew at CJC. Emy's son and daughter-in-law come to stay with her often so they, too, enjoy

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the former mining settlement that flourished during the CO Silver Boom in the late 19th century. US Highway 40 passes through Empire as it ascends towards Berthoud Pass. The town is on a direct route between Denver and Rocky Mtn. National Park, about 50 miles west of the continental divide. Another of our CO residents, **Cornelia "Nini" Hawthorne Maytag**, was in CA during Aug. so missed Shoe's visit. They got together in Baltimore in Sept. for a tour of the Eastern Shore of MD's historic homes. They saw many beautiful homes, each with acres of farmland. One lovely home was practically surrounded by water and had a long beautiful beach! Nini enjoyed her month in Del Mar, CA, and had a fun birthday celebration at Rancho Valencia in Rancho Santa Fe, CA, with all of her family in attendance. I had a fun trip in April and May when Mase and I flew to Africa for a 21-day tour of South Africa, Namibia, Zambia, and Botswana. Mase has dreamed of doing an African trip since he was a very young boy. The hardest part was getting there. Time-wise, it's like flying to Europe twice. We flew from Atlanta to Dakar, Senegal, where we had a 2-hour refueling stop. Senegal's airport security was tough. A large crew came aboard and checked out every single row, nook, and cranny in our plane. Everyone stood up and watched, dumbfounded, as security guards proceeded to rip open each velcro-held seat and back. We're not sure what they were looking for, but it took the better of the 2 hours. Through the flight passengers were not allowed off the plane unless they had a current visa for Senegal! It was another long flight to Johannesburg, where we had to change planes again for Cape Town. After a few days on our own, we joined the

tour and saw everything that was offered in the vicinity of Cape Town, Table Mountain, and the Winelands, and Robbin Island, where Mandela was in prison. Cape Point was particularly interesting, as it's where the Atlantic and Indian Oceans converge. We also toured Pretoria, Johannesburg and Soweta. We were in a perfect size group of 12 plus our guide. We left South Africa for Namibia's Skeleton Coast on a minibus that shuddered along bumpy, graded, but unpaved, roads and we marveled at the great distance between the rustic towns. Landscapes were varied, as well as the desert plants and animals. Ostrich, kudu, springbok, oryx, camels, and mercats all survive and blend into the desert. We ate "bush lunches" in the middle of nowhere and sometimes ate at an oasis. Highlights were seeing the Sossusvlei red sand dunes in Namibia, Victoria Falls, and an AIDS village in Zambia. It was a fantastic trip and not at all difficult for us. Our county health office had recommended we get several shots, take hand wipes, preventative meds, water purifiers, etc., so we'd have no concerns about malaria or other diseases. It turns out that we didn't need anything and we never did see a mosquito, even on the safaris. There was bottled as well as safe drinking water everywhere. We traveled in 4 politically stable countries and found the white and black Africans to be a happy lot, always smiling, agreeable and friendly. We did everything that was offered, including riding on elephants. We brought home over 700 digital photos and to this day I'm still trying to decide which ones to throw away! We're saving our Delta-American Express Skymiles for the next trip to Tibet, Cambodia, and Vietnam, or an easy trip to New

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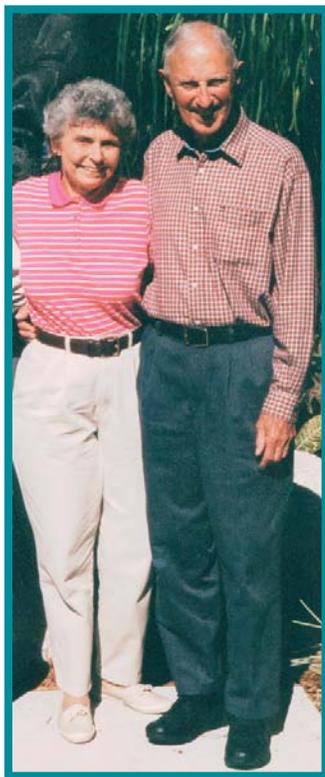
London, NH. Do make a note on your calendar to save May 30–June 1, 2008, for our 60th reunion. Our class is not getting any younger and we should make a point to try and attend while we're still in fair shape and alive and kicking. Most of us head right to the class notes the minute the *Alumni Magazine* arrives. It's those classmates' notes that keep our column interesting. Just remember this over the holidays. I know that many of you write a newsletter to go with your holiday cards. Just please add my name to your card list and send me a copy of your newsletter. Some of you have done this for years and I do appreciate it. It makes it easy to communicate with me without putting yourself out or having to write me personally. I always sift through the news and promise I won't use any personal news that's too delicate to print! In the summer months, a lot of you take vacations, travel overseas, and have family reunions. All this makes for interesting reading. Do the class a big favor and tell us something about life at present. When I told **Sara Ackerman Frey** we were going to Africa, she asked if I remembered when we all were reading *Cry the Beloved Country*. Mase and I did re-read it before our African trip. Sally keeps a regular school routine until June. As soon as school was out the Freys went to Chicago for a conference of The North American Dictionary Society. One of the highlights was a tour of 2 Frank Lloyd Wright buildings. **Betsey Cook Willis** and Dave said they, too, had toured Southern Africa and would like to go on a Central African safari sometime. Betsey had no Irish luck at all on St. Patrick's Day when she fell on a concrete sidewalk and broke a

bone in her upper left arm. She's left handed so it made her quite handicapped. The break location made it impossible to cast but she said it healed quickly for an "old lady." The therapy that was given for her unused muscles presented more problems than the actual break. In Sept. the Willises rented a house on the ME coast for 3 weeks and had many visits from friends and their family. Belated congratulations go to **Nancy "Hob" Hobkirk Pierson** and Jim, who sent news that their #10 grandchild was born in the spring. Hob is another one who loved South Africa and has been trying to squeeze in a trip to Ghana with her oldest daughter, Amy. In June, the Piersons' anniversary took a back seat to Jim's 80th birthday, as both events occurred the same weekend. They had a big party in a beautiful garden spot with friends from most of Jim's groups: skiers, Glen Ridge neighbors, Bernardsville neighbors, his YMCA exercise class, a few golf buddies and, of course, all his family. Jim had a great party as Hob collected 60 guests and brought in some excellent wine and music! Their children, grandkids, and sons-in-law all had something funny to say, so it really was a very upbeat birthday. Hob spent most of the summer in VT with a few scheduled trips back to NJ. Now that she has 2 daughters in VT, her summers are busier than ever. Her peaceful time in VT is no more, as she helps out daughter Amy in her knitting store whenever she's needed, and daughter Phoebe now has 2 babies for Hob to play with. The 2-year-old, Abby, and Hob have become good pals. Hob did manage to get her garden planted as well as some painting. In June, **Janet "Westie" West Williams** and Harry were in NH

for the bi-annual Williams family reunion at Twin Lakes Villa, just down the road from CSC. Family members from 2 to 87 years enjoyed every minute of their time together. They had their usual golf tournament using Janet's father's unique golf rules. Janet said she spent a lot of her time in the woods and in the water! She and Harry stopped at CSC and said the campus looked beautiful. Janet particularly likes the library, as it's a remarkable oasis that beckons all to come use it for study and reading. Their younger generation has already made reservations for another reunion in summer 2009. It will take place at Twin Lake Villa again, even if some of the family might be missing from the ranks! The Williams were also looking forward to Aug. when they spend some time in the Adirondacks. They have a camp at Blue Mountain Lake, where they enjoy lots of canoeing, swimming, reading and do a whole lot of relaxing. **Maddy Pennicke Cattell** got a phone call from **Barbara "BJ" Smith Barnett's** son that his mom had passed away. BJ and Maddy have corresponded at Christmastime since our college days. BJ lived by herself and was unwell, on a walker, and on 24-hour oxygen as well. Maddy is well and thoroughly enjoys life at Penn State's retirement "Village." She says she's lucky as most of the residents are great and lots of fun. **Jean Klaubert Friend** feels fortunate that she and Paul are still able to play lots of golf. Three of the Friends' grandsons brought their own friends to visit in Pinehurst. Jean hoped they could keep up with the kids. I bet Paul and Jean gave the kids some golf tips! **Nat Taylor Dutton** writes that she has been a widow for 25 years but her kids, grandkids, and nearby relatives keep her lifestyle active. Living by the ocean in Kingston, NH, is another plus. She was near New London last spring so swung over and walked around the campus. It brought back so many fond memories. She remarked, "Weren't those good years?" **Ann Buckman Dickson** has led a quiet life since she lost her George in '02. She had her pool completely redone and spends a lot of time swimming, plus attending to the near-

by gardens. During the winter months, she goes to the local theater in the round where she sees many great musicals and plays. She enjoys the monthly symphonies and is president of her local historical society. She feels extremely lucky that 3 of her 4 daughters plus 6 granddaughters live just 10 minutes away. **Betsy Wyman Chase** and hubby Francis had their 60th anniversary in Nov. She has lost touch with her CJC bridesmaids, **Pat Bentley Nye** and **Claire Preston Twohy**. Unfortunately, I found that Claire is now deceased. The Chases spent the last 2 winters in Stuart, FL. They have a place on Canoe Lake, close to other relatives. Betsy had to have a 2nd hip replacement in June and was doing OK. She still enjoys painting and is active in her church, as well as the Barnstable, MA, Historical Society. **Barbara "Bobbie" Hamilton Hopkins** and husband Rich are well and happy. In April and May 2007 they had a memorable trip to Italy, visiting Rome and the Amalfi area. The 2nd part of their Italian visit was a bike trip along the flat coast of Puglia in Southeastern Italy. Bobbie regretted not being able to spend more time in their New London, NH, house, but was kept busy with summer activities in CT. Their 14-year-old grandson stayed with them for the 2nd summer while he participated in a sailing program at Riverside YC. The R.Y.C.'s summer cruise was most enjoyable, particularly when they made a stop in Padanaram, a MA coastal village that is part of the town of Dartmouth. Other great stops were made in Buzzards Bay, Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, and Cuttyhunk. In Sept. they took to their bikes again and traveled through ME's Acadia National Park. Bobbie frequently sees **Patricia Anderson Schmitt** now that Pat lives in Stamford, CT. **Heloise "Weezy" Pike Mailloux** and hubby Ken have been at Stonebridge Retirement Community for 4 years and find each year they become more involved with the community's committees. She wrote on notepaper that was a gift from a 14-year-old grandniece who toured Africa with her musical group. It's the closest to Africa as

the Mailloux will get. She writes that anyone who has stuck with the '48 column for as long as I have surely deserves 100% participation from her classmates. I agree and hope you hear her message! **Susan "Sue" Hight Denny** writes that her younger son, Steve, and his wife presented her with another grandson in Oct. Her son had many interesting names selected, but he was unnamed at the time I sent the news in to CSC. Her first grandson, Nicholas, is now 9 years old. **Jane Maynard Gibson** and Jack took the auto train up to Lorton, VA, and spent 3 weeks driving thru PA, NY and VT, ending up in Dixville Notch, NH. It was a lovely trip on some beautiful highways and they occasionally found themselves the only car on the road. They returned home from NH via Montclair, Philly, Baltimore, New Hope and Princeton, and saw all the kids and grandkids along the way. Jane remarked it was good to get home. **Barbara Jane "Beej" Smith Thompson** spends most of her winters in Vero Beach and Sanibel, FL. She enjoyed a great evening in Vero last winter and met the new CSC President, Thomas C. Galligan, Jr. Beej



*Babs Conkey Armstrong '49 and her husband, Ed, enjoying the summer sun in North Carolina.*

told me that **Carol "Weissy" Weissenborn Smith** had lost her husband, Gil, this past summer. We send our very deepest sympathy from the class, Weis. Beej often sees Weis at the Bay Head–Rumsom Duplicate Bridge Tournaments. In Oct. Beej had a great time cruising along the Danube on a River Boat in Eastern Europe and highly recommends it to all. I hadn't heard "boo" from **Martha "Patsy" Dimmitt White** in a while and found that she had changed her e-mail address. She says she and Peter are both in great health and currently bragging about their granddaughter, a senior at San Diego State. She had the distinguished honor of being inducted into Phi Beta Kappa! Patsy and Peter also had a wonderful river cruise from Amsterdam to Vienna last year. After leaving Vienna, they took a train to Salzburg, ending up in Italy, and eventually flew home from Milan. She also highly recommends river cruises. Patsy is still a very busy gal, holding a number of volunteer positions. She chairs the Marin County Economic Commission, is a co-founder and on the board of a small advocacy group working for affordable housing in their community of Novato, and on the board of the local YMCA. She is giving a lot of thought to coming back east for our 60th! Finally, a note from **Judy Conover Reinicker '40** stated that an exhibit of paintings and drawings by **Ann Wyllie Jarrett** was held in Wilmington, DE, this past Oct. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. Her show was titled "Living with Color" and was part of Wilmington's Art on the Town event sponsored by the DE Division of the Arts.

*Correction: In the last issue, editorial errors resulted in some mixed-up news for **Nini Maytag** and **Hob Pierson**. The notes should have stated that Hob and Jim—not Nini and Jim—have 2 daughters living near their VT vacation home, and that it was Hob who went on a painting retreat over the summer. In addition, **Emy Lu Croke** was referred to by her legal first name, **Emily**, which, we are assured, she never uses. The editors apologize to those mentioned and to **Les Harty Wells** for these blunders.*

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## 1949

### Class Correspondent Needed

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**Priscilla Allen Walton** writes, "I was sorry to see that we had no representation in the last issue of the *Alumni Magazine*. I have been living on the Cape for 21 years now—BUT I'm not retired. I'm a real estate broker in Chatham, the Nantucket of Cape Cod. (Chatham Village Realty if you're looking to buy or rent.) I see

**Sally Jenkins Kimball** every once in a while, as we both belong to the Chatham Platform Tennis Association, where I play 4 or 5 times a week from Oct. through April. It's a beautiful spot, right on Pleasant Bay—you couldn't ask for more. Believe it or not, there are 4 or 5 Colby Junior College members, but Sally and I are the 'seasoned' members of the group. Ed and I celebrated our 50th anniversary this year and our 3 children and their respective spouses rented a great house right on Lake Champlain in VT where we spent a wonderful 10 days. It's not often when you can get 17 people together at the same time, but they did an outstanding job of organizing the whole affair. Our 3 children have a combination of 9 children, ages 8 through 27, and they live in MI, CT and RI. The grandchildren used to like to come to visit on the Cape, but everyone is older now and they have jobs, camp, etc. Not much else to report. Hope everyone is well and able to get up and take nourishment every day—that's my goal."

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### Class agent needed!

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## 1950

### Pat Davis Hoffman

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Hello to the class of 1950! We have some good news here. **Betty Alden Parker** is president of her women's club and sees family and friends often. She and I had the great experience recently of visiting the Colby-Sawyer College campus and surroundings.

Visited with **Ellie Morrison Goldthwait '51** and **Sue Morrison Mayer**. Both live nearby. We all dined at the New London Inn and at the college. Betty and I also were royally entertained at Ellie's home. During Betty's recent travels she chatted with **Carol Lynch Hermance**, a McKean Hall classmate. **Joan Hubley Sundeen** and hubby Bob recently celebrated the 55th wedding anniversary of her twin sister, **Jean Hubley Meyer**, and her husband, Dick. Jean works one day a week for a dentist while Dick tends a large garden and the family dogs. Many of us remember Jean and Dick's great and good news, the first kiss, the "peaches" nickname and the chewing gum enclosed in letters to Jean from Dick, all during our student days. Both twins, Joan and Jean, are actively involved in the medical field as well as with family and friends. **Jean Holmes Duffett** and hubby John enjoy the companionship of **Marjorie "Mardie" Hamilton Gorham** and her husband, Jim. Cheers to Mardie and Jim on the recent celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. They enjoy 2 sons and their wives, as well as their 2 teenage granddaughters. Greetings from **Barbara Blake Erdogan**, who spent her first year with us. Barbara later attended Syracuse U. and Pratt Art Institute. She and her husband, Fazil Erdogan, have 2 children and 8 grandchildren. Barbara recalls that when she was a student here, she was 5'9" tall and especially enjoyed her art classes. Our congratulations to **Barbara "Bobbie" Bishop MacLean**, who now serves on Colby-Sawyer College's President's Alumni Advisory

Council. Bobbie and hubby Phil keep active with 2 sons, daughter and the grandchildren. Bobbie volunteers also with the DAR, where she is active in her local chapter, state committee and national committee, and tennis when possible. **Debbie Price Gundersen** sends her best wishes. Debbie reports the death of her husband, Ken. Their totals of 8 children and 23 grandchildren now give her some time also for the executive service core, duplicate bridge and art/painting classes. Cheers to 2008! May it be our best yet. Let's hope that we hear from you soon.

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*A mini-reunion took place on Sept. 29, 2007, with (l to r) Joan White Snively '51, Anne Rantoul Sturtevant '51, Bobbie Green Davis '51, Ruth Gray Pratt '51 and Mary Loudon Eckert '51.*

## 1951

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Hope you all had a nice summer. As I write this in the fall, we just returned from a trip to New England seeing friends and classmates. We had a nice lunch at **Ruth Gray Pratt's** cottage on Perkins Pond in NH, not far from

New London. **Anne Rantoul Sturtevant** and her new husband, Bill, **Joan White Snively**, **Mary Loudon Eckert**, Ruth and I were there. It was a beautiful day, enjoyed by all. Anne and Bill also joined **Pat Gulick Kempton** at **Marcia Cowles Bushnell's** house in VT last Aug. **Ellen Duane Stumpf** writes that she was named "Volunteer of the Year" for Oconee County. It was the first time this award was

given and Ellen said she felt so honored. Her golf and swim programs are in their 10th year, and she has 6 grandkids that keep her going. Our condolences go to **Marilyn Asbury Taylor** on the loss of her husband from a stroke. **Ann Harrison Michels** has 2 paintings to be exhibited in galleries, one in NY and one in TX. Her granddaughter is at Skidmore and is now in Paris. (Ann is also a graduate of

Skidmore.) Afraid this is all I have to report at this time. Don't hesitate to write any news you have.

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## 1952

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I was remiss in reporting news for the last edition of the *Alumni Magazine*. **Marilyn "Woodsie" Woods Entwistle** reported that she and **Nancy Angel Turnage** and **Elizabeth Carlson Salomon** went to **Jean Roach Tozier's** memorial service on July 29, 2006. They were glad to have some time with Ralph Tozier and their daughters. They told silly CJC stories and then took a fun trip to New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. As for 2007, it was a Reunion year for our class, and 15 loyal alumni of the class of '52 returned to campus in June for the event. I want to thank **Mary Jane Fritzinger Moeller** who worked so hard on the *In Memoriam* book for our class. Last year we also had 2 classmates that were honored, and I want to be sure they get their due. **Nancy "Shum" Shumway Adams** was presented the 2007 Alumni Service Award at Reunion, while **Marilyn "Chasie" Chase** was inducted into the Colby-Sawyer College Athletic Hall of Fame in



**Colby-Sawyer Flashback:** After the photograph above ran on page 45 of the spring/summer 2007 issue of the *Alumni Magazine*, we heard from many members of the class of '52 identifying their classmates. Thank you to the first respondent, **Noel Henriques Brakenhoff '52**, who let us know the gals in the picture are (l to r) **Doris Smart Sandstrom '52**, **Jan Staley Pellerin '52**, **Nan Norton Wasniewski '52**, **June Ammon Harris '52**, **Joan Salmon Nesbit '52**, **Beatrice Paris '52** and **Carol Woods Searing '52**. The ladies were involved in the theater group called *Rouge Pot*.

Oct. Kudos to them both! Shum made 3 visits to campus last year: one for Reunion and her great recognition in June, another for the President's Alumni Advisory Council meeting in Sept., and again in Oct. for Chasie's sports award. Nancy continues to be a tireless worker for Colby-Sawyer and we owe her many thanks. **Noel Henriques Brakenhoff** underwent a complete hip replacement this summer. She said it was a horrible operation, but she is doing great. Noel and **Joan Salmon Nesbit** are the chairs of our 60th Reunion in 2012. We want it to be a BIG one. Please keep this in mind and make plans accordingly. Shum and her husband, Roger, hosted Chasie and me as we traveled to New London for Chasie's induction into the Athletic Hall of Fame. It was a magnificent fall day as **MJ Montgomery, Joan Salmon Nesbit, Polly Heath Kidder, Virginia Farnsworth Allison '53, Nancy Shumway Adams and Rayma Whittemore Murray** assembled to honor **Kelly Bryant Belanger '87, Mary Drueding '83, Katie Sykes Follis '00, Jim McGilvery '96** and our very own Marilyn. Chasie was a field hockey, basketball, tennis and alpine ski-racing athlete, playing prominent roles on each of her teams and receiving the CJC sports award for excellence in her senior year. She was also a member of the CJC recreation association and ski patrol. Marilyn was a player in 3 US Field Hockey Assoc. National Tournament games. At UVM she served as head field hockey coach ('65-'73), head women's ski-racing coach ('66-'72) and head tennis coach ('75-'78), in addition to being a tenured physical education faculty member. Her passion for golf won her the club championship in three different states. As for me I had a great 75th birthday party. My children and grandchildren came to Vero Beach from AZ, CT and VA to join me and meet my dear friends. Ginna Farnsworth Allison '53 came from NH to completely surprise me. Chasie was another guest. I am grateful to everyone for making the effort. Remember 2012!

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## 1953 Reunion

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Hello, classmates! I will start with the "good news," a thank you for your many interesting responses to the mailing. I was hoping for 100%, but we have made a good step towards that goal. The "bad news" is that my husband, Thom, passed away on Oct. 9, so I have been very distracted. It is the saddest time in my life and the only way I can tell you how it feels for me is that I feel a hole in my heart. It is unbearable at times, but I have faith and I am leaning on that right now. Now, here goes...**Nan Langdon Darche** writes, "We are living in PA in the summers. Our daughter, Gail, has a farm and 4 children, so we're helping out where we can and enjoying it. We're both still well and enjoying life with eleven grandchildren—lots in college. Never thought I'd see that day." **Carol Jones Balch** writes, "After seeing **Lou Dumontier Gaumer** I had to respond. Moved back to Hingham, MA, approximately 30 years ago—have 4 children, 6 grandkids and 2 great-grandkids. I am in the phone book for all passing through. Still mowing my own lawn, painting whatever, and still working part time around the corner from where I live. If you throw a rock backwards from my old house you'll hit the one I'm in now." **Gordon McAllen Baker** spent a wonderful 2 weeks in Greece last year. She shares, "I've wanted to go there forever, and it was just fabulous. Beautiful weather, nice people and most Greeks speak English, which makes it easier. The only downside was the thousands of other tourists everywhere." **Jane Carpenter Patterson** sent in news of her and her sister, **Edie Carpenter Sapp**. She writes, "Edie and I had a fun sister time together in Denver at her daughter's. Edie had open heart surgery in July there, then moved back home to Phoenix and is doing fine. A fun trip to Nova Scotia for



*Holland and Belgium in Bloom. Meeting abroad in spring '07 were (l to r) Susan Roesser Putnam '51, Bobbi Johnston Rodgers '53, Trish Dobbs Montgomery '53 and Sally Roesser Johnston '55.*

Ken and me in July, along with family reunion to celebrate Edie's 75th. I stopped counting years ago! Hope you're doing well. Thanks for your efforts for CSC." **Susan Wiesner Bray** says she is still very busy doing estate sales in NY and FL, where they reside 6 months of the year. "Anyone in or near Ft. Myers give us a call (239-437-3240) and we will do lunch! Have 5 great grands: 4 in college and one in 3rd grade. All doing well and having fun. One of these days I might think of retiring, but not yet. Best to all!" **Tracy Rickers Siani** writes, "Spring was spent in Italy with friends to share the delight of Pompeii, Vesuvius, Capri and the art of Naples. Summer consisted of family visits to Lake Waukegan in NH and Belfast, ME, also a family wedding in Salerno, Italy. In between we enjoyed some wonderful snorkeling out my back door, singing, helping the Children's Home Society and the Autism Project of Palm Beach County, local politics, town newsletter reporter, booster for 'El Sol' Immigrant Day Labor Center and 3 meals a day in the kitchen." **Virginia Merklen Hutchins** offered me generous thanks for being our class correspondent and says she has always looked forward to reading news of her classmates. She writes, "I've been living in Midlothian, VA, since 1995—a great place to retire. My husband passed away in Aug. He had M.S. for a very long time with no remissions. In spite of this we lived in Hong Kong for 5 years and Toronto for 12. We have 2 sons, a pilot and a lawyer, but no

grandchildren. I keep in touch with my roommate, **Lynn Pond Bonasia** (she encouraged me to write) and **Elaine Olson Smith**. Midlothian is just 15 miles outside of Richmond. Anyone traveling north-south or the reverse is welcome." **Florence Fayle Garofalo** has some exciting news. "On Sept. 12 in Lynnfield, MA, I married a wonderful man, Luigi Garofalo, a retired executive from Gillette Corporation." **Joan Vincent Donelan** writes, "My former husband, Tom Donelan, passed away suddenly on April 22. He will be dearly missed by the American Red Cross in New Canaan, CT. My large family has been very helpful. My 11 grandchildren keep me busy with acting in NYC, college, soccer, ice hockey and figure skating. Everyone gathers at Cape Cod in the summers, including my daughter's family from Switzerland. They are now AFS exchange students. I seem to keep busy on Cape Cod." **Barbara Young Camp** loves her new home in the woods with 5 small grandchildren next door. "I spend a lot of time in my patio and rock gardens. It's a

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challenge to find flowers and shrubs that deer, as well as bunnies, don't like," she says. **Joan Kaufman Kirkpatrick** writes, "Spend 6 months in New London, NH, and swim daily in the CSC pool. Other 6 months are spent renting in Vero Beach, FL. Daily swim outdoor all winter!" Also living in 2 places is **Nancy Bijur Wallace**. She resides in Crystal Lake in Frankfort, MI, from May through Oct., and Tuscon, AZ, the rest of the time. She says, "My partner, Bill, and I play a lot of tennis and sail on both Crystal Lake and Lake Michigan. In AZ, we again play tennis and take advantage of the outdoor sports. Three grandchildren with my pediatrician daughter and husband in Colorado Springs. A son living in MD." **Sue Bice Huetteman** writes, "This has been a year of 'betweens.' Living between our RI home and our Sun City Center seasonal home in FL with husband Al. Between finishing a middle-grade novel and finding a publisher to love it and sketching the next one. Between a finished book and lyrics and the composer's score for a stage musical. How lucky can I get!" **Audrey Davis Walker** reports that her life is regulated by visits to Singapore

to be with her grandson and substitute teaching at Kildonon School for dyslexics. She is also "reading like crazy." **Marty Funk Miller** and her husband, Wayne, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 21. "We took our children and one grandchild (the love of our life), age 9, to CO to the Broadmoor for a vacation celebration. We'll never forget it! Still see my roommate, **Cathy Oberrender Von Glahn** and her husband, Ted, on our way to FL every year. My life is filled with joy and happiness! I thank God every day for such a blessing." **Joy Appel Halsted** has been married 52 years to Tom Halsted. They have 2 kids, Tom Jr. and Beth, both married with 2 girls each. Joy says, "After Colby, I graduated from Bennington College. Lived in Washington, DC, for 24 years, then moved north of Boston to Gloucester—now Manchester-by-the-Sea—for the last 27 years. Time flies when you're having fun! Have been a professional fine artist for 40+ years as well as a graphic designer before that." **Sonia Collom Oram** writes, "Have retired from Chappaqua, NY, to Savannah, GA. Still enjoying it. Lots of golf (6 courses), great people, and Savannah is a great place. One

daughter in AZ (Fountain Hills) is married, 2 daughters, 6 and 4. The other one in Dubai—home now but moving back. She was there to start a company for a couple she found on the Internet, now going back to start another company—exciting place." **Jane Thompson Belsky** says not much has changed over the last few years other than moving to a condo after 42 years in their home. "Our children have thanked us for that! Seven grandchildren between the ages of 14 and 11—2 sets of twins. Joe continues to practice endocrinology—we say part-time, but I'm not so sure. We both are slowing down but continue to enjoy our house in RI, our 'culture trips' to NYC, occasionally extended trips and, of course, family." **Sinclair "Claire" Smith Siragusa** writes, "After serving 3 years on Colby-Sawyer's Board of Trustees as alumni representative (off last May), I can say to all alumni the college has never looked better. Dorms are being redone, new buildings are marvelous and there is a wonderful feeling among students. We can be proud! Best to you." **Gretchen Hoch White** reports that she and her husband, Brad, are doing well in New London. Both still

work in real estate. She says, "Our youngest, a CSC grad, and her husband, just did an Eco-Tones performance at the college. Environmental tips and music combined. They have been on 'Prairie Home Companion' and Hallmark Channel." **Patricia Themelis Langley** shared about her life after Colby. She writes, "I was married in 1959 to Dr. James Langley. Had 3 children: 2 boys and one girl. Lost my husband to cancer in 1985. Became a real estate broker in 1986 to pay for college tuition. My children all spent 5 years in college—had a difficult time trying to decide on a career. My oldest is an executive with UPS, my daughter is a physical therapist, and my youngest is a commercial pilot. I have 7 grandchildren. Good luck." **Polly Black Koerner** says her life is a happy one, with good health and many activities. She has 4 (still married) daughters and 11 grandchildren: 3 in college, 2 more going next year. Polly writes that she is "dividing time between farm life and a house on Lake George. There's not enough time for my watercolors. I'd love to paint 3 hours a day," she shares. **Patricia Stevens Wesselhoeft** says that her husband retired this year and they are doing a lot of traveling. They have 4 granddaughters and one recent grandson. **Jane Bingham Fawcett** says, "I'm in the messiest stage of a move to ME to a dear small house in Boothbay Harbor. I'll be able (almost) to roll out of bed on the mainland and onto Squirrel Island, our family's summer home since 1900. I have two beautiful ballroom dancing daughters, one a Jungian therapist, the other an attorney in training." **Bobbi Johnston Rodgers** writes, "In April John and I went on a trip to see 'Holland and Belgium in Bloom' with my roommate, **Trish Dobbs Montgomery** and her husband, Jack. It was so marvelous to be able to take leave of NH during that cold, snowy, windy, rainy Nor'easter! The Netherlands were warm, sunny and dry; the flowers were beautiful, and the tulips and bulbs in the Keukenhof Gardens in Lisse were spectacular. And, we met 2 more Colby-Sawyer alums, the Roesser sisters! What a small world!" **Ellen**

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**Barrows Van Winkle** did not have the best summer. "I had 2 back surgeries in March and July and lots of therapy following. We did get to CT for 10 days. Good break for me. Sorry this writing is hard to read. I have Parkinson's Disease and the first thing to go was my handwriting. We are also going to cruise after Thanksgiving." I, **Jane Pearl Dickinson**, just had to get the last word in. During Thom's death I was constantly in touch with **Janet Arminio Connelly** and she stayed with me during the funeral and several days after. I don't know what I would have done without her. Her 4 children are all doing extremely well. I have also heard from **Lou Dumontier Gaumer**, who is well, living with her daughter in TX, and wintering in FL. Her husband died and it has become a very lonely life for her. Thom and I had lunch in Feb. with **Marina Filides Latchis** and her significant other, Hud, while we were visiting with my daughter in Orlando. Janet and Marina both look great and seem to be doing well with "happy aging." I was disappointed not to hear from my former roommates, Sheila and Sally. I hope you are both well. I hope to have even more news next go round, but only if you keep the information coming. You can always e-mail to [jane.dickinson@verizon.net](mailto:jane.dickinson@verizon.net). Thanks for responding.

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## 1954

### **Jo-Anne Greene Cobban**

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Several of you have had travel adventures and also have kept in contact with other classmates, which is great! **Natalie Langley Webster** visited England and took a Hebridean cruise trip to North Africa, Tunis (Carthage) and Libya (Leptis Magna). She says that very little remains of Carthage, but magnificent Roman period in Leptis, which is only partially excavated. "All 'the ladies' still very active and now all are in NH!" **Margot Thompson** attended the President's Alumni Advisory Council in March and enjoyed a wonderful day on campus. In Aug. she came back to New England for a reunion at physical therapy school in VT, then drove to NH and saw **Jean Cragin Ingwersen** and **Anne Dwyer Milne**. "Always special to see classmates and catch up." She spent the rest of the time on Cape Cod. She says that all is well in CO and she stays busy. **Carol Nelson Reid** writes that they have made many new friends at Brooksby Village in Peabody, MA, where they moved over 3 years ago. They enjoy going to the Berkshires 3 times—spring, summer, and fall. In Sept. they go to Cape Cod after the hordes have left, but the weather and water are ideal. In Jan. and Feb. they go to FL, visiting friends along the way, moving

from timeshare to timeshare. This past year they have enjoyed several lunch meetings with **Nancy Paige Parker**, and **Helen Johnson Sargent** and her new husband, Dick Lindholm. In Aug. Helen, Jack and she introduced Dick to the Berkshires and Tanglewood, The Mount, Norman Rockwell Museum, and Ventfort Hall. I, **Glenice Hobbs Harmon**, remember going in the water in Hampton, NH, in July with daughter and grandkids and the water temperature was 65 degrees, which is "warm" for Hampton. Kids had their boogie boards and we had so much fun. Recently my stepdaughter and her husband visited from AZ and we enjoyed a day trip to the Berkshires, although foliage was not at its peak color. Last April while visiting daughter and family in UT, we spent 4 days in Bryce and Zion National Parks and the scenery was beautiful. Another classmate, **Joan Potter Nelson**, had a visit from **Mary Balzac**, whom she had not seen for 53 years. Joan writes it was so nice to see them. Joan and her husband were in ME until Nov. and then headed south. Another classmate who enjoys Cape Cod is **Harriet Johnson Toadvine**. She and her husband had a lovely summer in Wianno. Their next trip is to South Africa. She adds, "my husband has his 2nd new knee and is dancing!" Amazing how well joint replacement works, isn't it? Harriet sends best wishes to all her classmates. **Helen Johnson Sargent** says, "Life is good." She and her husband, Dick, returned this fall from a Norwegian Coastal Voyage, including the North Cape and passing through the Arctic Circle. They were home in Kennebunk, ME, just long enough to pack for Dick's home in SC, then were back to

Kennebunk for the holidays. **Mary Mills Presby** sent a letter that brings us up-to-date and tells of her exciting writing accomplishment. She only spent a year at Colby, but it was a happy one. After that she spent a year with her parents in India and then completed her education in San Francisco. She met her husband in the theater and moved to Los Angeles 2 years later. In 1960 their only child, a son, was born. Her husband died 11 years ago and she continued working at her 25-year job as a deputy to the president of the Los Angeles City Council. Prior to working for him she worked as a social worker for the County of L.A. After her boss's death, she retired and returned to her first love of acting and writing. She had many short pieces published while working and is now inching toward completion of her first novel, which "has been both a frustrating and satisfying journey." Her son and his wife have a 6-year-old girl, who is the "apple of my eye." Three years ago she met a lovely widower and they are very happy together and have taken trips, not only to her childhood home of Chile, but also to Greece and Turkey. Mary adds, "If any of my classmates visit L.A., I do hope they will contact me, as I'd love to see them." Mary, do let the Alumni Office at Colby-Sawyer know when your novel is published. What an exciting adventure you've had! **Nancy Fish Perior** says that all is well and that the kids and grandkids are great and doing well. She writes, "I relax and enjoy at last! Deb and Andy are doing great and the addition on the house is going smoothly. Lindsey is in 2nd grade and loves school. The family in WI is very busy with all the kids' activities, etc. Hi, and love to all." **Jean Samuels**

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Stephens writes that at the Lawrenceville School in Sept. she was honored at the start of her 50th year in the Dept. of Performing Art. Congratulations, Jean! There is a dorm at Lawrenceville named for the Stephens family. Her grandson graduated a year ago and he is the 4th generation to attend Lawrenceville. **Peg Lewis Moreland** has had a very busy year. Last Jan. she moved into Woodcrest (assisted living) on Main Street across from New London Inn. "It was hard for me to leave our house in the woods, but there comes a time." She is involved in many activities including a trip to Dorset, VT, to learn about the marble there. She writes that she never thought she would be playing Bingo every week. She still has her car and would be lost without it. Good for you, Peg, making the adjustment you had to make. A day trip to New London in Aug. proved to be very interesting for me, **Jo-Anne Greene Cobban**, and my husband, Jim. Traveling north, we stopped to take in the view of Sunapee Harbor. The clear smooth lake, colorful gardens around the parking lot, and "mates" busily washing the windows of the MV Mt. Sunapee II Tour Boat gave us a moment's thought of lingering there all day. Up and over the hills to New London and through a busy Main Street to the alumni building, I arrived looking at the Cleveland House marked Museum. Entering the side door I was greeted by the friendly staff, who answered my questions and gave me a tour of the house, and I imagined what life might have been in the Victorian era. The wonderful warm interior of the house is certainly a benefit to those who work there and those of us who pay them a visit. Be sure to check out your

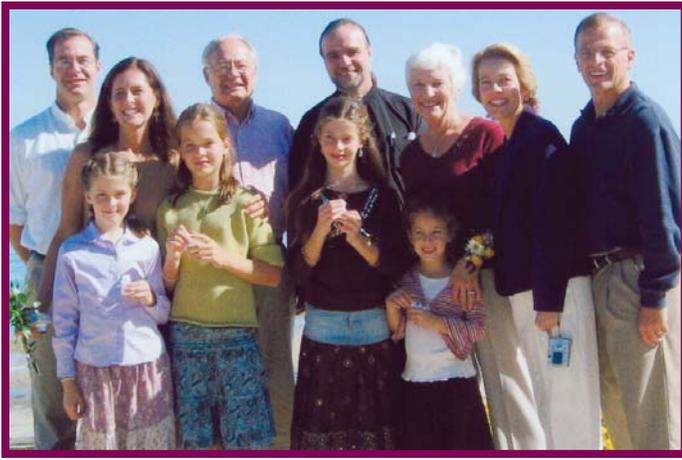
next trip to the hill. From the Cleveland House to the comfortable living quarters of Peg Lewis Moreland, we enjoyed going out to lunch together before attending the play "Amadeus" at the New London Barn Playhouse, which was celebrating its 75th Diamond Anniversary Season. Interestingly enough, there was a notation in the program about the history of the barn. They opened on July 12, 1983, offering a play called "Milestones," and Dr. H. Leslie Sawyer, President of Colby Junior College, was its first usher. That name stood right out on the page! We remember him! The first of Oct. the Cobbans spent a few days around the Lake Winnepesaukee area, enjoying warm weather and leaves beginning to turn color. My roommate, **Joan Batchelor Brown**, her husband, Wen, and daughter Marie joined us for dinner at the Wolfboro Inn in the town known as the oldest resort in America. Later, we had a chance to visit with Joan's daughter, Helen, and her husband in their new home with a picture-perfect view. Speaking about Sunapee Harbor, a note from **Sally Browne Foster**, who lives in OH, wrote,

"Bill and I, plus 31 family members, enjoyed a weekend at Dexter's Inn near Sunapee Harbor for our 50th wedding anniversary. It was celebrated on our wedding date, Aug. 10, and we all had a wonderful time, especially because the Inn was the perfect place to have a family get-together. Many of our family had never been to NH and were thrilled with its beauty. We toured the CSC campus and bought CSC sweatshirts to remember the occasion." Congratulations, Sally. You came up with a wonderful way to celebrate the occasion. We were happy to hear from **Diana Ziskind Glashow**, who mentioned that she had been living in RI for 51 years. She writes, "We started out in Barrington and then moved back to the city 25 years ago. We have 3 children, all married, and 7 grandchildren, ages 5-19. Our oldest granddaughter is at Endicott College in Beverly, MA. Twin granddaughters are interested in Colby-Sawyer, now juniors in Barrington High School. These are 3 sisters. Our oldest grandson is a junior at Moses Brown School in Providence and is a very fine golfer. His brother is a freshman at Moses Brown, too, and is very involved in the theater and swimming. Our youngest grandson, age 8, is in the 3rd grade at Moses Brown and his sister, age 5, is in kindergarten at Lincoln School in Providence. The family moved back from Kansas City, MO, where they had lived for 10 years. We are thrilled and feel very lucky that all our children

and grandchildren will be living in RI. Bob and I still try to travel and we have done a lot over our 51 years together. Both of us love to cook and we do lots of it together. Bob is still active in his textile business and I have a home studio in which I do personalized stationary, wedding, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, and party invitations. I am also a party planner and love planning events for people and organizations. I have been doing this for 29 years. Of course, we love living in RI. I hope this finds you well." **Helen McWalter Finan** sent a note with a NH address and proudly announced that #9 grandchild was born in May. "It's a girl—Molly Finan and #1 grandchild, Julia Bowers, has graduated from college." Our FL resident, **Shirley Wax Baron**, is happy that her sons are both living in the state so that she and Bob can enjoy time with 3 grandsons, who are growing up fast! She actually said that they were enjoying the warm weather; surprising since reports and firsthand visits indicated it was a very hot summer. They must just ignore it as Shirley reports that she plays golf, "which somehow never improves" and duplicate bridge. Our PA resident, **Carleen "Sunny" Madsen Dukstein**, moved 3 years ago to Masonic Village in Sewickley, a retirement area that is beautifully located in the hills north of Pittsburgh, close to their son and grandsons. "I have no hobby, but workout 3 times a week and on off days I walk around the campus. Hubby Dick has become quite



Pictured enjoying an evening out are (l to r) Larry Smith, Ollie Appleman Heldberg '56, Marilyn Stott Smith '56, Carole Scherer Judge '56, Roy Judge and Fred Heldberg.



Marilyn Stott Smith '56 and her husband, Larry, with their family at their 50th wedding celebration.

the artist—pastels and oils. He spends a lot of time in the art studio. I'm trying to be an artist, but I'm not very talented. I used to paint in the 1960s but somewhere along the way, I lost the talent." The Duksteins planned to drive to New England the end of Sept. and early Oct. Good timing—before the "leaf peepers" fill up the roads. Our HI resident, **Frances "Frannie" Pryor Haws**, didn't move off the island last summer. Instead she doubled her volunteer duties at Castle Hospital and taught 2 of their 5 grandchildren to swim. "I feel privileged to be able to swim and play with them. We did some deep sea fishing and played golf. Two of our girls and great-grandchildren live on the Island and our son lives on the Island of Kwajalein in the middle of the Pacific." Frannie invites us to go and see her and always signs off, "Aloha." We're beginning to think that **Arline Soderberg Ely** lives in the moving apparatus of cars, trains, buses, boats and planes. She always writes she is on the move. This time she says, "Met my son, Thom, in Anchorage and toured the Kenai Peninsula in June for a week. My daughter, Laura, turns 50 in Dec. and I will fly to Minneapolis to celebrate the momentous occasion. Finally, I am semi-retired and only escorting a few tours. Just got back from a week's tour in CA and in Nov. head for Rome on an 11-day Mediterranean cruise." Jo-Anne and Jim Cobban were very pleased to get a note from **Lee Ann McGrath Harling**. We know WI is a big state, but

couldn't help wondering if she had heard of Cobban, WI. Researching Jim's family tree, we found that his grandfather was born in that state after his great-grandfather had moved there. We only knew it was a very small town by the Chippewa River and that it was named after his great uncle, who also settled in the same area and became a well known businessman. Lee Ann found and sent us a map and the town is shown quite clearly. We have another piece to include in Jim's family history binder to share with family and descendants. Thanks, Lee Ann! Keep the news coming! It was good to hear from all of you!

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Thanks so much to those classmates who responded to the e-mail asking for news. I was thrilled to hear from all of you, but especially those who have never sent class news. Many of you have been celebrating 50th anniversaries in a variety of ways.

**Marilyn Stott Smith** and Larry renewed their wedding vows in Oct. '06 on the beach at their summer home on L.I. with their 2 children and their families in attendance. Their family then surprised them with a party at a local winery. What a very special memory for you. While at their beach house this summer they had a delightful lunch with **Arlene "Ollie" Appleman Heldberg** and **Carole Scherer Judge** and husbands. There were lots of laughs and reminiscing! In early Oct., Marilyn was headed back to Annapolis and looked forward to a busy winter of community activities. **Lorna Burke Tseckares** has been working at a vet clinic off and on for the past 15 years. She has owned a horse since the 70s and enjoys riding regularly. Twice a year, for 5-6 weeks, she and her Morgan mare go to central MA to work with a combined driving trainer. Lorna says she has so much fun and has learned so much. Lorna and Charles have 2 girls, both happily married, and 2 grandchildren.

They went to Charles' 60th Dartmouth reunion this past June, but unfortunately were away for our big 50th. Lorna says that now she knows how to send e-mails, I will get news from time to time. **Carol Molander Linsley** also couldn't be at our 50th Reunion. She writes, "We attended Ralph's 50th reunion at Colgate U., which was at the same time so I had to choose which to attend. Later that month we took a great 2-week trip from Moscow to St. Petersburg. In July '06 our eldest son, Brad, 46, and wife, Charla Beth Mobley, had their first child, our 6th grandchild, a girl named Linsley Grey Mobley.

Brad took a semester sabbatical from the U. of Albany to care for her, calls himself a 'manny.'" **Arlene Annan Demoss** and Rich have had a very busy year traveling in their RV. Jan. through March were spent touring the Mayan Pyramids in Yucatan, Belize, Guatemala, into central Mexico and back through Mexico City. Wanting more travel, they toured the Northwest Territories of Canada going past the Arctic Circle and to the Arctic Ocean. Arlene said that both trips were fantastic! Enough travel? NO! Now they are off to Europe to cruise down the Danube with a stop in London, and then to Munich, the Black Forest and Zurich. What an exciting year, Arlene! All her children and grands are doing well. Her oldest grandchild is a freshman at San Jose State and her youngest is 18 months. **Edith Braman** has done some interesting things since leaving CSC. She worked at the Newport, RI, hospital for 31 years, has driven a taxi around that historic town for 12 years, and has enjoyed giving tours along Ocean Avenue, telling people about the beautiful "summer cottages" of the rich and famous. Several years ago Edie went on a bus tour with **Barbara McIntire Haskins**, with whom she still keeps up. When Edie's mom passed away they sold the house in Middletown, RI, and Edie bought her bungalow in Newport. Now her time is spent with painting and lawn work. **Marsha Smoller Winer** and Nate had a "milestone year" party held at their home in CA in Aug. when



Mary Knox Tatnall '57 represented Colby-Sawyer College at the inauguration of President Stephen Emerson at Haverford College in Haverford, Penn.

## Diane Shugrue Gallagher '57

### Which dorm did you live in?

Colgate, both years. We had five beds in one room (two bunks and one single). Maria Roehrig Chernin '57, Bibby Grayson Deal '57, Elaine McKenzie Kutrosky '57 and Carol Salvatore '58 MT. We were called the Fabulous Five. We ruled...kinda, sorta.

### How might your classmates remember you?

As someone involved in everything. Maria called all my activity medals "fruit salad." She'd say, "Here comes Shugrue with all her fruit salad on her Colby Blazer." Incidentally, I still have the medals and the blazer.

### Any amusing memories to share of your time at the college?

I was part of the Civil Air Patrol during the Korean War. One night I was in the top of Colgate during a blizzard, just the right conditions I thought for an air attack. And then I heard the engines; the noise was loud and getting closer and closer. I called and gave the skinny as far as I could fathom, and was told they'd send a plane up to check it out. Time passed...and then the source of the noise came into view: a gigantic snow blower coming around the corner of Colgate. They told me not to report to work any more after that.

### So, what are you up to these days?

I'm an archivist at the Howard Gottlieb Archival Research Center at Boston University. I've interacted with some amazing people whose holdings we have, including Angela Lansbury, David Halberstam, Luise Rainer, Kitty Carlisle, Senator Edward Brooke, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., and Dan Rather. I also recently received the President's Call to Service Award for outstanding volunteer service, which was given for the three years I spent as a Peace Corps volunteer in Cape Verde, West Africa. I was in my early 50s when I joined the Peace Corps and I've written a book about my experience, which I hope to have published soon.

### Sounds like you're still earning your fruit salad.

Okay, time for the frivolous questions.

### Favorite TV show?

Hands down, "The West Wing."

### Favorite movie?

" Fargo," then "The African Queen," quickly followed by "Casablanca."

### Last book read?

Still reading *Great Dames* by Marie Brenner.

### Favorite quotation?

"People do not quit playing because they grow old. They grow old because they quit playing."

### What might your classmates be surprised to learn about you?

I walked on the back of a crocodile in Burkina Faso, West Africa. I was terrified, but thankfully he wasn't hungry.

### And finally, any secrets from your college days that can now be revealed?

Hmmm. Once I came home in the trunk of a car from a wild Dartmouth party because I was late and would be in big trouble. But they got me.

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Diane Shugrue Gallagher receives the President's Call to Service Award for outstanding volunteer service in the Peace Corps.

bottle washer since her illness and Pat hopes she will be back to her "old swinging self" soon. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Pat. Our thoughts and prayers also go to **Cynthia Oswald Sipos**, who recently lost her 18-year-old grandson in a traffic accident. Cynthia and the family have been helped through this terrible time by the love and support of Mark's many friends and Cynthia's strong faith. Cynthia stays busy playing golf in a neighborhood women's group and taking a watercolor class, both of which she thoroughly enjoys. She also finds time to do active counseling in a ministry through her church. In the spring she took a trip with her daughter to visit a grandson stationed at Vandenberg Air Force base in CA. Cynthia also took her 6th trip to visit English gardens with her traveling friends. Cynthia hopes to return this fall to New England to see family and her very good friend, **Liz Zeller Curley**. Cynthia doesn't think she will get to New London, but she says she will never forget her alma mater! **Marjorie "Mickey" Schick Kenny** and **John** also joined the 50th year club. They planned to celebrate in Dec. with a dinner reception for family and friends who have made their 50 years so special. Until next time...

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## 1957

### Jill Booth Macdonell

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**Sandy Dennis Allen** writes that **Sally Little Dussault** called and surprised her—they live 1/4 mile from each other in North Port, FL. She also still manages to see **Nancy Bailey Smith** once a year. Sandy has 3 grandchildren they see in the summer. **Sally Matherson Carlson** and **George** (Dartmouth '59) moved to Spring Hill, FL, in '06. They built an in-law apartment onto their youngest son's home and are happy to be with 3 grandchildren. Their other 2 sons are still in MA. Now that they're retired,

all their friends and family were available. The party was to celebrate Marsha's 70th (March) and their upcoming 50th in Dec. Marsha said they partied all weekend and among the guests was **Phyllis Leader Paladino**, who has been a friend of Marsha's

since pre-college days. Along with their 3 children, Marsha's sister, **Corinne Smoller Goldstein '52**, and her husband, Jerry, joined many friends and relatives who have made the last 50 years special. She is enjoying life and sends best wishes to her class-

mates. **Pat Anderson Little** said before 70 everything was fine, but now she is falling apart! She is learning to breathe with one lung and is doing really well, although her strength has not fully returned. Her retired husband has been chief cook and

they are looking forward to traveling the USA. **Elizabeth "Bibby" Grayson Deal** went to Mexico with her daughter Kimberly's family and they had an opportunity to swim with the dolphins. She said, "It's something I've always wanted to do—it was the icing on the cake."

**Mary Robbins McHeffey** writes, "My husband, Glenn, and I have lived in Poway, CA, since the Navy landed us here in 1972... both retired now. I was an elementary school secretary for 18 years and worked in the Poway Library for 19 years. I now spend most of my free time recycling flowers from a local grocery store. Their discards are turned into arrangements for local nursing homes and the senior center lunch tables. I also belong to the Garden Club and San Diego Knitting Guild. We have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. Our kids are an artist, an LPGA teaching pro and a high school English teacher. Grandkids are at Williams College, Andover Academy, and elementary school. Glenn and I are planning to spend part of the winter in Stuart, FL. I have been wondering about my old roommate, **Ann Reynolds Smith.**" **Diana Caddy Litten** married a New Zealander and has lived there for 42 years. They have 3 sons: a National Park Ranger, married, who works in Carlsbad Caverns, NM; a property developer in Australia; and a research chemist who did his post-doc at the U. of Berne, Switzerland, followed by 3 years in Basel and Stockholm. Diana writes, "Thanks to our sons and their professions, we have been able to travel extensively throughout the world. We have 3 grandchildren who are now back with their parents from Sweden and are living in Wellington, NZ. Shortly we will be moving to a retirement village close to them. For a girl from NYC it was an adjustment living on a sheep station. The Litten family were sheep and dairy farmers from the mid-1800s. This is the equivalent in NZ history to the early New England settlers. The family farmed for many years. As the city expanded, the farms were developed into residential homes and a small shopping center. Both our homes in Howick and

where we are living now on the Coromandal Peninsula have superb views of the Pacific Ocean. We are now a 2 hour mountainous drive to Auckland. It will be an adjustment when we move. Famati Beach is very flat and looks onto the Tasman Sea." Diana added that her husband has been involved with many volunteer organizations and was recognized for his work by receiving the Queen's Service Medal. **Barbara Koontz Adams** writes that she recently had a skiing accident in which she broke her hip. She says the biggest activity in her life right now is her involvement with the art community, which started when she retired from her psychotherapy practice in 2000. She paints in both oils and pastels, and is a founding member of the Pastel Society of NH and a member of the NH Art Assn. She continues, "The other part of my life that is just wonderful is having both my son and daughter in NH with all 6 grandchildren nearby. Also, my husband has a daughter in CT with 2 grandsons, whom we try to see as often as possible. **Debbie Kent Springer** and Charlie came to visit us several years ago while touring New England. We hoped to get out to CO to repay the visit, but so far the timing just has not worked." **Diane Shugrue Gallagher** says that her time in the Peace Corps in Cape Verde, West Africa, from 1990–93 doing small business development, was the 2nd most extraordinary experience of her life. "First was my 4 children. They taught me more than I ever taught them. I wrote a book about my experiences (took me 5 years). Now have to get it in some kind of shape to find a literary agent and publish it. Fell in love twice—not in my job description—one a lovely, gentle gentleman, one a 2-year-old boy, who I brought back to the US and is now graduating from high school and lives with a wonderful family. Then I was a recruiter for the Peace Corps, New England, for 15 years. Then NE recruiting manager for Census 2000 for 2 years (man, have some really wild stories about that job), then—make that now—7 years at Boston University's Howard Gotlieb Archival Research Center

as an archivist full time. And the beat goes on...4 children, 2 left coast, 2 right coast, 2 grandkids who I revel in and with. Was just 70 and plan to work 'til I am 75, then off I go traveling. Went to Japan, Turkey, India, Ireland and Italy in the last few years—as Mark Twain said, 'to travel is the thing.'" I, **Jill Booth Macdonell**, am photographing the homeless, readying a new exhibit, writing an autobiography and writing some free-form essays. I'm enjoying my 2 grandchildren, Evan and Elizabeth. My youngest daughter, Lucinda, married Michael Janover in the Napa Valley, near San Francisco, on May 27, her brother Jamie's 43rd birthday and her niece Elizabeth's 2nd birthday. One long table in the grape vineyard with 100 people on each side, with his family from ME and us all from SF and Sacramento. The stars were aligned.

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Please see the class of 1968 column for news on **Judy Anderson Anderson '59.**

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*Ann Parsons Klump '60 graduated from Worcester State College last spring, earning a bachelor of science degree in urban studies.*

## 1960

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**Linda Read Stewart** writes from Scotland that 2007 was a busy year. Her daughter, Lindsay, who lives in Hope, ME, with her husband, Christopher, gave birth to their first child, Cameron Stewart Pinchbeck, on April 3. Linda says, "Of course we went out to see them and it is nice that we have a little house in Hope, so we are very near. Also, our son, Andrew, was married on June 24, so there was another reason to be in ME. It was a lovely country wedding in the Hope Apple Orchard and it seems that the minister who married them was in one of my 3rd grade classes when I was teaching in VA many years ago! **Diana Davis Kingman** and her

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Pictured last year at their 45th Reunion are (front row, l to r) Carol Schmid von Wattenwyl '62, Jean-Jacques von Wattenwyl, Marcia Mayer Snyder '62, (back row, l to r) Jill Schofield Wainwright '62, Gail Graham '62, Pat White Nash '62 and Ellen Forbes '62.

husband were at the wedding; they have a summer house near us on an island in ME. I stayed in the US for June and July and some of Aug., which was nice as we have had a terrible summer in Scotland and the fields are still pretty wet. I am now gearing up for the winter curling season as I curl for 3 different teams and love it." **Patricia Canby Colhoun** had a wonderful summer that went by too fast. She spent a working vacation in Paris, where she helped her daughter, Annie, paint her apartment and do some sewing, and also took time to travel and sight-see. In the fall she was headed to Darien, CT, to the wedding of Emily Baldwin, the daughter of her roommate, **Gale Hartung Baldwin**. Then she planned to close her house in ME and return to her home in The Villages, FL. Patricia writes, "I moved in 3 days before the tornado last Feb. It struck about 3 blocks from me. I slept through it, but the dogs woke me up. I am

really looking forward to being there for 6 months as I will be able to play golf and pickleball. There is so much to do one must choose carefully. I will continue with my rug hooking and attend a school, Off the Ocean Rug Camp, in Jacksonville, FL, in Jan. Then I hope to attend the Nancy Lopez golf school at The Villages in Feb. As to the house in FL, I hope to have some landscaping done. Then the house should be finished and ready for visitors." **Ann Parsons Klump** recently went back to school and graduated from Worcester State College as part of the Class of 2007, earning a bachelor of science in urban studies. She has also been busy caring for her husband. Twice this past year, while he was in rehab, she was able to visit their daughter in England. She writes, "My daughter and her husband have adopted 3 beautiful children, now ages 3, 4 and 5. They all visited here Christmas '06, but she wants to make the next family trip in the

summer of 2008, as the rain in England makes her miss our summers. At age 36, she has now lived in England as long as she lived in the US. Our son and wife live in a nearby town and I have been enjoying babysitting my 1 1/2-year-old grandson. He is a real delight and we are so fortunate to have 4 very smart and beautiful grandchildren."

## 1961

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It was great to hear from **Susan Lawsing Dow** this past summer. She and her husband, Peter, ski, sail, and work a little bit. On one of their family sailing trips, they visited **Jackie Taft Lowe** in ME. The Dows reside in Longmeadow, MA, and have 2 sons. Sue's mom, **Mary Giddings Lawsing '35**, also lives in Longmeadow and is doing well. **Carole Abdelnour Awad** writes that she is now retired from a civil engineering job in Hillsborough County, FL. Carole has a son, daughter-in-law and 3 grandchildren. She is traveling a lot and enjoys it very much. Thanks for your note, Carole! Had a nice chat with **Elizabeth "Tizzie" Grove Schweizer**. She and her husband, Fred, reside in Ithaca, NY, where they are active in the community and keep especially busy with their grandchildren. Tizzie has maintained her 35 lb weight loss at Weight Watchers for 4 years. She never missed a meeting. Tizzie has been an inspiration to me in the weight loss department. Thanks to her, I am down a little over 100 lbs and feel like a million dollars. We both highly recommend the Weight Watchers program. Tizzie reminded me of an old saying: "Help someone up the hill and you get closer to the top yourself." What a true statement! **Marty Holding Coughlan** and her husband, George, reside in the Adirondacks where they like to boat and garden. Their son and daughter live near them and they have 3 grandsons. In the winter, the Coughlans reside in FL, as George retired about 10 years ago. It was nice to hear from you, Marty!

## 1962

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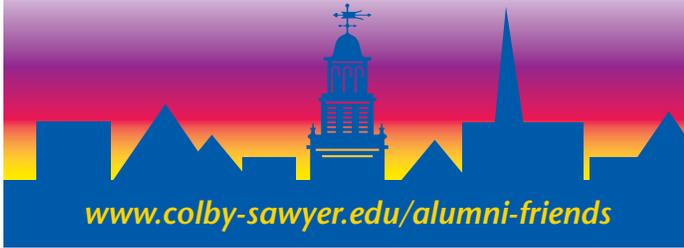
Eight of us from the Class of '62 spent a great Reunion Weekend in New London this past June. The campus becomes more beautiful with each visit, with new buildings and ball fields springing up. However, there was consensus that most of the dorms need major renovations, or, that we are getting to be old fogies and couldn't survive in that environment. In any case, those of us who were there hope that many of you can put forth the effort to attend our 50th in 2012. I recently heard from **Pam Smith Boehm**, who lives at The Woodlands in TX. After CJC, she transferred to the U. of Denver where she received her degree in 1964, majoring in Spanish. She is widowed, has 2 married daughters, Tracy and Jill, and she recently retired as office manager at the Community Clinic, a non-profit, free medical/dental clinic serving the uninsured. She is a member of the Junior Forum and National Charity League, enjoys serving God by being available to help others in the community, and does gardening, sewing, needlepoint, and Pilates. **Alice Beebe Davies**, who lives in Portland, OR, has been married 40 years and has 2 daughters, one son, and 7 fabulous grandchildren. She has worked in real estate since 1977, while her husband is retired from financial management. Alice enjoys golfing, walking and traveling. **Lesley Getz** lives in Bermuda Dunes, CA, where she teaches ESL at a community college. After CJC and one year in France and Italy, she returned to UC Berkeley where she got a B.A., M.A. and Cand.Phil. in comparative education. In 1976 she married an Englishman; sadly, he passed away in 1992. She has spent time teaching, working, and traveling in Europe and Latin America, and continues to be interested in international development, civil rights and human rights. **Susan Sawyer** says

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that her time at CJC was the best 2 years of her life. She learned to ski and wouldn't be living and still skiing in CO if she hadn't! **Janice Goodwin Rupert** also loves to ski—so much that she and her husband bought a condo in Big Sky, MT, where they go from Jan. to March. They like to play golf, too, so they also bought a condo on a golf course in Naples, where they play every day when they are in FL. Janice also sails and bikes: she sailed on the Chesapeake in 2001 and 2005 in a Rolex Women's International Keel Boat Championship, and has ridden in many charity bike rides. She has also been involved with prison ministry and has mentored a fellow through

prison. He has become a successful businessman and was able to purchase his own home. **Jane Howe Trainor** of Bluffton, SC, writes that after retiring in 2005, she and Bob left New England to learn about southern living. They are enjoying the wonderful world of sun, golf, new history adventures, and meeting many wonderful people. The Hilton Head-Savannah area is a great area with constant new attractions and places to explore. They travel to New England to visit son and grandson, as well as travel to MN to visit daughter and grandchildren. They are involved in Habitat for Humanity, church, and local historical groups. Jane says, "Our lives are

full and I wonder how I ever thought retirement might be boring!" We have much more news from the Reunion Memory Book which will be told in the next issue of the *Alumni Magazine*. Please e-mail me with all your news. Life is short, and it is important that we keep in touch with the many friends we made at Colby.

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**1963 Reunion**

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With my elderly parents' issues, I've permanently moved to

Naples, FL, where they're both in a nursing home. We sold our condo here and bought a good size home. Our beautiful B&B, Meadowood Farm in VT, is up for sale, but no takers so far. If no sale by spring, we'll lease it to a local couple who've always wanted a B&B. In the process of moving paperwork for 2 businesses and 4 lives, I've misplaced the e-mails sent by my CJC classmates. Please send them again for the next magazine, and those who've not sent your latest news, please do so. At this time, I can take on only a part-time job so I've procured one as a licensed real estate assistant and referral agent for a Naples firm. Classmates, check out Naples and look me up.

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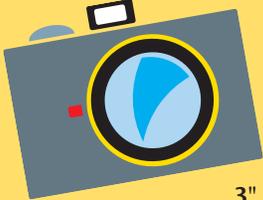


# 1964

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Great response from the e-mail to you all. So good hearing what is up with your lives. I was on campus in the fall and ran into **Nancy Woodring Hansen**. She writes how much Colby-Sawyer has meant to her over the years. "I am so proud of how it looks, the plans to keep it in good repair, and current for the students of today." She and Roger are getting used to his retirement and the changes that it has brought to their lives. They are selling their large home on Spofford Lake, NH, and moving to a smaller one in Keene, NH. They also enjoy their 2nd home in Craigville, MA, on the Cape, which they bought from her family. Nancy enjoys being back in the small village where she spent her early years on the Cape. She volunteers at the Thorne-Sagendorf Art Gallery at Keene State College and is co-chairperson of the gallery's education program. Her eldest daughter, Sonja, is head of the math dept. at Keene State College. She and her husband have 2 daughters, both at UNH. Nancy's son, Christian, is administrator at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington, MA. He lives in Chelmsford and has 2 children, 12 and 9. Her youngest, Inga, is a freelance writer in Los Angeles. "Our lives are rich and full and we'd love to read about other classmates." **Alice Lawton Lehmann** writes that she and Bill welcomed their first grandchild on Oct. 10. "Being a grandparent is over the top and having Gus 5 miles from us is sensational." **Diana Tripp** lives in Boulder, CO. She is an artist, working primarily with pastels, and says she simply loves the work and area. **Betsy Meyers Hunnewell** and **Laura Whittemore** joined the Reunion of 2000 and saw the beginnings of changes at Colby-Sawyer. Betsy and her husband, Bob, still live in Sudbury, MA. Her daughter, Chrisa, lives in Montclair, NJ, is married with 2 children, and is an NP at

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Columbia, working in a clinic for an AIDS research doctor. Her son, Curt, is unmarried, lives in Boston, and works at Bank of America. Betsey and Bob spend most of their free time boating and horseback riding. She has spent the last 4 winters in Wellington, FL, with her dressage horse, which she had to retire last spring. After all these years she is without a horse; however, she is able to school her friend's horses and hopes to find another of her own next year. This winter plans are to clean out her house in preparation to sell, though going where and when was still up in the air. **Lois Richardson Strauss** and her husband still own Papoose Pond Resort and Campground in Waterford, ME. This past summer they went on a 5-week cruise from Boston, visiting ports in Newfoundland, Greenland, Iceland, Netherlands, Great Britain and Norway. In Oct. they were headed south for 6 months to Estero, FL, where they have a second home in a 55+ development of single family homes. She says, "Life is good. We love being snowbirds." **Sarah Caldwell Anderson** writes that she has been a retail regional manager for the past 30 years with too much travel and long hours. This past year she has been home staging for the real estate market. Sarah also assists seniors who are downsizing with furniture placement and accessorizing. She and her husband are repairing and restoring their 300-year-old home. Her daughter has 3-year-old identical twins, whom she loves to spoil and enjoy. **Kathrine Conathan Reardon** writes that her son, Tiger, was married Sept. 8 in a very small wedding in New Milford, CT. Kathrine's husband is still with FedEx and not plan-

ning to retire for a few years. Her daughter, Janet, is in HR in San Diego and loves it there. Kathrine no longer works for Simon Pearce...a long 7 years and she is very happy not presently working. She keeps in touch with **Hedy Ruth Gunther** and **Ann Franklin Ewig**, both of whom are enjoying their grandchildren: Hedy has twins, a boy and girl, and Ann at last count had 6. Kathrine says, "We had such a good time at our last Reunion, so have a couple of years to plan for the next. We could be living in New England by then..." **Ellen Terhune Schauff** and **Cathy Wood Hallsworth '65** and I still try to get together a couple of times a year for lunch, usually in Concord, NH. (Anyone in the area would be welcome to join us...let me know.) This past July, **Liz Ridley Mills** joined us. She and her husband are living in Rensselaer, IN, where he is president of St. Joseph's College. They have a condo in NH, so get back east once in awhile. They will remain in IN for another couple of years until Ernie retires, then will go between their condos in NH and Hilton Head, as well as visiting their 2 sons and families. **Ellen Terhune Schauff** lives in New London with her husband, Dietrich. They return to Germany once a year for approximately 3 months, and were headed there in the fall this year so that they could enjoy the holidays in the states. **Cathy Wood Hallsworth '65 MT** retired this fall as director of administration for her town of Hollis, NH, a position she held for 7 years. She began working for the town in 1993, and while she will miss the camaraderie of her coworkers, she says, "It was just the right time." **Susan Sauer Stone** sent in her first news since

graduation! Susie moved to the San Francisco Bay Area in 1965 and 5 years later began working at Stanford, where she is currently manager of the Civil and Environmental Engineering Dept. She has a daughter, Laura, who recently turned 40 and lives with her husband, Mike, in Salt Lake City. Laura has a geology degree and is a project manager for an environmental consulting company. Susie writes, "Seventeen years ago I remarried Jim Leckie, who is a professor of environmental engineering here at Stanford, and added 2 sons and another daughter to the family. They are all about the same age as Laura and went to the same high school together. Jim and I have a second home in Santa Fe, NM, and spend as much time as we can there. We hope to retire soon and maybe make Santa Fe our permanent home. The only alum I have seen since graduating is **Betsy Stanton Stockdale**, who lives in the area." I, **Lee Norris Gray**, retired from real estate about 2 years ago and my husband plans to retire as of Jan. 2. We can now start to do the traveling that we have looked forward to for years. We have one son who lives with his family in St. Augustine, FL, another son and family in Seattle, and the 3rd son and family in NH; so, we will be doing lots of cross-country traveling. I continue to volunteer with our local summer chapel, the Women's Golf Association, and at CSC as your class correspondent and as part of the President's Alumni Advisory Council. In between I enjoy a great book club, tennis, golf and my counted cross stitching—finally finishing the last of 6 Christmas stockings for the grandchildren. Thanks to all of you who e-mailed with your news. Keep it coming.

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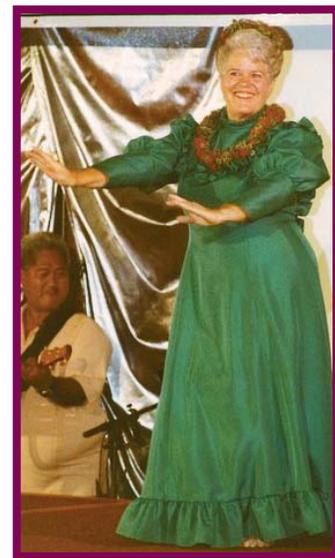
# 1965

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The Class of 1965 wishes to express to the family of Dr. Woodman our sincere condolences, and our appreciation for his sensitivity and caring. We were freshmen in 1963 when the world was rocked by the assassination of John F. Kennedy. Dr. Woodman spent many hours consoling us for which, many years later, we are still grateful. Several of my classmates mentioned his passing in their notes and all of us were saddened by the news. **Ruth Elliot Holmes:** "Dr. Woodman was really our president and we stayed in close contact since graduation. Even my daughter, **Sarah Holmes Tucker '95**, visited him regularly. Our handwriting business keeps us criss-crossing the country with speaking, jury and forensic assignments a la "CSI." In June we were with Mike Wallace of "60 Minutes" when Dr. Kevorkian was released from prison, and he has been living with us for almost 4 months. This is his halfway house until he resumes his independence again. There is never a dull moment around here, since the world is beating their way to our doorstep to meet him." **Barbara Frank Guilford:** "I was so saddened to hear of Dr. Woodman's passing. He was our president and father figure while we were at Colby. I can remember the day JFK was assassinated, and we were all glued to our TVs in the living room of Burpee Hall, and Dr. Woodman came around and reassured us all that this great nation was going to be okay. He went all over the campus to

talk to the students during that very stressful time in our lives. His wise voice will be missed by all." **Pamela Dodd** has been in touch with **Judith Emery Schoolwerth**, but the e-mail address she sent came back. Hope to hear from you. Pam writes, "I'm still hanging out in Orlando, FL. Spend most of my time online—I have 2 Web sites, [www.babybirthchart.com](http://www.babybirthchart.com) (astrological birth charts for children) and [www.best-of-time-management.com](http://www.best-of-time-management.com) (digital version of my Amazon bestseller, *The 25 Best Time Management Tools and Techniques*). I'm also head moderator on a large international Internet marketing forum. When I'm not glued to my computer screen, we're off visiting our 5 grandkids—3 in the Chicago area and 2 in western MI. Our 3rd offspring lives in NYC and is getting married soon. Also, my husband and I have spent a good deal of time in the last 2 years being treated for Lyme Disease. I figure I had it from before my Colby experience. Who knew!" **Ann Gorman Schenck** is now retired and serves on a number of community boards, including the DE State Arts Council. She writes, "My husband, Tim, is teaching, after taking early retirement from DuPont. Our daughter, Sarah, her husband and one-year-old son have recently moved from Boston to Wilmington, where we live. Both Sarah and her husband practice medicine in our area. We have a small place on the Gulf Coast in FL where we spend the winter. Life is good!" **Susan Woodruff Macaulay** loves to read the class news and hopes more of us will contribute. She writes, "At the end of 2007 I am retiring from Federal service after 12½ years with the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services in Dallas Region VI. I joined in 1995 after receiving my master of

public affairs from UT-Dallas and receiving the U.S. Presidential Management Fellowship. Married to John for 38 years, we have 2 sons: Craig, 34, and wife, Veronica; and Todd, 31, all living in Dallas. We have extended family all over the U. S. and attended the first Macaulay reunion in Keystone, CO, this summer. In mid-Sept we are having our first "Tucker" reunion at my brother's in Niantic, CT. I am the oldest of 13 cousins, and we decided, after my mother and favorite uncle died last year, that a reunion was a must—there'll be 54 of us (ages 84 to 7) attending from Seattle, Minneapolis, Dallas, and all over New England! I am very interested in contacting my 2-year Colgate roommate, **Suzanne Bradley Hoeffner**—last known address Montclair, NJ. Where are you?" Last fall, **Kahren "Muffy" Nottage Miller** competed in the 25th Annual Kupuna Hula Festival in Kona, HI. She had a solo, "Sweet Lei Lehua," written by King David Kalakaua, as well as two group numbers. She writes, "All songs had to be written for or by Hawaiian royalty, which means most of them were from the 1800s. Our Maui group, Na Kupuna Hula O Kaunoa, is comprised of 17 women, ages 56-93. Aloha!" **Leslie Seymour Wears** has had a difficult time for the last several years, due to family losses and sickness. She retired 2 years ago and is grateful that she has time to spend with her husband who, after serious illness, is on the mend. Hope you have an easier time in the future and can write us with better news next year. **Cathleen Earl Kostamo** has some news. She writes, "I was known as Cathy Earl at Colby, but go by Kate Kostamo now. In June I sold my house in FL and am living in downtown Fort Worth, TX, for this year! I guess you would call me an 'empty nester' now—have been divorced for 5 years and my son, Sam, is in his last year at UNF in Jacksonville, FL. I transferred my job with Cost Plus/World Market to Fort Worth—I am the 'wine lady,' specializing in selling wine to enthusiastic Texans. I find Fort Worth to be a charming small city with oodles of restaurants and music venues, but easy to get around. If any alumnae are



*Muffy Nottage Miller '65 demonstrates her hula skills during the 25th Annual Kupuna Hula Festival in Kona, Hawaii.*

in the 'Metroplex,' do come and see me at World Market in Fort Worth. Now that I am an urban dweller, I no longer have gardens to plant, pool to clean, lawn to mow, house repairs to make...it is refreshing for now. My sister lives nearby and we are getting reacquainted (she is also an alumna from Colby, class of '63)." **Susan Clapp Douglas** coordinates a place-based learning program for high school students in the San Joaquin Delta around Stockton, CA. She writes, "Many people don't realize the importance of this Delta and all the food the country receives from its rich soil. Students spend 3-6 field days learning about the Delta, planting native species, and supporting threatened animals or birds through their efforts. They also learn about career options and how to get there. I feel constantly challenged and inspired by this wonderful opportunity. In my spare time, I explore the countryside, create mandalas, and try to grow spiritually. My one daughter, Molly, is currently enrolled at the Aveda Institute in Denver." **Victoria Hinrichs Silks** says she usually doesn't have time to send in a class note but felt like it this time. "Perhaps," she writes, "it is the memory of Dr. Woodman. Anyway, life is full and my dreams of being an international color consultant/artist are coming

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true. I have been married 24 years now to the love of my life, Robert Santacroce. Our son, Christopher-Michael, works at Christie's as an art handler in NYC. Lovely to see the joy of our life get a fabulous job in the art world. I travel and teach about color all over the world with a non-intrusive system called Aura-Soma, based in England. Off to Japan and then England. Interested folks can learn more on my Web site, [www.victoriasilksdesignstudio.net](http://www.victoriasilksdesignstudio.net). Hope everyone else feels as much fulfillment in their lives as I do in mine. Love to all." **Shahnaz "Sheni" Menon Rana** was my roommate and we had completely lost touch, but this e-mail cam-

paigned reunited us. We will be getting together for sure. Sheni works for the World Bank in Washington, DC. She has 3 daughters and one granddaughter. She'll be retiring soon and returning to New Delhi. Sheni's family lived next door to the Woodmans in Delhi and so she came to Colby at his suggestion. It is such fun to be back in touch and she sounds just the same! **Dorothy "Darcy" Holland** has been an independent Eldercare manager for more than 8 years. For the past year, she has also worked with a major Boston North Shore hospital system to develop their care management program. Darcy had a wonderful

time this past summer, traveling around New England and spending a week at the Berkshire Choral Festival, a fabulous experience for choral singers around the world. She writes, "The most fun is my new scooter, or rather, motorcycle! Yes, I am, as a client of mine calls me, a 'motorcycle Momma!' Have always wanted one, and now I have one. So if you see a silver Aprilia Scarabeo in your neighborhood, just wave! I still enjoy having my 93-year-old mom living independently just 5 miles away. We trip to Bermuda twice a year, and she continues to be an inspiration in my life. Hope I can be the same for someone when I am in my older years! Hope all of you are well and enjoying life." **Sue Hewson Wise** has been in touch with **Tina Biggs Ferraro**, **Gail Taylor Meyer** and **Beverlee Fisher Anderson**. "I see Beverlee several times a month as we are docents at Santa Fe's Museum of Fine Arts. I am also in touch with **Kathie Drohan Flatley** and **Sarah Pitts Andresen**. I am still trying to break 100—very frustrating!" **Lois Gilbert-Fulton** and

her husband, Jim, went on a marvelous British tour for 2 weeks this summer, which she describes as a trip of a lifetime. She writes, "My roots go back to John Alden and Priscilla Mullen on the Mayflower and Thomas Munson's founding of New Haven, CT. in 1637. Jim's roots go back to his father, who left Scotland when he was 8. I still love being a paraprofessional in a special ed resource room in our elementary school. Jim teaches 2 GED classes a week and tutors a couple of high school students weekly in math. Son Tom is a high school senior and looking into a few New England colleges for next year. Our other son, **Christopher Fulton '96**, is daddy to Kaileigh, age 3, and with wife Kath is expecting baby No. 2." **Linda Ford Hodges-Marcotte** was recently married and lives in Goffstown, NH. She has been an ER nurse in Franklin, NH, and is soon to retire with her husband somewhere to the south. She has 4 grandchildren and says that life is good! **Chris Murray McKee** and **Tina Biggs Ferraro** are on the President's Alumni Advisory Council and we spent a busy day at the college this past Sept. The session dealt with the arts programs and was really impressive. The plans for the new building are fabulous. We also played a round of golf together, which was really fun. My news is that I am living in New London, working for Coldwell Banker Milestone, just renovated our home, and most exciting is I have a new grandbaby, **Samantha McKee Willard**, born July 20. That really changes perspectives on everything. I love it! **Sandy Coburn O'Dell** is also a new grandmother!

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I, **Susan Weeks**, continue to work at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center with some alumni from other classes: **Laura Cogswell '72** and **Linda Miller '78**. There are also several students from

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Colby-Sawyer's nursing program coming through the ICN during the year. It's nice to see them here, knowing they are carrying forward the educational excellence of my alma mater.

## 1967

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**Robby Bell '67 MT** retired from the Alberta Children's Hospital lab in Sept. so she can expand her landscaping company and still have time to ski, travel and enjoy the finer things! For **Francie King**, summer 2007 was a season of highs and lows. She was married June 30 to Robert Erbetta, with her family all around her, including her father who'd been ill with lung cancer for 2 years. Then, precisely 2 months later, she lost her dad. She says that things are righting themselves, but anyone who's lost a parent knows the struggle. She says she gets a "big Italian family as a bonus" with her new marriage. Francie continues to love her work at the Museum of Fine Arts. She also reported that one of the nicest parts of the early fall was going up to Colby-Sawyer for the President's Alumni Advisory Council meeting in Sept. and seeing up close the state of the Art Center, which she feels is "pretty needy." A motivator if ever there was one, and a new building project well worth supporting. She adds, parenthetically, "But **Pru Hostetter**, where were you? Please e-mail me at fbking@comcast.net! We need a catch-up." Francie reported that the rest of the campus looked spectacular, and work continues on the renovation of the dorms (McKean gets its facelift next summer). She was impressed with the energy of our college president and with his good staff and feels that they are a great group asset for Colby. **Karen Kaiser Falone** was thrilled to read of **Joan Campbell Eliot's** appointment to the Board of Trustees and feels she will be terrific. Karen says they see each other occasionally, and that Joan has survived a horrific bout of

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### Susan Austin Kraeger '68

**N**ew Hampshire may be far removed, geographically and culturally, from West Africa, but thanks to the efforts of Susan Austin Kraeger '68, they are more connected than one might imagine. As the executive director of Women's Trust, based in Wilmot, N.H., Susan is helping impoverished families in rural Ghana, while creating a model for microenterprise that is inspiring others to follow suit.

It was a chance meeting at a cocktail party that introduced Susan to Dana Dakins, founder and president of Women's Trust. "Dana was looking for someone to help her," recalls Susan. "I was looking for diversity." With a background in fundraising, including several years in the Advancement Office at Colby-Sawyer, Susan saw the opportunity to apply her skills to a truly worthy project.

Women's Trust is a non-governmental organization (NGO) that focuses on the Ghanaian village of Pokuase, aiding women through a program of microlending. The model is simple yet highly effective. Small loans are given to women who have formed a group of four or five; when all the women in the group have repaid their loans, the group is eligible for another, larger loan. The numbers testify to the success of the program: In the fall of 2006 Women's Trust had 100 clients; by the fall of 2007, says Susan, that figure had climbed to 900.

In her position, Susan oversees program development and communicates with the staff in Ghana. Her biggest challenge, she says, is managing the growth of the project without overextending the available resources. Susan makes regular trips to Africa, having gone to Pokuase four times this past year. With her connection to Colby-Sawyer, she has formed an affiliation with the Nursing Department. In January 2008 three students, accompanied by Assistant Professor of Nursing Shari Goldberg, will be traveling to Pokuase.

Susan's tireless work has laid a path for others to follow. "It's a very replicable model," she says. "We offer the ability for a group to partner with a town contiguous to Pokuase." Ultimately for Susan, it is her passion for the project that drives her. "I'm taking a lifetime of skills and using them all in this job—mediation, relationship building, fundraising, everything's getting a workout. To be able to use them this way is incredibly soul satisfying."

*To find out more about Women's Trust, visit [www.womenstrust.org](http://www.womenstrust.org).*

—Mike Gregory



*Susan Austin Kraeger '68, executive director of Women's Trust, pictured with Gertrude Ankrach, program development director.*

ovarian cancer. Karen further says that her life in Mickleton, NJ, just outside Philadelphia, is full and busy. Her son, Zack, is a junior at Perkiomen School in Pennsburg, PA, about an hour from her, and they're beginning to look at colleges. Zack is focused on the professional golf programs at a few schools. He and Karen played a lot of golf this past summer and entered several tournaments; it was a fun and enjoyable time for them both. Karen says, "At 60, I finally earned my A rating as a golfer and had my first hole-in-one. I hope to be in single digits by the time I am 65." This has been very rewarding for Karen as she had knee surgery and a long bout

of frozen shoulders to overcome; months of physical therapy convinced her how important weight work and strength training is in keeping our middle-age bodies strong. Karen also says they belong to Christ Church, Philadelphia, and she enjoys her work with the Altar Guild, Hospitality and Ushers committees. She says it's wonderful to belong to such a vital and historical church. She is also active in the NJ Colonial Dames and was interested in hearing that **Anne Wadsworth Markle '68** was active in the PA Dames. **Beth Holloran Bourguignon** says that "at our age I sometimes think that 'no news is good news' as the old saying goes!" She says

that life in Needham, MA, is rolling along with the same house, same husband, same job, same dog, and same kids as last year. She celebrated turning 60 with 2 surprise parties and a nice long weekend in Nantucket with the family. She spent Aug. at their house on Long Island, ME, with lots of good books and quality beach time. Daughter Amy is engaged so they are in the beginning stages of planning the Sept. 2008 wedding. Son Greg still lives at home and works in the next town, so he has no immediate plans to move. Beth thinks of **Taydie Poor Drummond** often and the battle that she has been waging. Beth's health is terrific after reaching

her goal weight, trying to keep a regular schedule at the gym, and being a breast cancer survivor. Beth sends her best to everyone in the class of 1967. From **Sue Schauman Paull '67 MT** we hear that the biggest news coming from Duxbury, MA, is that her lacrosse team won the state title in Division II. They had a record of 19–3 overall and beat Winchester 16–13 in the final state tournament game. Sue started the girls lax program in 1995, so they have come a long way in 12 years. Duxbury is now one of the powerhouses in girls lacrosse. As for me, **Sis Hagen Kinney**, I'm enjoying teaching 4th grade for the 2nd year. I have a great group of students and still, with 15, have a small class compared to some schools. Despite my 45–65 minute drive (depending on traffic!) I love where I'm teaching. Daughter Natalie began study abroad in Hyderabad, India, at the end of Dec. This will be a real change for me and my husband, Bobby, as we are accus-

tomed to seeing her at least once a month. I guess I'll have to bite the bullet and apply for a passport so I can do some traveling overseas with her at the end of her time in India! And, that's about it for our group, ladies.

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## 1968 Reunion

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The final segment of today's *CBS News Sunday Morning* showed a spectacular clip of sunshine-drenched aspens in Dubois, WY. It reminded me that I needed to get this column submitted. You ask, what's the connection? Dubois, WY, is home to **Meredith Dodd Taylor '69 MT** and her husband, Tory. It's only fitting that I begin the column with her news. Meredith wrote, "It's been



*Kelly McWilliams Dvareckas '68 poses with members of her family.*

a beautiful autumn, and the aspen/cottonwood leaves are at their peak of gold/coral/orange now. We have sold part of the outfitting business this year and hope to sell the rest by next year. I retired from my conservation job this June, and it's wonderful to have the freedom to do what I want now. It's a glorious fall, and I'm enjoying the freedom on the eve of my 60th birthday next spring." I'm glad to hear that *somebody* is embracing the idea of turning 60. I pointed out to Meredith that her picture appeared in the Spring-Summer *Alumni Magazine*. She was playing the guitar in the picture on Page 56. News from the west continues. **Lisa Dillmann Cox** wrote from CO, "Hi, Kelly! It was really fun to see the latest Alum magazine. What fun to see the Colby girls at the wedding of the daughter of **Janet Sawyer Campanale '67!** Jan doesn't look any different than she did when she left Colby! And for that matter, neither do **Polly Whisnand Butler '67**, **Martie Siegfried Fritz '67** and **Lynn Macdonald Bishop!** It was also fun to see **Judi Cook Kestenbaum** and you! It has been a long time since I have seen any Colby people. I have been in touch with **Judi** and **Sallie Saunders March**, but that is all. I am enjoying a 4th year of retirement from teaching; although I have kept my hands in it a bit by substituting in Steamboat, and more recently supervising student teachers at CSU-Pueblo. My husband, Chris, has also been retired this long so we have a full and active life. It has been a milestone this year with my son, Cody, driving; after

16 years, Chris and I have no time constraints in having to pick Cody up at school. He is a junior in high school this year, so he is beginning to look at colleges. Cody is a mountain bike and cyclocross bike racer and he recently was 4th in the nationals at Mt. Snow. As a family we go to beautiful places where we can bike and hike and sightsee. Cody's goals are the 2008 junior world championships (mtn. biking near Lake Como and cyclocross near Venice). I have probably jinxed him by writing this, but they are worthy and obtainable goals at any rate. We all still love to ski. As hard as it is for me to accept the skiing of today with the hype and crowds, I will never give up alpine skiing, especially when some of the best is right here. But we spend much of our ski time cross-country skiing, skate skiing, and back-country, where one is still able to enjoy the peace and unspoiled beauty. I would love to meet up with any Colby friends skiing in CO." What a great invitation from Lisa. If you're planning a ski trip to CO, look her up. It's hard to believe that you have now spent 4 years retired from teaching, Lisa, and I have just begun my 4th year of teaching. Sounds great that your family gets to travel together. Good luck to Cody! **JoAnn Franke Overfield '68 MT** wrote from WA to share a bittersweet trip that she made to Cape Cod, MA, last summer. "I had a great visit on the Cape with **Holly Lippmann Trevisan** and Nello. They have lived in Orleans, MA, for a number of years, and this is the first time I was able to get



**Colby-Sawyer Flashback:** *The photo above ran in the last issue of the Alumni Magazine, but we've only been able to identify two of the gals pictured. Joan Steward Jeffries '69 called to let us know that she recognized the gal with the loom on her lap as Leila Peterson Chaucer '69, and after reading Kelly McWilliams Dvareckas' class of '68 column, we realized that the gal playing the guitar is Meredith Dodd Taylor '68. If you can identify any of the others, please contact Tracey Austin in the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving at (603) 526-3886 or [taustin@colby-sawyer.edu](mailto:taustin@colby-sawyer.edu).*



Colorado Springs resident Lisa Dillmann-Cox '68 is a big fan of the skiing in her hometown.

out there. On a sadder note, the reason I was out on the Cape was to attend the memorial service for my wonderful friend and CSC grad **Nancy Keister Wellington '67**. Nancy and I knew each other since 7th grade, went to CSC together, and decided to expand our horizons and not be roommates. She roomed in Shepard. Nancy went on to graduate from Dickinson College and worked as a writer for her local newspaper and as a freelancer. She and her husband, Charlie, and 2 boys lived on the Cape in Cotuit for as long as I can remember." Our condolences to Nancy's family and friends. **Judi Cook Kestenbaum** lives in SC and sent this news: "After seeing my picture in the CSC magazine I figured I better do an update. Jeff and I love seeing **Lynn Macdonald Bishop** and Dave and wish they would come more often to Hilton Head. It is paradise. Jeff retired from AIG in June and loves it—me too, as we sometimes meet for lunch. We are always on the run playing golf, tennis, walking the beach, riding bikes, etc. We travel a lot to see our 4 kids and the grandkids, which number 7 and range in age from 2 months to 6 years. My 2 horses keep me at the barn almost every day, which I love; and our 4 golden retrievers keep us company when the kids are not around. LIFE IS GOOD!" Life sounds very full for Judi. My news starts off with a weather update and trip down memory lane. Earlier this week the temperatures were in the high 80s here in southern NH. As I write this it is a crisp New England fall day, reminiscent of when we

would make the climb up Mt. Kearsarge for Mountain Day. I also remember my first Parents' Weekend in New London. My mom and **Sue Schantz Spiro's** parents came up for the weekend. We spent Saturday up on King Ridge hiking and gazing out at the spectacular foliage. Back to Aug. 2007 when my sister, Patti, was back east in Barrington, RI, celebrating her 50th high school reunion. A brunch was held at the home of 2 classmates. I loved picking my sister up from the final event so I could reacquaint myself with her longtime friends. As I made my way across the hosts' living room, I noticed an embroidered blanket over the back of the sofa. I could just make out a few letters—I saw *Col* and just below it *New*. The letters peaked my interest. I opened up the blanket to read **Colby Junior College New London, NH**. The brunch hostess was **Judy Anderson Anderson '59**. Judy and her husband, Jack (yes his last name is also Anderson), used to have a vacation house in Wilmot Flat. We reminisced about Colby Junior and New London and bemoaned the demise of King Ridge. I thoroughly enjoyed my summer and traveled to Los Angeles to see another sister. She and I, and our families, have been vacationing together since our sons were newborns. That's the benefit of having them born six weeks apart. It has been a great way to have the bicoastal cousins grow up together. This year we went to Cape Cod in Aug. for a long weekend. It was our 20th year at the Cape. She and I then went up to Bar Harbor, ME, for a small family get-together. In Oct. our cousins partied en masse to celebrate an anniversary and have a family reunion in Stonington,

CT. In my immediate family, our 2 kids are doing great. Casey lives in Chelsea, MA, and is in his 4th year at Northeastern majoring in entrepreneurship. He expects to graduate in Dec. 2008. Jill works as a paralegal at a law firm in Washington, DC. Her future plans include law school. My realtor husband, Jack, is eagerly anticipating an upswing in the cyclical real estate market. My 2nd grade self-contained class in Manchester, NH, has 10 refugee/immigrant students from Asia and Africa. Every day is an adventure! Thanks to everyone for your news. Get in on the next spring-summer publication and e-mail your news to me along with a digital picture. Cheers!

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From the last newsletter, I hope you all had a chance to view the Web sites of **Sarah Haskell**, **Wendy Hazen** and **Elizabeth Early Sheehan**, as they are awesome! I am still waiting to hear from you all...please drop me an e-mail. Sadly, **Susan Bonanno** died in Italy, losing her long battle with cancer. I was happy that she came to visit me as I told you in my last news. She loved Colby-Sawyer and her dream was to open a secondhand store with all proceeds going to the school. Although this didn't come to pass, a few years ago she did start The Susan R. Bonanno '70 Book Fund to help Colby-Sawyer students purchase necessary texts for their courses. **Sue Moe-Raposo '71** is working hard to really establish Sue's Book Fund as a tribute to her memory. She is asking that we find it in our hearts to contribute by pledging \$5, \$10 or whatever amount you are able to give. You may, with sincere thanks, send it to **Colby-Sawyer College, Alumni Relations and Annual Giving, 541 Main Street, New London, NH 03257-7835**. A nice note from **Kathleen Johnson Peterson** says she and her husband relocated 3 years ago to Philadelphia and are enjoying the advantages the city offers. She was recently promoted to division program manager with ADP and, on the cultural side, she plays the celtic harp and would welcome the opportunity to play with anyone interested in Irish music. Kathleen would love to hear from some of her Colby Dorm housemates, especially **Mary Heroy!** Let us know, Kathleen, if you hear some news that we could publish. As for me, my job is great. I am still the dean at a cosmetology school, which recently partnered with Paul Mitchell Systems. The educational and travel benefits have been phenomenal! Son Jarrod is playing hockey, and my other son Nick's daughter, Lily (my granddaughter) turned 2

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**Send us yours.**

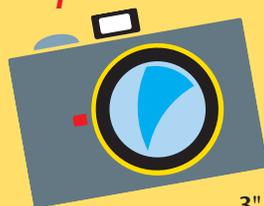
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the other day. She is talking up a storm and loves chocolate no-bake cookies! That's all the news from me. Hoping to hear from you very soon.

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## 1971

### Bonnie Pratt Filiault

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Thank you all who found the time to write and communicate a little bit for us! This summer a wonderful reunion took place between **Anne Alger Hayward**, **Anne Pouch**, **Jean Bannister** and **Bonnie Pratt Filiault** at the new beautiful farmhouse that **Margot Woodworth Seefeld** and her husband, Bill, built on North Haven Island off the coast of ME. We had a wonderful time reminiscing, helping Margot unpack all her brand new things for her brand new house, eating, drinking, and riding bikes all over her picturesque island. If she's agreeable, I think we should make it an "annual" and invite anyone else who's interested in a little nostalgia! There's always the beautifully renovated Nebo Lodge to stay at! Later on during the summer, **Mira Fish Coleman**, **Anne Pouch**, and I had a gathering at Anne Alger Hayward's new lake home on the Cape in Marstons Mills. She and her husband, Bill, have been renovating and the finished product is close at hand; I'm sure by printing they'll be ready for lots

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

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of company! **Sophie Brett Merrill** wrote that she was so sorry to hear about **Inger Shaw's** passing. Sophie is a Grammy now and has 2 granddaughters! Her children, Jason, 32, and Amy, 30, live within an hour so she sees them often. She has stayed in touch with **Betsy Ward Holm** and **Lisa Shattuck Halpin** and they see and talk to each other at least a few times each year. **Katy Leach Connors** wrote that she retired in June and has 2 grown sons. They have a primitive cabin up north in WI, where her family spends most of the summer. She stays in touch with **Laurel Denison** and **Sara Warner Blackburn**, but would love to see other classmates from Burpee when she gets back to the East Coast and NH. Need to make some plans, girls! **Angela George Laufer** wrote that she is the mother of 4 girls: 2 have already graduated from college, 1 is a junior and her youngest is a sophomore in high school in Chester, NJ. Angela had just returned from a wonderful 2-week trip to Italy. Now that would be a fun reunion, if anyone wants to put together a trip to Europe somewhere! Anyone

have a chalet in the mountains, or a villa on the Mediterranean? In closing, I am proud to announce that my daughter, Jen, who graduated from UVM in May, is deeply and passionately involved in Clean Power Now. Her work with alternative energy will, I think, pay off in huge dividends for our ever-changing world. Please write with any news or other information you would like to share with the rest of our class!

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## 1972

### Linda Kelly Graves

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I knew I was not going to be the only person coming to our 35th (count 'em) Reunion, though I debated whether I should make the trek or not, having just celebrated my son's wedding the weekend before with dear Colby friends. I knew that **Brooke deLench** would come, as she was scheduled to speak! Well, wasn't I pleasantly surprised to find 4 others from our class attending for a total of 6! We beat our 30th reunion turnout by 3! You go, girls! **Anne Quantrell Dennen** was there from Camden, ME, where she has lived since graduating from UVM, majoring in PE. Anne has two sons, 23 and 21, and is a trustee at her prep school in MA. **Cindy Warren Kelley** lives in Duxbury, MA. Her husband is preparing to retire. One of Cindy's sons works in the insurance field in Bermuda and her other son is in culinary arts. **Nancy Schaffer VonStackelberg** is moving to the Duxbury area. She has a son pursuing a degree in architecture and one doing a PG year at Exeter. **Lydia Biddle**

**Thomas** is the grandmother of 4! **Lydia** has left her job raising money for Central Park in NYC and was heading to London at the end of Sept. with a cousin and then starting a new job search in Oct. She would like to work in the environmental field and the "greening" of NYC initiative. **Brooke deLench** gave a wonderful talk to alums at Reunion about her recently published book, *Home Team Advantage*. Her book addresses the critical need for mothers' involvement in youth sports—not only as supporters of their children's efforts, but as coaches and administrators. It was a very thought-provoking dialogue. Reunion was a fun time—some great classes were offered by current faculty, and our new president is terrific. He's a man with a great vision for our beloved school and the energy and sense of humor to make it happen. You all should have been there! I think anyone who attends these Reunions comes away with that warm sense of friendship and camaraderie that so touched us 37 years ago when we checked into Colby. I know the 6 of us did. Colby-Sawyer continues to promote that atmosphere that made it so special to so many of us, despite its growth to almost 1,000 students. It remains a vibrant, caring, forward-thinking community—I wouldn't have it any other way. Come back and feel it for yourselves!

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## 1973

### Nancy R. Messing

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Hello, everyone. It was so nice to here from those of you who responded to my e-mail. I ran into **Cathy Fontaine Cantwell** at the supermarket in Wellesley



Sharing a smile are (l to r) **Mira Fish Coleman '71**, **Anne Pouch '71**, **Anne Alger Hayward '71** and **Bonnie Pratt Filiault '71**.

one day in Aug., when I was taking my dad shopping. She looks *fabuloso!* She and Dick raised their 3 sons in Wellesley, but after 24 years they have decided it is time for a change and are moving to the San Jose area, where warmer weather awaits! Dick is now with Cisco Systems as a consultant in the Internet Business Solutions Group. Their son, Brian, has been living in Chicago for the past 4 years, but will be moving back to New England next fall to attend business school. He is recently engaged to his college sweetheart. Steve is working in Minneapolis with Apple and their youngest son, Andrew, is a junior at Lafayette in PA. Cathy's brother lives nearby in Los Altos, so that will be nice for them. **Jane Haslun Schwab** is in her 12th year as a teaching assistant at a junior high in Warwick, RI, where she lives with her husband, Bill. She loves her job and schedule, as it means having summers off and provides lots of time for yard work and gardening. It also gives Jane lots of opportunity to get together with her sister, **Nancy Haslun Wall**, who lives in CT. Jane's oldest daughter, Lindsay, is in her last year at RI College, where she majors in elementary education. Other daughter, Taylor, graduated from UNH in May, and is fulfilling her "California Dreaming" wish in San Diego. She arrived just in time for the wildfires; except for being able to smell the smoke, she was fortunate to be unaffected. She will decide in the next few months whether or not to stay out there. **Christine Gram Croarkin** and her husband are also packing up and moving! They have been living in the New Canaan, CT, area for many years, as Richard was with Nestle Waters, North America. He is now with Alcon Pharmaceuticals in Fort Worth, TX. Good Luck to you both! **Betsy Williams Shake** and her husband, Jim, are proud parents of Chris, a junior at Bucknell, majoring in mechanical engineering. Betsy works in a gourmet kitchen shop in Marcellus near Syracuse, and **Robin Mead '72** came in recently—what a surprise! Betsy and Robin sang together with the madrigal singers in London

under the tutelage of Dorothy Crum. Betsy volunteers with hospice as a family care giver, and through their church does hospital home visits, leads a Bible study group for women, and is on vestry. Betsy, Jim and Chris had a wonderful time traveling to Germany in Aug., visiting cities where Jim's ancestors lived. "Being able to go on vacations is a blessing. 5½ years ago when I had breast cancer surgery, having chemo, being bald...a vacation seemed only to dream about. We have taken many great trips since then." **Lilly Heckman Cleveland** and her husband, Mark, live in Duxbury, MA. In addition to working part time at the Alden House Historic Site, Lilly trains public school art teachers in watermedia, a very unusual yet popular method for watercolor. She is also the gallery artist at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset and exhibits at The Front Street Gallery in Scituate. She had shows coming up at the South Shore Conservatory in Hingham and at the Attleboro Museum, both in MA. **Sharon Sawyer Cross** and her husband, Chuck, have founded a theatre group in Providence, RI, called RISE on Broadway. They are the resident company of the historic Columbus Theatre in Broadway in the Federal Hill district of Providence. They have received great reviews, a grant from the RI State Council for the Arts, and were producing 2 shows for the holiday seasons: "It's A Wonderful Life" and "A Christmas Carol." It's no wonder their 13-year-old daughter, Chandler, has been in almost 35 productions! Last summer she was Puck in "A Midsummer Night's Dream," and she has recently finished her roles as Louisa in "The Sound of Music" and the Genie in "Aladdin." Chandler is an excelsior honors student and is involved in many school clubs and activities and community service work. Their son, Clay, graduated from UNH/Keene last year with a degree in business management. He has written 2 CDs, has performed at numerous locations on the east coast, and is taking his talents to CA to pursue his dreams in music. Let us know, Sharon! Meanwhile, she and Chick are still restoring their

beloved 1895 Victorian in the north end of Woonsocket, RI. Luckily for them they have a carriage house out back in which to store costumes, props and to build sets. In their spare time they also breed Maltese puppies. As for me, **Nancy Messing**, our daughter, Caroline, is in the 10th grade at Pine Crest School here in Ft. Lauderdale. She is on the varsity crew team and just loves the sport. She traveled to Chattanooga in Nov. to participate in The Head of the Hooch race and said it was one of the best days of her life! When her team rows in Miami, my husband and son often travel down the Intercoastal Waterway the afternoon before the race and spend the night on our boat. Our son, Peter, is in the 5th grade and has taken up fencing at school. It is a great sport for him and is played indoors (think air conditioning). Please give some thoughts about returning to New London May 31–June 1, as our class celebrates our (cough) 35th Reunion! It will be great to see you!

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**Lisa Burke Hennessy** writes that she has been living with her family in Bedford, NY, for a little over 11 years. She and her husband, Peter, have 8-year-old twin boys, Andrew and Brooks. Peter is in commercial real estate in NYC. Lisa has been involved in the interior decorating business for the past 4 years. In addition, they are busy re-constructing an old house in Bedford. Prior to moving to Bedford, both Peter and Lisa worked in NYC; she for Institutional Investor, a financial publishing company. Lisa would love to hear from any classmates and/or former roommates.

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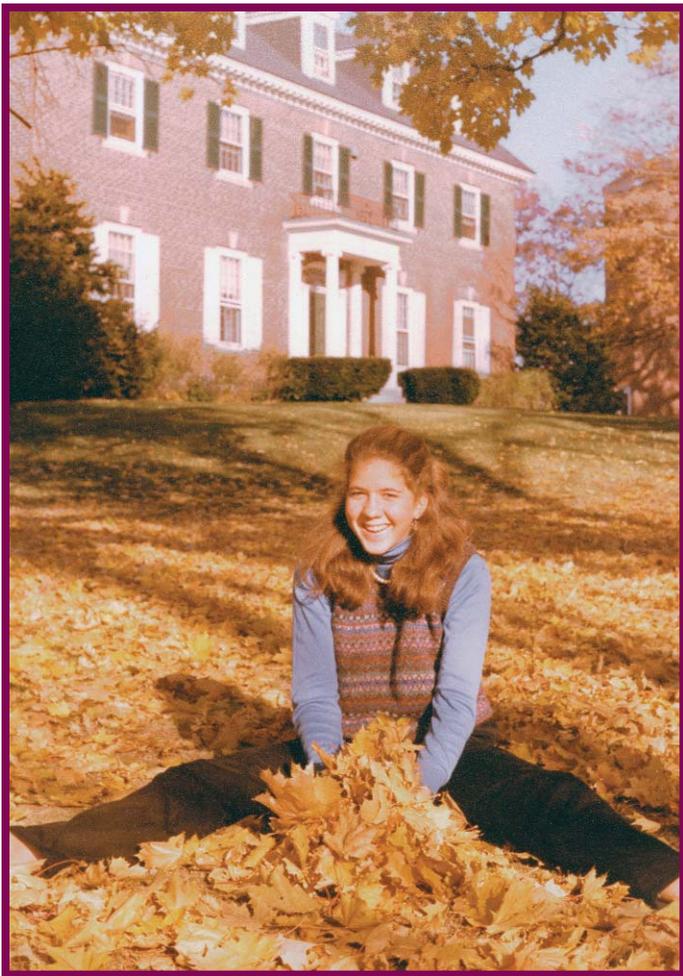
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**Laurie Ferguson** is still executive director of New Hampshire Made, promoting all foods, products and services in NH. You can learn more at [www.nhmade.com](http://www.nhmade.com). This past Oct. she was honored by the *NH Business Review* with a Business Excellence Award for Marketing Excellence. Laurie sent her oldest son, Buckman, off to Western New England College this fall, where he's majoring in engineering, and her youngest son, Canon, off to Proctor Academy (across the street from her house!). Her life is dominated by work and kids, but she plans to visit soon with fellow Burpee Dorm friends when they are in New London, including **Nancy McIntire Zemlin**, **Sandra Comstock** and **Jill McLaughlin Godfrey**. **Arden Avedisian** reports that she is still substitute teaching, meeting and greeting at the airport and traveling! She had a leisurely summer traveling,



In October Laurie Ferguson '75 was honored at the New Hampshire Business Review Business Excellence Awards for her work as executive director of New Hampshire Made.



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

sleeping late and doing water aerobics with **Amy Schimelfenyg**. Arden and her boyfriend, Hank, took a New England/Canada cruise where **Christina LoBello** met them at the ship in Portland. On the day I received her news she was leaving on a trip to Honolulu. After that she was headed to Budapest for a cruise on the Danube, and her hope was to spend Christmas and New Year's in South America! **Barbara Petzoldt Koski** currently lives in Old Lyme, CT, and has been married to Ray for 28 years. They are new empty nesters, having dropped their youngest son, Tom, at Northeastern U. this fall. Their oldest son, Ben, graduated 2 years ago from Haverford College in PA. He has just relocated from the Washington, DC, area to NYC, where he is working for *The New York Times*. Both boys are enjoying city life...

interesting since Old Lyme has a population of about 8,000! Ray and Barb now have 2 great cities to explore. She has lost touch with **Carolyn Van Vleck** and **Debbie Perkins Williams**, so if anyone out there knows where they are she would love to know. I would, too! Please send me your news. I, **Nancy Eaton Welch**, am still living in New London and working at Dartmouth College. I celebrated my 30th wedding anniversary on Oct. 8. Life is good. If any of you are ever in town, please give me a call. Having hit the age when the kids are leaving home, and it's time to reconnect with old friends, so has it happened. **Carolyn Van Vleck** (VT), **Lisa Love Blazewski** (NJ), **Ellen Wallace** (NY), and **Jan Linart Murphy** (NY) have done just that. Though Ellen and Carolyn have been in semi-constant touch since Ellen

moved back east from TX (both are public school teachers and enjoy groaning about it), they recently visited Jan at her home and had a blast! Then, Ellen reconnected with Lisa, who is now communicating with the gang as well. Carolyn and **Gail Gorton Bowman** (VT) also have a yearly visit. CVV says that **Sarah Munford** continues to run her flower store in Norwalk, VA.

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Hello, ladies! I sent an e-mail to all of you who have registered on the CSC alumni site, The Loop, to submit your news and updates. I would encourage you to register with The Loop at [www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends](http://www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends) to stay in touch with your past/present/future friends. Many thanks to those who submitted their update! The news from **Anne Delaporte Smith** was that their son, Tom, is now a freshman at Emory U. in Atlanta, GA, while their daughter, Jensen, is a sophomore at Robinson High School, where her club soccer team, the Vista Fury, won the VA State Cup. Anne continues in her position as the office manager for D3 Systems, Inc., and her husband, Tom, is still an IT consultant. Anne writes, "We, like everybody else I'm sure, are busy, busy—but would love to hear from my old classmates any

time!" **Sue Graham Winslow** writes, "I was just in New London over the weekend, and it looked as beautiful as it did back in '76 and '77 when we were all there. My son is at school in Meriden, NH, so we try to swing through town to Peter Christian's when we're in the area. I am still married to Scott Winslow. We have 3 children: Lexie (20) who is at Oxford U. in England; Sam (18) who is at Kimball Union Academy; and Keelie who is 15 and still at home. I write for *The Equine Journal*, run our horse farm, and enjoy volunteering in therapeutic horseback riding at Windrush Farm in Boxford. I am still in touch with **Susan Pratley Rillovick**, who lives with her family in Farmington, NH, and owns an antique shop. I hope all is well with you and I send my best to the women from Cutting House." **Janice Lowell Tilley** says that things haven't changed much on her end. She still lives in Newburyport and works in Peabody as an accountant. Janice recently celebrated her 25th wedding anniversary and has 2 boys, Matthew and Jason, and one grandchild, Michael. Matthew is the GM of the Danvers Butchery and Jason is getting his master's at Penn State. Janice drove by the college last fall and says, "The campus has changed a little over the last 30 years. It is still beautiful." **Suzanne Voth Gorman** e-mailed an update on her singing career. She will be going on a United Nations tour in April 2008. She says, "This is called International World Peace Tour4children. I am opening for Whitney Houston and Bono and many others. Stay tuned." **Debbie Pratt** writes, "I'm living in Middleborough, MA, with my husband, Ted. I have 2 children, Andrew, 21, and Kate, 23; 2 stepchildren, Tom, 26, and Amy, 22; and 2 Springer spaniels, Addison and Huck. I would love to hear from **Sue Michaud Diddel**, **Roxanne MacDonald Curley**, **Barb McKenzie Holch**, **Debbie Bray Mitchell '79**, **Sara Kruger Bressin**, etc. all from Burpee." And from **Lynda Coombs Coville**: "We were just starting to enjoy our empty nest status (2 children in college) and are on the move again. NJ and ME have been our home for the last 10

years, but we thought the PA side of the Delaware River would be wonderful and started to build. Two years later our home is complete, but we won't be able to enjoy it. We are moving to England after a 10-year absence, so must rekindle friendships abroad. Our free time is filled with golf and tennis, which keeps the family active and entertained. It's hard to believe that AARP status is right around the corner!" The news from me, **Wendi Braun**, is that I recently left Tufts Health Plan in Watertown as their learning and development manager. I am starting a new position at Sapient in Cambridge as senior consulting manager in learning and development. I'm very excited about this transition. Everyone on the home front is healthy and happy. I hope all my fellow alumni are also well. Don't forget to register on The Loop so we can keep in touch—just go to [www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends](http://www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends).

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**Karen Huntley Freeman** writes that in Aug. she took a magical trip to France and Italy with her husband and 2 kids: Sarah, a senior, and Jacob, a sophomore in high school. Karen has worked

as a laboratory manager in central CT for 2½ years now and would love to network with anyone regarding career changes—e-mail her at [karenhfree@sbcglobal.net](mailto:karenhfree@sbcglobal.net).

**Paula Magnanti** is northeast regional director of healthcare delivery for EDCO Group Inc., a company specializing in processing health information management. Prior to this, she founded and managed Strategic Healthcare Solutions, a healthcare consulting firm. For her dedication to the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Community, Paula was the recipient of the May 2007 Spirit of HIMSS Award, was nominated in 2006 for the HIMSS Chapter Leader of the Year Award, and was awarded the 2005 NE HIMSS Board Recognition Award.

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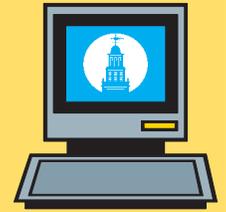
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Hi, everyone. This past summer I ran into some Colby-Sawyer alumni, right here in the Philadelphia suburbs. **Dabney Woolford Blackwell '83** lives in the area with her husband and 3 children. She is working as a speech therapist. I also met **Mary Knox Tatnall '57**, who recently celebrated her 50th Reunion at CSC. She mentioned that she will be hosting a reception for CSC President Tom Galligan in the spring of '08 here in the Philadelphia area. Those alumni interested in attending may contact her at [Tatnall1@verizon.net](mailto:Tatnall1@verizon.net) or contact the Alumni Office. I am now packing my bags and preparing to head up to New London for a friend's wedding. I look forward to visiting the campus! I hope to hear from more of my classmates this year, so please send me your news!

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I have such fond memories of Colby-Sawyer College around the time of year that I write this—the fall foliage season. There is no place in the world like New England in the fall. I close my

eyes and I can recall those perfect days of beautiful scenery and a crisp feeling in the air. One day, I have to take my family back to CSC and experience the foliage in its peak. I have never seen anything similar here in Europe. I love to travel, and this summer we went to some wonderful places, including a spa stay in one of the natural hot springs of Tuscany, a trip to the enchanting city of Venice, a week of beautiful walks and adventures in the Italian Alps, Valle de Funes, which was the place where the famous mountain climber Reinhold Messner grew up, and a week at the Club Med in Nabuel, Tunisia, for some crazy fun! One of the best advantages of living in Europe is that the vacations are amazing, without travelling too far. I am in the process of planning a ski vacation in France for the early spring. Have to brush up on my French. I did hear from some of you. Here's the news... **Kim Boyle Birrell** writes, "Our family just got back from visiting **Martha Munroe Callahan** and her family in DE. We flew down there and went to a Boston Red Sox game together in Baltimore. We all had a blast, as we always do when we get together. Martha's oldest daughter and my oldest are both in college now, so we had our younger daughters and husbands with us. All had a great weekend. Martha and I still have so many wonderful memories of our days living in Abbey Dorm! We hope everyone is doing well." **Lisa Dargis Nickerson's** husband, Nate, retired from the Navy on July 1 after 23 years. He now works as a government contractor in the Norfolk area. Their son, Michael, graduated from high school in June and has started his freshman year at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA. Lisa writes, "We decided to do all of our big changes in a one-

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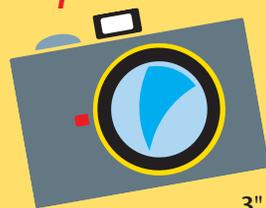
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month period! We are down to just Megan now and we are already starting the college search with her as she's starting her junior year in high school. I left the school nurse position a couple of years ago. It was a good job for where we were in our lives, but once we knew Nate was going to retire from the Navy and start a new job, I changed jobs. I now work 4 days a week in pre-op surgery at one of the hospitals. Big change from school nursing, but I do really like it." **Ann-Marie Grzybowski McWilliams** writes, "My son Douglas E. McWilliams is U.S. Navy "Seabee" with NMCB 74—the Fearless Battalion. He was deployed to Iraq from Oct. 2006 through March 2007, and he received a medal and a letter of commendation for his service from Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal. He will deploy again in Feb. 2008, so please keep him, and the rest of our military, in your prayers." Ann-Marie volunteers with Liberty USO of PA/Southern NJ, is a member of the Blue Star Mothers of America, and has worked at Aetna for the past 10 years. She says she still loves rock and roll, and catches whatever concerts she can in the NJ area. **Carol Engan Borrelli** sent me this essay about her spiritual journey after the recent death of her father: "My Dad died in Feb. and I've had a lot on me since that time. It is amazing how life gets away from us. It behooves us to make the most of our time here on earth, with our loved ones...to live each day as if it were our last. I so wish I could have some time back so that I could say some things that I never had the courage to say to my Dad. One day I will meet

him again and I just know I won't have to say a thing to him because he will already know. In my adult life, we always had a somewhat strained relationship. We actually are a lot alike, much to my dismay. He never had time for me as a child; I never had time for him as an adult. What a great vicious circle that is! My Dad was a little damaged, a little vulnerable, a little proud, a little sad, a little pig-headed, a little bit a product of his generation. He drank too much, smoked too much in his early years, womanized too much his whole life, and made many mistakes, but he 'did it MY way,' as he so often pledged. On the other hand, I was a little damaged too, but I learned to be who I am: a strong, intelligent, honest, unwavering woman. At this point in my life, nothing scares me. I say this not out of cockiness, but out of experience and the opening of the mind. Yes, I am still a sensitive, loving person, but I guess I have hardened in a way, and although I'm not sure I like this fact, it is okay, and I accept it. I think it comes with the territory: our society. This is sad. Regardless, I never doubted, through years of sometimes not talking to each other, that my Dad loved me. Where does this come from? It is instilled, it is taught, and it is learned. Be sure to instill in your children the fact that you love them, no matter their choices, no matter their lifestyles. Also, instill in them "The Golden Rule." It isn't a matter of being religious, it is only a matter of being a good human. Treat others like you wish to be treated yourself. Communication is the key to success. Honesty is the best policy. I am happy that in my Dad's last days we had a really great relationship, and many happy times together. He loved where he lived, he loved my husband, and we had a nice family feeling when we could get together...which wasn't often even though he lived 5 miles from me. Life is short. Live it well." **Gretchen Richter Massey** writes, "Thought I would pass on that I hosted a CSC reception with **Nancy Keefe Hirschberg '52** at the Larchmont Yacht Club. President Tom Galligan was in attendance. Also I recently joined

the President's Alumni Advisory Council, which was created to give alumni a voice in college conversations. PAAC meets twice a year, spring and fall. I attended my first meeting this past March. Regrettably, I was unable to attend this fall's meeting due to a back-to-school night conflict for my two high school students! When I was visiting last March I did bring my son, PJ, along, who is presently a senior. While I attended meetings he was given a tour of the school, interview and had lunch with a student. He did join me at the end of the day at President Galligan's house for a reception. It was an informative day for us both! Well, that's all for now! Thank you for doing this for the *Alumni Magazine*."

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Greetings to the Class of 1983. I heard from **Beth Knapp Olesen**, who lives happily in Portland, ME, with her husband, Kevin, and 2 sons, Jonathon, 17, and Casey, 15. After graduating from CSC, Beth worked for the Unum Insurance Company as the manager of competency development in human resources. She stayed there until 1999 when she decided to stay home with her 2 boys. Beth stayed busy, working in retail and spending time with her family. She also operated her own HR company, assisting others with resume development and interview preparation. She returned to Unum about 3 years ago as a consultant. "I love the freedom of being able to set my own hours and work from home," she writes. "This past year, I began working as a personal trainer while training for a marathon along with the rest of my family. Jonathon and Casey are both high school honor students and they play soccer and lacrosse." Jonathon will attend the U. of Southern ME next year. Beth loves living in ME because of the seasons, as well as being able to sail and ski and enjoy the lakes, oceans and mountains. "My husband, Kevin, is the

operations manager for Huttig Building Products. We will be celebrating our 20th anniversary this month. **Penny MacDonald Sirjane '86** was our maid of honor, is Jonathon's godmother, and we are still very close! I can't believe how time has flown. I certainly don't feel any older, but am surprised when I look at my two 6 ft. boys, especially as they near the time to head off to college!" As for me, **Gail Smart Scibelli**, I relocated to Miami this past fall. We found a place on the water near Coconut Grove. Of course moving is never fun and I will miss New England terribly. But Tony (my fiancé) and I are excited for a new adventure! I would love to hear from other folks from the Class of 1983, so please keep me posted on your latest developments. You can reach me at [gscibelli1963@yahoo.com](mailto:gscibelli1963@yahoo.com).

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Ladies, can you believe we missed the deadline for getting this newsletter info out to all of you in a timely fashion? (We can, but thought it would look good to acknowledge this in the first sentence!) Just a reminder that the deadline for the next one is March 20, so please mark your calendars and send us an e-mail with all of your exciting news by then! **Sandy "Sofa" Couch-Kelly '87** was spotted on campus

attending a recent President's Alumni Advisory Council meeting. She lives in ME with her husband and 2 children. **Patricia Spiegel Montville** e-mailed to say she has been married for almost 10 years and has 3 boys. Christopher is almost 7 and in 1st grade, Conner is 4 and is in preschool, and Joe is 2 and happy to be home having Tricia and all his brothers' trucks all to himself. She works part time from home, recruiting senior level managers in the insurance and financial service field throughout the USA. She loves what she does and feels very fortunate to be able to be a stay at home/work mom! Thanks, Tricia. **Betsy Civetta Pontius** says she sees **Sarah Ketchum Reilly '85** every summer—she and her husband had dinner at Betsy's husband's awesome restaurant, Finely JP's, in Wellfleet, MA. Everyone should try it; they have done a fabulous job! I received a phone call out of the blue from **Karen Bowers '87**! What a fun conversation that was! She is living back in Hartford, CT, getting her master's. We laughed a lot and filled each other in on all the CSC news! It was great to hear from her. So please feel free to send us an e-mail or a phone call and give us the scoop. Look forward to hearing from everyone.

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**Elizabeth Holloway** writes that she and **Sandy Couch-Kelly** run into each other regularly in Falmouth, ME. They both attended the Nov. cocktail reception for alumni, parents, and

prospective students hosted by **Cheryl Flint Libby '69**. Elizabeth still works in a gallery picture framing and Sandy is raising 2 kids, Sarah and Sophia. Elizabeth says, "**Constance Hooker Panetski, Lizabeth Harrington '88** and I socialize continuously where we stretch across 3 towns that are connected (well, nearly connected coastally!)—Bath, Yarmouth and New Gloucester."

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**Melissa Clemons Russell** writes that she and her husband were visiting her parents in Concord, NH, from Whidbey Island, WA, in Aug. and took a trip up to New London. She says, "My mother, **Judy Clemons '89**, and I made a visit to Colby-Sawyer to peruse the bookstore and were surprised to see it was still in the same place as when we attended. Lots of new merchandise and a few new class subjects. We both came away with metal alumni license plate frames, free, and then a few other bought items! We joined our husbands for lunch at Peter Christian's, which was just as delicious as we remembered. It was a beautiful fun day in New London!" For the past 14 years, **Lauren Forbes Mulvaney** has been living in Newport Beach, CA—except for 18 months in Charlotte, NC, in 1999. She writes, "Our 4 daughters are all in school: Kylie off to

7th grade, Kendall in 6th grade and Katherine and Kennedy in the 3rd grade. My high school sweetheart, now husband for 13 years, Brian, and I are realizing that CA is home, though we willingly head back to Boston at least twice a year to see our families. Due to the current demand at home I am still a stay-at-home mom. My Colby-Sawyer education helped me for years in the work force, but now the calling is to be around for my daughters. We have high hopes that this winter we will bring the girls to New London. Only my older 2 girls have been to Colby-Sawyer with me when they were really small. Thank you for keeping us connected!"

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**Heidi Walkup '93** writes, "I've been reading the *Alumni Magazine* for 15 years and every issue I say, 'I have to write in and let people know what I have been doing with my life.' Then time passes and life gets in the way and I never do. Well, here it is in a nutshell. In 1992, after CSC, I moved to Boston where I worked as a personal trainer at the famous Boston Racquet Club in the financial district. I had some wonderful clients and made plenty of money, but missed the horses tremendously. In 1993 I bought and sold an equestrian facility and moved to 'Horse Country'—Louisville, KY, where I owned and campaigned a string of race horses and show hunters. While showing at the 2000 Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington, FL, I met and married Stephen S. Lengyel, a horse professional from a family of horsemen in Houston, TX. Since 2002 we have been proud owners of Wall Street Inc., a world class equestrian facility on 55 scenic acres in Riverview, FL, about 20 minutes south of Tampa. We focus on sales, breeding, and showing top hunters and jumpers. While the farm keeps us busy we still find time to travel a couple times of year to the FL Keys and Cape Cod, still trying to make our way to New London to see all the changes that have transpired since 1992. I also own The Bull & Bear Boutique, Inc., an upscale jewelry boutique that caters to the equestrian community. No children thus far, but we are the proud parents of 5 Chihuahuas, 2 black labs, 2 mutts, 2 barn cats and 40+/- horses and ponies. Our Web site is [www.wallstreetfarm.com](http://www.wallstreetfarm.com) and I invite all CSC equestrian alumni to stop in for a visit if ever in sunny FL. Actually, last year I

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## Shannon McLaughlin Scully '91

### Which dorm(s) did you live in?

All except Best and Abbey. Burpee wasn't really open back then, and by the time it was, I had moved off campus.

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

Fine and Performing Arts Professor Jerry Bliss and Director of Academic Affairs Nancy Teach '70. Jerry was a great drama teacher, an excellent human being, and taught me a lot. And Nancy was one of the hippest, most straight-up people I knew. She never talked down to us, she was real.

### Where do you live now?

Kemah, Texas, on my sailboat, Silverheels.

### How'd you end up there?

I was trying to make it as a musician in Austin, Texas, "The Live Music Capital of the World." I was doing alright, had cut a few CDs and received good reviews, but after my blues band fell apart, I thought, there has got to be something more than this. Inspired by the book *Tales of a Female Nomad* by Rita Golden Gelman, I realized that what I really wanted to do was travel the globe in a sailboat and make music with the people that I encountered. So my partner, Mike, and I bought a sailboat and we moved onto it last year.

### Okay, we're intrigued. Tell us more about this nomadic plan.

You can find out all about it on my Web site [www.officialoneworldonesong.com](http://www.officialoneworldonesong.com). The idea is to spend years on a journey of music and global communication. I'm planning a documentary about the journey as well as recording music. We're looking for investors, sponsors, musicians, and educators to get involved. Anyone that's interested can email me at [oneworldonesong@gmail.com](mailto:oneworldonesong@gmail.com). How's that for shameless self promotion?



### That's what we're here for. Anything else to plug while you're at it?

I have a new band, The Albergs—called that because all three of us live on Alberg-designed sailboats. You can listen to the rough cuts of our CD at [www.myspace.com/thealbergs](http://www.myspace.com/thealbergs). We plan on taking all three of the Albergs out rafting one weekend to a place called Redfish Island where we'll give a floating concert. It should be a blast.

### Time for the important questions. Favorite TV Show?

"Reno 911."

### Favorite record?

I have had so many different musical influences my whole life I don't think I can answer that definitively. Possibly "Talking Timbuktu" by Ali Farka Toure and Ry Cooder. Or anything by Led Zeppelin.

### Last book read?

I am currently reading *Don Quixote*. I realized the other day that I had never read it. An oversight on all my teachers' parts, I am sure!

### What was your New Year's resolution?

I don't make New Year's resolutions because, as soon as I tell myself that I can't do something, I go right ahead and do it. With a vengeance.

For more installments of Q&Alumni, visit [www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends/faces](http://www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends/faces).

sold 2 horses to CSC alumni—small world. I run into former graduate and coach **Mary Drueding '83** in the winters at HITS Ocala Horse Shows and we catch up on how she is in the collegiate horse world. Well that's it, 15 years in 3 paragraphs. Hope I didn't bore y'all to death!" **Robyn True** gave birth to daughter number 2 on Aug. 29. She says that everyone is well in their house.

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## 1993 Reunion

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## 1994

### Class Correspondent Needed

*Editor's Note: Special thanks to Theresa "Rene" Whiteley-Warren and Tracy Sutherland Fitch, who served as '94 class correspondents from 2001-2007.*

Greetings, class of '94. We hope that everyone had a fun summer and a wonderful fall. I know that spending time on the Cape and in PA with my family this summer was a much needed break from the craziness of life. **David Morin** writes, "We've had a very busy summer in the Morin household. Our son, Jack, is nearly 5 and it seems we've always got something planned for the weekends. Sara started a local chapter of the AIGA and has been very busy with that. I'm in my 2nd year as president of the New England Chapter of the TLCA (Toyota Land Cruiser Assoc.). I also just celebrated 10 years here at Nomad Communications. We've spent the summer remodeling our kitchen with the help of Sara's father. It's something we've wanted to do since we bought our house 9 years ago and it's great to finally have it finished. I've been busy all summer planning my Land Cruiser

club's annual 3-day camping and off-roading event, which went off without a hitch. We had almost 100 people in 70+ trucks off-roading in the Hancock, NH, area for 3 days. It was amazing. I'm also restoring a '74 Land Cruiser FJ55 in my garage, though it wasn't ready in time for our event." **Heather Stockford Van Gelder** wrote to us from MO, where she has lived for the past 2 years with her husband, Scott. She is a video producer for the largest hospital in Springfield and is back in school to get her M.Ed. in technology. Heather and Scott were married in FL on Feb. 25, 2007. She states, "Life is different living in the Midwest, but I am happy." **Jeanne "Bean" Crowell Willis** writes that she is still at the same job at JPMC. Her 2 kids are 7 and 4 and are doing all of the fun things that they do for their age group. She also writes, "My husband and I just cele-

brated our 10-year anniversary by going to Buffett at Gillette Stadium and sitting in one of the luxury boxes. A bit different from 10 years ago when we were on the lawn at Great Woods! We spent a lot of time on the Cape this summer, staying in Cummaquid and spending a lot of time at the family's cottage at Sandy Neck." **Jack Tremblay** and his wife, **Heather Quigley Tremblay '95**, live in St. Albans, VT, with their boys Jacob (4) and Teddy (14 months). He is an art director at Direct Design in Burlington and Heather is a stay-at-home mom with a part-time job every other weekend at Franklin County Health & Rehab. He will become a partner at his firm next year. Jack also says, "After spending some time with **Dan Berry** and **Patricia Randall Berry** and their kids in Bar Harbor, ME, this past summer, we are now looking forward to catching up with more friends at Friend's Thanksgiving in Oct. This year we're being hosted by **Dave Morin** and **Sara Hodgkins Morin '95** and their son, Jackie, and we expect a great turn out, including **Ally Goff Sharpe** and her family, **Chris Gasparro**, and **Tony Librot** and his wife, Sue, who will be attending with their new son, Harrison." **Tobi Harrington Murch** let us know that she and her husband, Rich, welcomed a little boy this past

spring, Parker. Tracy and I both want to thank everyone for the information you have sent us for the past 7 years and to let you know that we are going to take a break from this position. We are looking forward to reading the notes in the years to come and wish everyone well.

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Thanks to everyone who sent updates on such short notice. For those of you who haven't had an opportunity to visit The Loop yet, definitely check it out. It's a wonderful resource for alumni and an easy way to reconnect with old classmates and friends. Just go to [www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends](http://www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends). I, **Jeanne Corcoran Wiggin**, had a busy fall. My husband, Matt, son Gavin, and

I welcomed **Kelsey Corcoran Wiggin** into the world on Sept. 18, weighing 7 lbs 8 oz and measuring 20 inches. We're all doing great and Gavin loves his new role as big brother. Class correspondent **Wendy Mansson Olsen** and her husband recently moved to Portland, OR, with their twin boys. **Amy Henderson** has moved to Mooresville, NC, where she teaches high school English and works as a motorsports journalist and an editor on Frontstretch.com, one of the largest independent motorsports sites on the Web. "I love it here," she writes. "I'm still riding and showing when I have the time, but my horse is still back in NH, so I'm riding some different horses at the moment. If anyone is in the area, feel free to drop me a line at amy@frontstretch.com. I'd love to hear from you!"

**Lynn Hart Cutting** resides in Hampton, NH. Her daughter, Paige, started Kindergarten last year and loves it. She will be 6 in Jan. and Lynn's son, Parker, is in 2nd grade and will be 8 in Jan. "I hope all is well and everyone from CSC is enjoying life," Lynn writes. **Chris Andriski** still lives in Portsmouth and sees many CSC alumni. He is currently the assistant principal at Newmarket Jr./Sr. High School and is looking to take over next year, as his principal is about to retire. "That's right," Chris writes, "I



*Jeanne Corcoran Wiggin '95, her husband, Matt, and their son, Gavin, welcomed daughter/sister Kelsey Corcoran Wiggin into the world on Sept. 18, 2007.*

am in charge of kids and get to tell teachers how to teach—who would have pegged that one?" Chris was finishing his CAGS this past Nov. and taking care of his 4-year-old daughter. **Jill Rivers** is now teaching 4th grade at the same school (Stone Ridge, a Sacred Heart school in Bethesda, MD). She had a great adventure over the summer. "I volunteered in Monteverde, Costa Rica, with Global Volunteers (the same organization I worked with when I went to Australia)," she writes. "I was in Monteverde for 2 weeks and worked in a small mountainous town in the Cloud Forest called San Luis. I ended up

## Sherwood/Barth Wedding



*Brenda Sherwood Barth '95 married Rob Barth on Feb. 24, 2007.*



*Pictured (l to r) are Lynne Morse '95, Sara Gilderdale Morcom '95, Robert Barth, Patrick Desmond '95, Brenda Sherwood Barth '95, Kimberly Lunt Dugas '98, Jacqueline Swain Coe '95, Jill Kleimon Votano '95 and Laurel Rickert Ciechon '95.*

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## Gregg Carville '95

The Merrill Auditorium is the premier performing arts facility in Portland, Maine. Known to locals simply as “the Merrill,” it seats almost 2000 people, is home to the Portland Symphony Orchestra, boasts a world class pipe organ, and is a venue for ballet, concerts and theater. Overseeing the logistics of bringing in hundreds of performers a year is the daunting task of the technical director, a position held by Gregg Carville '95.



When Gregg arrived at Colby-Sawyer he wasn't sure which career path to pursue. Making good use of the liberal arts curriculum, he explored a wide range of subjects, including history, business and art. It wasn't until his senior year and the gentle prompting of the registrar that he finally declared a major, opting for arts management. In high school Gregg had acted in a few plays and helped build sets, but he hadn't considered a theater career. Encouraged by his college advisor, Fine and Performing Arts Professor Jerry Bliss, he began to audition for student plays. “At some point,” Gregg recalls, “Jerry said, ‘I need someone to light a show.’ And that’s how I was thrown into the world of technical theater.”

Starting with the first show of his sophomore year, Gregg designed the lighting for seven shows over his Colby-Sawyer career. After graduation, he went on to New York University where he received a master's in lighting design. New York City was exciting but not a place he particularly wished to call home, so he returned to Portland, Maine. When the position at the Merrill opened up, Gregg was thrilled to be able to find work in his field right in his hometown.

As technical director, Gregg facilitates the use of the space by all kinds of groups, who perform for one night or for a week before making way for the next group. With performances scheduled 250 days a year, it's a continual balancing act to make sure that everything runs smoothly. Fall is a particularly heavy time, with 40 to 50 shows passing through the Merrill from October through New Year's Eve.

Ironically, Gregg credits his career to the fact that Colby-Sawyer does not have a theater major. While his peers at NYU typically arrived having lit one or two shows, Gregg already had much more hands-on experience, benefiting from the relative lack of competition and his own hunger to learn as much as he could. “There's always something new to learn,” he says. “If you don't learn something in theater then you're not really trying.” When asked what advice he would pass on to others considering a career in theater, he cautions, “If you have the desire to do anything else, you do it. I've been blessed—or cursed—with the desire to do this. And I wouldn't change it.”

—Mike Gregory



Jill Rivers '95 stands in front of the mural she designed, created and drew during her trip to Costa Rica.

creating a mural for the front of this elementary school. Global Volunteers' philosophy is to work with the locals to strive to be self-reliant and building community. So for every volunteer working there is a local person working alongside. We hardly spoke any Spanish and they didn't know a word of English, but we communicated and worked collaboratively despite the barriers, and painted the mural (on corrugated metal) in 4 days! Living in the rainforest for 2 weeks and meeting 16 other people from around the US was also memorable. For recreation (nights and weekends) we went zip lining through and above the rainforests, toured coffee plantations, and went on hikes. We also went to La Fortuna to see Arenal (an active volcano), went sightseeing, horseback riding, and relaxed in the hot springs! I spent a 3rd week further south in Gilfito, Costa Rica, with my sister and her family. Truly a fantastic trip and experience.” Chris “Koz” Kozlowski writes that a lot is happening on the east side of NH these days. “I was just elected Vice Chairman of the NH Lodging and Restaurant

Association, which will put me in line to become Chairman of the Board in 2010. I was also nominated as one of the 3 finalists for the Restaurateur of the Year Award in NH also by the NHLRA. It's keeping me very busy, but it's worth the time to fight for restaurant and lodging establishments here in NH. My wife, Christen Wallingford Kozlowski '96, is still doing great with real estate. Things have dropped somewhat in the market, but have leveled off in this area. Dominic is now 1 1/2 years old and enjoyed dressing up as a monkey for Halloween.” Rob Peaslee writes that he and his wife, Katie, still live in Boulder, CO. “I will graduate with my Ph.D. in media studies from the U. of CO, Boulder, in Dec. 2007, after which I will go on a 3-week bender before resuming my harrowing, soul-crushing search for gainful employment. I have several application packets out for tenure track teaching positions all around the country and could end up anywhere from San Diego to UNH. Meanwhile, I'm paying the bills by doing some research work and bartending at a little spot in Boulder called The

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## Colby-Sawyer Alumni Night at Fenway Park

On June 29, 110 Colby-Sawyer alumni and friends cheered on the Boston Red Sox as they defeated the Texas Rangers, on their way to winning the 2007 World Series.



(Back row, l to r) Jen Wood '06, Lisa Woodbury '06, Heidi O'Brien '06, Bonnie Lull '06, (front row, l to r) Matt Danahy '05 and Heather Billings '02.



(L to r) Jess Tucker, Sarah Holmes Tucker '95 and Brian Ahrens '96 (far right) and his girlfriend, Gina DeFusco.



Julia Costello '06, Kristin Koslowski '06 and Travis Soule '06.



President Tom Galligan (right) and his daughter, Sarah.



(Back row, l to r) Neil Cremin '94, Kate "Irish" Ireland '98, T.J. Gondek '95, Jeff DelliColli '95, (front row, l to r) Nicole Cremin (wife of Neil Cremin), Marcy Bronzino Bettencourt '93 and Melissa Tucci '93.



Jen Wood '06, Bonnie Lull '06 and Tarren Bailey '06.



(Back row, l to r) Chris Gray '05, Peter Sula '03, Sarah Crete '04, (front row, l to r) Hanni "Maria" Lincoln '05, Lynsey Ells '04 and Becky Brault '04.



(Rear, l to r) Beth Freeman '99, Melanie McCabe Robinson '01, (front row, l to r) Jennifer Mitchell Buckler '99 and her guest, Kate Lovell '00 and Jen Prudden '00.

Kitchen (if anyone finds their way into town, they should stop by). Katie and I just celebrated our 1-year anniversary last Aug. Finally, I recently lost to Jay Geiger '94 in fantasy football, marking the 7,102nd contest in which he has bested me." Elizabeth Ford Breton '96 writes that she and her husband, Mike, celebrated their 5-year anniversary

in Nov. 2007. "It seems so hard to believe that it has been that long already. We just bought our first house last Aug. and are still getting settled in. We are living up in Campton in a new development. So far we are the 'youngest' couple there. It has been so beautiful with the leaves changing up there." They spent their first Thanksgiving with

their moms only. Elizabeth and her husband do not have any kids, but they have not ruled them out. Patrick O'Neill '96 traveled to Kauai, HI, in July 2007 to be the best man at the wedding of Scott Curtis '96. Matt Godbout writes, "Things are good out here with Denise and I. I accepted a promotion at the Indianapolis Colts to director

of sponsorship sales. It's a good opportunity getting into a management role, overseeing our sales managers and account coordinators. It's a different world on the other side of the desk, but I'm enjoying it. Gabrielle is now 4 and Andrew is 1 1/2. It's a new adventure every day with them—always something new and interesting.

## Back to Class



Lynn Hart Cutting '95 posing with daughter Paige and son Parker, on their respective first days of school.



Congrats to **Jim McGilvery '96** for being inducted into the CSC Athletic Hall of Fame—quite an accomplishment." **Brenda Sherwood** and Rob Barth were married on Feb. 24, 2007, after a short engagement. It was a perfect, yet cold, winter day in NH. Brenda writes, "Two months

later we welcomed our 8-week old golden retriever, Marley, into our home in Concord. Now at 8 months, we're finding that life before her wasn't nearly as fun. She keeps us on our toes and makes 'the little things' even more special. I still work at Bow High School and enjoy every

minute, and love spending time with pals **Sara Gilderdale Morcom**, **Lynne Morse** and **Jacqueline Swain Coe.**" Thanks again to everyone for writing in. Please keep the news coming. Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2008.

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Hello, class of '96! Before launching into an update, we want to bring you all up to speed on some recent policy changes for the magazine. As always, the Alumni Office appreciates pictures being sent in, but does request that you are in the picture; they also may edit our column for length so

some updates may be abridged compared to what you sent to us. Lastly, we have been instructed that the magazine will no longer print pregnancy news, but is happy to include birth announcements. So, to those of you who kindly sent us news of pending births, please send us the news of the baby's arrival! Business aside, we hope this update finds you all well. The Mulready house has been a bustle of activity. Our children are in the full swing of school; Cameron is in 2nd grade and Connor is in kindergarten this year. **Josh Mulready** has gone back to work part time at the fitness center at Nortel Networks and he can sometimes be found at the fitness center at Boston Scientific as well. In his free time he volunteers at the boys' school and otherwise keeps us all in order. We were very excited to host a reunion with the families of 5 members of the 6-pack this past summer: **Jen Rowell Pederson**, **Donnelle Mozzer Bowers**, **Kim Parent Flanagan** and **Laurie Bowie Foberg '97**. Given busy summer schedules, we were happy to find



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Amanda Wood Lopardo '96 poses with her family. Shown are (l to r) Charlie, age 3, Amanda, Emma, age 1, Lily, age 3, husband A.J., Lucy, age 2, and Nicholas, age 5.

a weekend that most of us could attend! Also, while vacationing at Storyland we ran into **Jolene Thompson Stratton '97** and her 2 adorable little boys, and later in the season **Corenna Reeves '98** and her beautiful son. (Apologies to Corenna—I am so sorry and embarrassed that I did not recognize you!) **Kathy Duval Winslow** sent a wonderful update. She and her husband, Dave, along with their 2 sons, 5-year-old Alex and 2-year-old Matthew, live in Bedford, NH, and are celebrating Alex's transition into kindergarten. She has been working for Southern NH Medical Center at the Joslin



Patrick O'Neill '96 (shown at left) traveled to Kauai, Hawaii, in July 2007 to be the best man at the wedding of Scott Curtis '96.

Diabetes Center Affiliate with **Chris Beaudet '05** and formerly with **Kerri Thompson '05**, who was promoted and is helping to start a new practice in the foundation. Kathy also reported that she still gets together with **Heather Bigelow Oberheim '95** and her husband, **Dave Oberheim '94**, and their children, 6-year-olds Marita and Max and 4-year-old Michael. She also recently spent some time at a lake with **Susan Stepanek Lavertu**, her husband, Dave, and their children, Ian, 3, and Connor, 1. Kathy also had dinner with **Rebecca Duboff Greenstein '95** while passing through Bennington, VT. **Kristine Smiley Phelps** and **Matt Phelps** have been traveling a lot with their 3 children (4-year-old twin girls and 3-year-old son.) Last winter all the kids learned how to ski, so they hoped to enjoy more time skiing as a family this winter. Kristine enjoys being a full-time mom and still works part time as a special ed teacher for Saratoga County Early Intervention. She also continues to work with the business she started with her sister, evaluating young children. Matt has changed jobs and is now a coordinator for work site health promotion for MVP Health Care. He also has fun coaching his daughters' first soccer season. **Tanja Carlsson Mauzy** writes that she and her

husband, Tom, wanted to get back to NH, so they have moved to Whitefield ("North of the Notch"), where he took a job at the regional high school as a guidance counselor. Tanja says, "I traded in my busy ED job for a much slower paced (but closer to home) ED job at Weeks Medical Center in Lancaster. Sigh... But the best part about 2007 for us was the arrival of our first baby, Ryan Max, in March during the -20 degree weather. He made this our Year of Joy!" Be sure to check out the online alumni community, The Loop, at [www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends/](http://www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends/)

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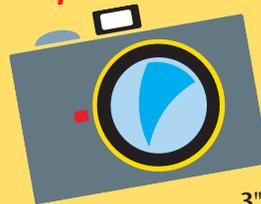
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Hey, everyone! I hope this finds everyone in good health and happiness. Next year it's our 10th reunion. Can you believe it's been that long since we walked the halls of Rooke, Burpee and Page? I, **Jamie Gilbert**, have been busy buying a home and moving to the country in CT. I'm still studying to be a doula while working 2 jobs and taking care of my 4-month-old puppy! I barely have time to breathe. In Sept. I traveled to ME to be at the wedding of **Frank "Rizzo" Abel '97**. There were a lot of CSC alums in attendance, including **Rob Kasprzak**, **Shane Hoover '99**, **Seth Hurley '00**, **Lahn Penna '99**, **Kyle Battis '99**, **Chad O'Neill '99**, **Nick Burchard '99** and **Pat Desmond '95**. It was a great time, despite the rain and cold weather. **Chris Quint** is doing great. He and his wife, Kim, are enjoying the life in ME raising their daughter. Chris was venturing to Boston this fall to catch up with some friends from CSC. I'm sure everyone has been busy this year with weddings, marriages and new jobs. I've heard from a few people, but I'd like to hear from all! **Lisa Lachesky** is still busy working with Northwest Airlines based out of Boston. She's been in contact with **Lisa Cote**, who just bought her first home with her boyfriend in Salem, MA. I hear **Rob Gagnon** is going to be getting married soon to his fiancée, Peggy. Congrats, Rob! **Beth Ferreira Webster** and **Kevin Webster** wrote the following to Chris: "Hey everybody, just wanted to drop a note to let everyone

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It is always great to hear from you. Keep on sharing the good news with us. I, **Suzanne Blake Gerety**, had a busy summer with our kids: Ryan is 2 and Shannon is 9 months. We took our first trip to Storyland and Santa's Village. I think I had more fun on the rides than the kids! It was great to get together at the end of summer with **Cara Falconi** and her son, Ian; **Melissa Eckman Binette** and her son, Camden; **Ari Lombardi Willey** and her daughter, Brooke; **Kelley Healey Blake** and her son, Colin; and **Nat Ciulla Katz** and her adorable dog, Colby. We had a fun day by the pool and spent most of the time chasing around the kids, but it was special to get time to reflect on our CSC bond. **Hilary Crane** writes that she enjoyed a wonderful 10-day vacation in San Francisco and up the coast through Portland and Seattle at the end of summer. She still enjoys her job at The Hartford and was recently



*Heather Gardiner Shupenko '99 enjoys "hanging around" with her son, Noah, who was born in July.*

appointed to assist in running the departmental e-mail box for issues that occur during the death claim process. **Heather Gardiner Shupenko** and her husband, Craig, welcomed their first child, a son, Noah David Thomas Shupenko, into the world in July. They are adjusting to being first-time parents, but totally love it. She says, "It is hard remembering what life was like before the little guy came." Noah has met several CSC alumni, including **Adrienne Shrekcast**, **Sara Burman '00**, **Kara Crane** and **Katie Reagan**. Heather stays in touch with **Ron Coleman**, **Colleen McInnis Roaf '00** and **James Wiley** and **Danielle**



*Martin and Missy Binette hosted a BBQ at their Amesbury, Mass., home this summer. Guests included (front row, l to r) Matt Follis '99, Pat Quinn '98, (2nd row, l to r) Katie Sykes Follis '00, Nate Camp '98, Caroline Camp, (3rd row, l to r) Martin Binette '98, Melissa Eckman Binette '99, Camden Binette, Beth Bryant Camp '92, Ellie Camp, (back row, l to r) Megan Donnelly Hydock '99, Ari Lombardi Willey '99, Brook Willey, Brian Wilder '99 and Shea Wilder.*

know all is going well down here in Dartmouth, MA. Brayden is doing awesome. He turned 3 on Halloween and is non-stop action. Hope everyone is doing well." **Mark Macenas** writes "Just moved from firefighter up to driver on the ladder truck in the city of Durham, NC. Traveled in Rarotonga in the Cook Islands and to New Zealand. All else is well. Still living in Youngsville, NC." I hear that **Kim-Laura Boyle** is back on campus working as a professor. She recently earned her doctorate in physical therapy. Hello, Dr. Boyle! **Jake Fish** has recently moved to Dallas, TX, from Pensacola, FL, to take a position with a PR agency. **Brian Dyer '99** and **Mindy Rumery Dyer** live in Saco, ME, with their 2 daughters, Olivia Grace and Gabrielle Hope. **Shannon Zimmerman** recently purchased a 10-acre horse farm and works as a physician's assistant at Holy Cross Hospital. **Meredith DeCola Trudel** is busy working as an operations delivery manager at Fidelity and keeping up with daughter Chloe. She and her family were planning a trip to Europe in the fall of '07. **Martin Binette** and wife **Missy Eckman Binette '99** had their first child, Camden Michael Binette, on June 21. Congratulations to you both! A small committee has been put together for creating a

great 10 year Reunion. If you have any suggestions, please send them along to me or Chris. Also, if you aren't already registered on The Loop, the online CSC alumni community, it's a great and easy way to connect with other alums! Sign up at [www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends](http://www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends). If you have any information about yourself or about your fellow alums for the next edition of class notes, forward it on to Chris or me. Take care, and see you in June '08!



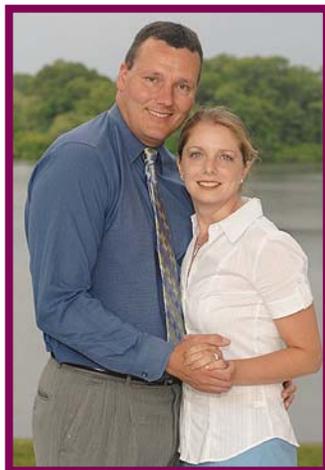
*Alumni Baseball Game Former baseball players participating in the annual alumni baseball game included (back row, l to r) David Shoreman '02, Shawn Herlihy '01, Justin Litchfield '04, Chris Lane '04, Ryan Smith '00, Chris Ames '05, Jason Few '00, Greg Genest '06, Jon Clay '04, Kevan Donovan '08, Jason Howse '07, (Front row, l to r) Garrett Chambers '03, Jon Nicholas '07, Ryan Willey '00, George Sylvester '00, Eric St. Onge '99, Ben Warrick '07, Coach Jim Broughton and Nate Duncklee '07.*

**Cartier Wiley.** **Jennie Mitchell Buckler** welcomed her 3rd child in Sept., a boy named Reed Hayden Buckler. Reed's big brother, Ryan, is 3 and his other brother, Nicholas, is 2. Jennie writes that it is so much fun having 3 boys. Congrats, Jennie!

**Beth Freeman** writes that in Aug. she bought a house in Ashuelot, NH. She has a new position at work as a trainer, which she loves. Beth visited Jennie Mitchell Buckler in Aug. for a long weekend. She also saw **Jen James Ensign** and her new baby earlier in the summer. **Kim Kogut Cote** was married in June to Adam Cote, who is a longtime friend of hers and of the family. Kim and Adam currently live in Laconia, NH. In Sept. they honeymooned in the Poconos in PA and were making an offer on a house in Belmont, NH. Kim was promoted to loan officer at the NH Community Loan Fund in July. **Shane Hoover** writes that his son, Simon, is now 3 years old and his daughter, Sadie, is just 4 months old. In Sept. Shane and his wife, Sarah, attended the wedding of **Frank "Rizzo" Abel '97** to his longtime sweetheart, Jeni. Shane was honored to be a part of the wedding party and got to see numerous alumni. In attendance to celebrate were **Chad O'Neill, Nick Burchard, Lahn Penna, Kyle Battis, Seth Hurley '00, Rob Kasprzak '98, Eric Kreis, Jess Warner '00 and Jamie Gilbert '98.** He writes, "It was a great time, a beautiful wedding, and a great setting on the water in Waldoboro, ME." Shane is still employed at Digital Credit Union underwriting home equity loans. He will be studying to become a financial advisor in the near future. **Chad O'Neill** and his wife bought a home in North Adams, MA, in the spring and they love being homeowners. Chad is in his 2nd year of counseling at McCann Tech High and is still the director of a camp for adolescents with disabilities during the summer. He writes that his photography has become more of a passion than a hobby. You can check out some of Chad's photography at [fanartreview.com](http://fanartreview.com); his screen name is ChadO. He gets to see his CSC friends at annual events and weddings. **Tracy Rowse Crowell** writes that

she had her 2nd child, a boy named Hunter, in March. Her other son, P.J., has been the best big brother. Tracy was able to get together with **Sara LeRoy** last summer, which she said was fun. **Joshua Bailey** graduated from PT school with his doctorate in May and passed his boards in July. Josh had been working in the outpatient facility at Southern ME Medical Center since May, but was changing jobs in Oct. to Saco Bay Orthopedic and Sports Physical Therapy, in Saco, ME. He writes that he is excited about the move, more room for future learning and lots of potential. Josh also recently was engaged to a girl named Lisa from Millinocket, ME, and they will be having an Aug. 2008 wedding in Portland, ME. Congrats, Josh!

**Adam Catalano** e-mailed, "I'm writing from my first night of a family vacation to Marrakech, Morocco. My wife and 7-month-old little girl, Eleonora, are here with me as we explore the desert and Moroccan culture." **David Bourassa** still lives in CO and works in student life at Rocky Mountain College of Art in Denver. Several of his photos will be published in the "Ski the 14ers" coffee table book due out around Christmas. The book documents professional skier Chris Davenport's quest to ski all of the 14,000 ft. peaks in CO in one year. Here's a link to the project: [www.skithe14ers.com/the-project.php](http://www.skithe14ers.com/the-project.php). Dave has also had some photos published for Black Diamond, an outdoor gear



*Heather Thomson '01 married Bob Arrighi on Sept. 22, 2007, at Lake Pearl Luciano's in Wrentham, Mass.*



*Jennie Cocchiaro LaBranche '01 poses with her daughter, Lily, and her husband, Ryan, who recently completed an 18-month tour of duty in Iraq.*

manufacturer, and he has a couple featured in the winter 07-08 catalog. He says that he still watches the Patriots and cheers them on from way out in CO.

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**Kelly Sargent-Feciuch** writes that she was married in May 2006 to **Mike Feciuch '01.** They recently bought their first house in Londonderry, NH. Kelly says they see **Greg Hooven '99** and **John Durocher '98** and their wives, as well as **John Gosselin '99** and **Liz Cronin Gosselin '97.**

**Tara Schirm Campanella** and her husband, Jon, welcomed a new addition on Sept. 30. She writes, "Sofia Grace came into the world rather quickly at 7 lbs, 6 oz and 19 in, joining mommy, daddy, and big sister Gianna. We are tired but enjoy having another little girl to spoil with love."

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Another fall has come and gone so quickly! It is amazing to think 10 years ago we entered CSC as first-year students. How fast time flies! Things in ME have been great. I, **Kristy Meisner**, have been very busy planning my June 7, 2008, wedding, as well as picking up some new job responsibilities. I had the pleasure of

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Attending a summer BBQ at the Rochefords' new home in North Billerica, Mass., were (back row l to r): Marisa Tescione Fagan '01, Rob Fagan '01, Noah Smith, Erik Rocheford '01, Katie Lynch Rocheford '02, April Smith, Jen Savio Smith '01, Woody Smith '01, (front row, l to r) Mike Spinney '00, Connor Spinney and Kristin Giannino Spinney '01.

spending Columbus Day weekend in the Adirondacks celebrating the nuptials of **Melissa Brown** and Adam Kane. It was an amazing day! Missy was such a beautiful bride. My fiancé, Jason, and I carpoiled with **Jennifer Pesare** and her boyfriend, which made the drive so much more exciting. Other alumni in attendance were **Nikki Fowler Martin '02** and the recently engaged **Randi Everett '02**. It was a great mini-reunion weekend in the Adirondack Mountains! Congratulations again to Missy and Adam Kane! **Jennifer Pesare** obtained her master's in elementary ed and special ed. She's been hired by a rural school district in Northern RI as a self-contained special ed teacher with students from grades 2-5. Jen's students are wonderful and have been teaching her to slow down and appreciate the

little things that they accomplish on a daily basis. **Amanda Rucci** lives in Manchester and works as a title 1 instructor in an elementary school with 3-5 graders. Last summer she welcomed a German shepherd/mix puppy into her home. She also had fun at **Hillary Andrus' wedding** in July, which was a lobster bake on an island in ME. **Kimberly Morrison Miller** was there, too, and said that she had a blast. There were other CSC alums in attendance as well, including **Julie McFarland Casey**, **Jaime Babine Wetmore** and **Megan Smith**. Kim writes, "Jay, Peyton and I are still living in Raleigh, NC. Everything is good. Peyton turned 1 on Aug. 2." While Kim was visiting on the east coast she ran into **Jennifer Caron-Small**. Jennifer writes that things up in ME are going well. **Michelle Opuszynski Schwenger** writes, "My husband, Chris, and I love every second of being parents. Our daughter, Olivia, turned one on Aug. 2. We have so much fun with her. We have been very busy with great playdates with **Katie Moynahan Burke '02** and her son, Colin; **Kasia Fadrowski** and her son, Matthew; and **Julie Tyrrell Olsen** and her son, Gavin. We also saw **Amanda Rucci** and her boyfriend, Sean, not too long ago." **Kristin Spinney** writes, "The summer was busy, but a lot of

fun. I was in 3 weddings, one being **Marisa Tescione Fagan** and **Rob Fagan's**. Marisa looked BEAUTIFUL. It was a blast! I don't think anyone left the dance floor all night. It was great to see many CSC people there. We enjoyed a BBQ at **Katie Lynch Rocheford '02** and **Eric Rocheford's** new house. It was great to visit with **Jenn Savio Smith** and **Woody Smith** as well. Their son, Noah, and our son, Connor, had fun playing with 'Uncle Rob.' Connor had a blast on his first trip to Walt Disney World. We spent many days at the beach, park, vacationing in ME, and a cruise to the Caribbean. We ended the sum-



Kim Morrison Miller '01 with her son, Peyton, and Amanda Rucci '01 at the wedding of Hillary Andrus '01.

mer with Mike's 30th birthday. A backyard Beirut BBQ! I still teach K-1 at Sparhawk School in Amesbury, MA. Hope all is well with everyone!" **Heather Thomson** married Bob Arrighi on Sept. 22, 2007, at Lake Pearl Luciano's in Wrentham, MA. Bob is a probation officer at Brockton District Court. They met while volunteering at an evening recreational program geared towards keeping teens off the streets and engaged in structured activities. He has a 12-year-old son, Brendan, who is just an amazing stepson. Heather still works at the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office as the director of program services. Her job entails writing for federal, state and local grant opportunities and then working with partners to implement effective programs addressing community needs. **Sara Hammond** is officially an attorney, working for a firm in Salem, MA. She was recently engaged and is planning a wedding for Nov. 8, 2008. Congratulations, Sara! **Noble Chipley Farrow** writes, "We're doing well, my son is now one year old and walking and talking



Jen Panther '02 and Katie Berger '03 enjoyed themselves recently at a friend's birthday party.



Missy Brown Kane '01 married Adam Kane on Oct. 6, 2007, in Inlet, N.Y. Alumni in attendance were (l to r) Randi Everett '02, Kristy Meisner '01, Missy Brown Kane '01, Nikki Fowler Martin '02 and Jen Pesare '01.



In May 2007 alumni gathered in Keene, N.H., to celebrate the marriage of Nikki Fowler Martin '02 and Ben Martin. (Back row, l to r) Bob Behn '02, Erik Rocheford '01, Matt Ferguson '03, Brendan Carney '02, Jenny Buck '02, Erica Reeder '04, Ben Reeder '99, Keith Perkins '99. (Middle row, l to r) Katie Lynch Rocheford '02, Kate Rocheford '04, Heather Billings '02, Stephanie Vickers '02, Lucia Savage-Reeder '02, Tracey Guarda Perkins '01. (Front row, l to r) Nikki Fowler Martin '02, Missy Brown Kane '01, Karen Kotopoulos '02, Randi Everett '02 and Erin Slavin Tate '02.

like crazy. I'm teaching art classes at the YMCA at night and we're planning our first family vacation for Oct. to S. Padre Island, TX, which should be fun." Tracey Guarda Perkins and Keith Perkins '99 are still in Goshen, NH, with their 2 dogs and 10 acres. Tracey is doing her very best to recruit many high school students to come to CSC! Tracey shares, "I did get a promotion

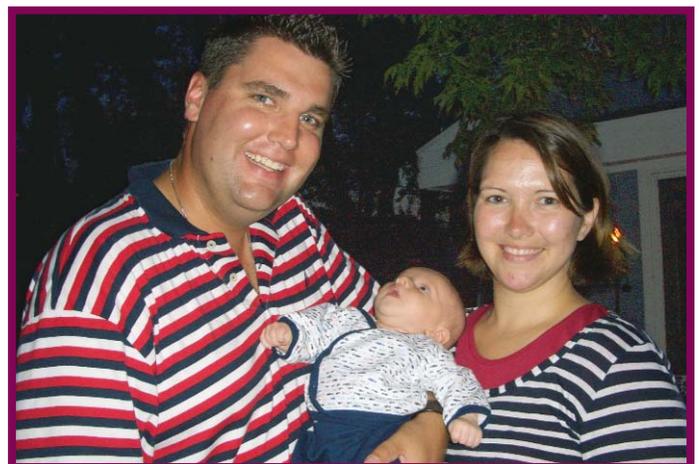
and I am now the director of admissions counseling. I love being on campus everyday. I will be finishing my master's in organizational leadership from Southern NH in May of 2008. If any classmates are ever in New London, swing by Colgate Hall for a visit!" Jennie Cocchiaro LaBranche and daughter Lily, now 2 1/2, are enjoying the seasons back here in NH. They

purchased a home in Goffstown while her husband, Cpt. Ryan LaBranche, completes his 18-month tour in Iraq. An intelligence officer embedded with the Iraq National Police in Baghdad, he returns home from the Middle East this holiday season. Then the LaBranche family is off to Augusta, GA, their next stop on their Army adventure. Plans are to extend their family with more babies, while her husband plans to take command of a military intelligence company at Ft. Gordon. Jennie really enjoys the

opportunity to be a stay-at-home mom, while teaching the best student, her own child. Danica Letarte Medeiros writes, "My husband, Mark, and I had a baby girl in Winchester, MA, on July 13. Her name is Natalie Francesca and she weighed in at 7 lbs 14 oz. Our summer has been fun taking care of her. I've gotten to visit with Susanne Day Teachout and Lisa McNamara on a few occasions this summer. We're still living in Arlington, MA, and looking forward to our baby growing." Travis Dunbar and his wife, Carrie, and son, Ethan, are living in their new home in Lisbon, ME. He works at Westside Neurorehabilitation Services as a rehabilitation technician with folks with brain injuries. Travis writes, "I am also racing on the NASCAR Super Cup Series and I finished 4th in the National point standings this year. It was my 2nd season on the tour. I got my first career win at the Hudson Speedway in Hudson, NH, and will be heading to LEE USA Speedway at the end of Oct. for the SUPER CUP Nationals. I drive car #44, a Toyota Camry that is primarily sponsored by Emerson Toyota and Goodwill Industries of Northern New England. I also have a ton of secondary sponsors. I have used the race season to spread awareness of autism as I have the Autism Puzzle Pieces all over the cars. I also gave away a trophy to a child at each race event. If people have a business or are just looking for a tax deduction, we are always looking for sponsors who want to advertise and market themselves and/or their businesses. I can always



Kimberly Morrison Miller '01 and her family during a visit to Dresden, Germany.



Courtney Norris Francisco '02 and her husband, Jim, welcomed their son, Parker, into the world on May 21, 2007.



Bob Behn '02 married Kristin Raccio Behn on Aug. 3, 2007, in CT.

be contacted at (207) 577-2567 and my e-mail is lightningmiller@hotmail.com." Grace Gravelle says that she loves her life in Cincinnati, OH. She frequently visits **Cara Walmsley Robitaille '00** and her baby, Logan, who was born on Jan. 8, 2006. In July Grace drove home to NH to pick up the rest of her belongings from her parents' house. She writes, "I'm finally settling down after 3 years of traveling and exploring! My car was totaled in an accident in Aug., but nobody was hurt, and I am now the proud owner of a newer, wonderful Honda Civic!" Grace had lots of fun trips planned for last fall, including 2 to NH, for **Heather Thomson's** Sept. wedding, and her 10-year high school reunion in Nov. She also planned to go camping in Oct. with her boyfriend, Bob, in Mammoth Cave, KY, for the Cave Research



Katie Lynch Rocheford '02 and Erik Rocheford '01 were married on June 2, 2007.



Lucia Savage-Reeder '02 married Ben Reeder '99 on Sept. 16, 2007, in Lee, N.H. Representing Colby-Sawyer were (l to r) Jen Cawley '02, Aidan Danaher '02, Adriana Goff '02, Katie Reeder '02, Alexi Bobolia '00, Lucia Savage-Reeder '02, Ben Reeder '99, Erica Reeder '04, Mike Bernard '99, Nikki Fowler Martin '02, Thom Neff '01, Debbie Panza Brenner '02 and Kevin Kerner '01.

Foundation's 50th anniversary. I am so happy to hear all the exciting news of engagements, weddings, babies and new pets! Please remember you can e-mail me anytime with news you'd like to share with our class. Again, please make sure to check out The Loop at [www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends](http://www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends); it's a great way to stay in touch. I hope everyone has a happy and healthy start to the winter. Take care!

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The past 5 years have seemed to fly right by! As always it was interesting and exciting to get updates from people. **Katie Lynch Rocheford** and **Erik Rocheford '01** were married on June 2, 2007. Katie writes that "it was a perfect day! We were surrounded by all our family and friends and had an amazing time! In fact we were so caught up in all the excitement and fun

that taking a CSC alumni picture slipped our minds. We were so disappointed when we realized days later. There was such a great group of Colby-Sawyer alums there to help us celebrate." Katie and Erik spent their honeymoon in Aruba and returned to settle into their new home as husband and wife. Congrats, you two! It definitely was a wonderful day. It's great to be able to share news of two CSC alums tying the knot. Speaking of which, **Lucia Savage-Reeder** married **Ben Reeder '99** on Sept. 16, 2007, at Flag Hill Winery in Lee, NH. Not only were there many alums in attendance, but they also graced the couple with their many talents. **Kevin Kerner '01** played guitar while **Thom Neff '01** videotaped the ceremony. **Katie Reeder** and **Erica Reeder '04** sang and **Addie Goff** helped design a beautiful guestbook. The newlyweds went on a "mini-moon" to Jackson, NH, for a few days, which Lucia reports was

absolutely romantic and wonderfully relaxing. Lucia also shared that she has accepted a new position as a substance abuse counselor for adolescents at the Child and Family Services of NH. Congratulations, Lucia and Ben! Keeping with the wedding theme, **Bob Behn** married **Kristin Raccio** on Aug. 3, 2007, in CT surrounded by numerous Colby-Sawyer alums. The couple then honeymooned in Jamaica. Best wishes, Bob and Kristin! **Hilary Cogen Ryan** was married on Aug. 25, 2007, to Chris Ryan at the Publick House in Sturbridge, MA. Hilary says that the day was amazing and several Colby-Sawyer alums and staff were in attendance. "Everyone had a blast and danced the night away just like old times!" The newlyweds honeymooned in San Diego. Congrats, Hilary! Hil continues to work as an admissions counselor at Colby-Sawyer and is busy traveling around New England recruiting students.

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If anyone is interested in volunteering with Admissions, please e-mail her at [hcogen@colby-sawyer.edu](mailto:hcogen@colby-sawyer.edu). **Brendan Carney** asked **Jenny Buck** to marry him in April through a very creative scavenger hunt that involved many friends and family. They are planning a Sept. 2008 wedding. Jenny recently started a new job as a senior graphic designer at a marketing firm in Waltham, MA. Brendan is finishing up his final year studying acupuncture and Chinese herbs, as well as Tai Chi, Kung Fu and medicinal Qi Gong therapy. **Stephanie Vickers** married her boyfriend, Jack Heddon, on Oct. 20, 2007, at Alyson's Apple Orchard in Walpole, NH. The couple headed to Quebec for a short honeymoon, and then Stef joined her husband in Bangor, ME, where her company has approved her to work from home. An office with a lakefront view doesn't sound too bad to me! **Casey Mitchell Mescher** married Joe Mescher on Sept. 22, 2007, in VT. **Randi Everett** became engaged to her boyfriend, Tim Korona, on Sept. 29, 2007. They are currently building a log home in Sharon Springs, NY, and will start making wedding plans soon. Congrats, Randi! **Kerri Tuttle** writes that she has been busy working on her master's degree in special ed at Lesley University. Her boyfriend of 7 years, Jeff, recently proposed and they are planning an Aug. 2008 wedding. Kerri also shares they have recently finished remodeling their house in Attleboro, MA. Enjoy the wedding planning, Kerri! **Neill Ewing-Wegmann** is still the lead graphic designer at the Print Shop in Portland, ME, and had a big art show in Oct. He was engaged in Sept. and enjoys his new role as a stepfather to a very sweet 3-year-old boy. Besides many weddings and engagements, the class of 2002 has also brought some new additions to the world. **Courtney Norris Francisco** and her husband, Jim, welcomed their son, Parker Gerald Francisco, into the world on May 21, 2007. Best wishes to your new family, Courtney! Courtney and Jim have also been busy since they opened their own real estate business in Feb.



**Cogen/Ryan Wedding** Hilary Cogen Ryan '02 married Chris Ryan on Aug. 25, 2007. In attendance from Colby-Sawyer were Matt Sweeney's date Alyson Theeman, Debbie Panza Brenner '02, Jessie Price '04, Courtney Wright DeTore '02, Tony DeTore '00, the groom—Chris Ryan, Hilary Cogen Ryan '02, Tracey Guarda Perkins '01, Keith Perkins '99, Elizabeth Steward Bryer '02, Chris Bryer '01, Professor Don Coonley, Adam Montcalm '02, Derek Flock '02, (2nd row) Jacob Jarvela '02 and his date Elizabeth Chasalow, Ben Reeder '99, Lucia Savage-Reeder '02, Matt Danahy '04, Matt Sweeney '02, Ryan Smith '00 and Dave Houghton '04.

and in April their market/deli/liquor store re-opened in a new location and is doing very well. **Kelsey Barberi LaPerle** shares that "in July I started my 6th year with Head Start as a classroom teacher. I did not make it to Reunion this year as we had such a busy summer, but I hope everyone had a good time." Kelsey's daughter, Alicen, is now 2 1/2 and continues to amaze her parents everyday. **Kirsty McCue** and her boyfriend bought a house in Wolfeboro, NH, which they are busily remodeling and redecorating. She writes that she has started a new job as the head athletic trainer at Brewster Academy and so far it's great. **Heather Billings** still lives and works in Boston where she is always on the go, whether it be going to Red Sox games or even going on a cruise to Bermuda with her family over the summer. She recently passed her social work exam and is now a licensed social worker. Congrats, Heather! **Beth Burnham '03** has returned from her stint in the Peace Corps and was accepted into a master's of education program in Boston. She spent the summer in Los Angeles and San Francisco and now calls Boston home, where she is also working at Starbucks. **Jacob Jarvela** has been very busy as well! He graduated in May from The Center for Cartoon Studies in White River Junction, VT, with an MFA and is now applying for employment opportunities in the graphic design field. Jacob and his girlfriend,

Elizabeth, spent the summer traveling to Sweden, Finland, Estonia and Denmark. **Jen Panther** shares that she and **Katie Berger '03** are once again roommates, but this time in Austin, TX! The 2 visited NH over the summer and even stopped by Colby-Sawyer to walk around. Jen says, "The 3rd floor of Colgate has not changed at all. In fact, that was my first time on campus since graduating—it was a trip!" **Matt Sweeney** lives in Cambridge, MA, with his girlfriend, Aly, and works at the Community Health Center. He is finishing up his last year of the MSW program at Simmons. **Erin Slavin Tate** is living in Chelmsford, MA, with her husband, where they are busy working on their house. She continues to work for Verizon as a business development manager. As for myself, **Nicole Fowler Martin**, after our wedding in Feb. my husband, Ben, and I threw a party in May to celebrate with friends and family. We had a very busy summer with many weddings and get-togethers with friends. I still work at Hudson

Valley Community College in Troy, NY, but have started a new position as an academic advisor in the School of Business. I'm very excited about this new career path! As always, thank you to those of you who shared your updates and pictures. I encourage everyone to share your exciting news with your classmates!

## 2003

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Hello, everyone! Sounds like the class of 2003 had a very eventful summer, so let's get right to it. July 7, 2007, was a very lucky day for me as I was married to Adam Hardenbrook in Hampton, NH. **Natasha Deane, Kayde Czupryna** and **Jenny Woodbury '04** were part of my bridal party. Also in attendance were **Elizabeth Park Cote, Kali Coleman '09** and **Jayson Thyng '99**. Everyone had a wonderful

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Helping Sam Fucile '03 and his wife, Harolyn, celebrate their wedding this past summer were (back row, l to r) Garrett Chambers '03, Matt Cartmill '03, Jed Norris '03, Justin Pill '03 (center, l to r) Erika Sagendorf Norris '02, Ashley Lamontagne, Eric Chandler '03, Rob Ryder '03, Sam Fucile '03, Chris Reed, Mike Cornell (front, l to r) bridesmaid Rebecca Jessel, Harolyn Swartz Fucile '04 and Andrea Martin '04.

time and Adam and I have great memories of the day! On Sept. 29, 2007, we attended the wedding of Elizabeth Park to Douglas Cote '06. It was a perfect autumn day with many Colby-Sawyer alums in attendance, including Shelby Curran as one of Elizabeth's attendants. The newlyweds live in Alexandria, VA, and travel into Washington, DC,

quite often. Elizabeth loves her job teaching kindergarten at St. Mary's School in Alexandria. Jesse Wilfert writes, "I am officially off the Vineyard and residing in Boston. I work full time at Boston Sports Clubs in West Newton, MA, as a personal trainer. I have developed a liking for tennis and hope to compete in a triathlon this year." Karissa

Pignone had a beautiful wedding on June 24, 2007. She and her husband spent a relaxing and adventurous week in Mexico and then explored the Bahamas later in the summer. She is now settling into married life and looks forward to various travel plans for 2008. Kristen Surowiec Tippet married Riley Tippet on Aug. 18, 2007, in Kingfield, ME,



Lisa Noyes '03 and her husband, Adam, at their wedding reception on July 7, 2007.



Anne DeCosta Bousquet '03 and her 1 1/2-year-old son, Caleb Thomas.

with the reception at Sugarloaf. Meredith Winnicki, Lara Winnicki and the bride's sister-in-law, Kristin Danforth Surowiec '02, were bridesmaids. After the wedding, Kristen and Riley moved to Aspen, CO. Kristen left her kindergarten job in ME and is now working at the Aspen Early Learning Center. She hiked a lot this fall and looks forward to a great ski season. She also will be coaching the little kids ski program on the week-ends. The summer months will be spent back home in ME. Sam Fucile was married on Aug. 11, 2007, at the Attitash Grand Summit Resort and Hotel, the same place he asked his wife to marry him. Sam writes, "We were very lucky to be able to share this day with many family and friends, but especially those who were also from CSC." Sam and his wife, Harolyn, had a spectacular time and have a wonderful memory to look back on forever! Tim Ingraham attended the wedding of Scott Bailey and Sarah Welch, which he says was phenomenal! He met up with Micah Lasher, Chris Russell '04, Rob Ryder and Ben Rozak to celebrate the day. Tim says that Micah and Chris had a blast cutting the rug with Scott's grandmother all night! He also attended a function at the Jesser



Kristin Surowiec Tippet '03 and her husband, Riley, enjoyed a beautiful wedding day on Aug. 18, 2007.



On Sept. 8, 2007, Ellen Lampman Reed '03 married Scott Reed at The Grand Isle Lake House in Vt. Pictured (l to r) are Jamie Winton, Nicole LeBlanc '04, Stephanie Moran, Kevin Moran '04, Ellen Lampman Reed '03, Meagen Pollard '05, Adam Robitaille, Anne DeCosta Bousquet '03 and Michelle Greim '03.



Jenny Tooley '03, Ali Quinton '04, Tamsen Bolte '04 and Cecily Danver '04 celebrate with Jolene Rackliff Damon '03 at her Oct. 12, 2007, wedding at the Granite Rose in Hampstead, NH.

compound, where he met up with **Susanna Jesser '02**, **Greg McGown '04**, **Topher Plimpton '05**, **Ethan Nosel '04**, **Alex Darrah '04**, **Pearson Neal '07**, **Corey Felton**, **Matt Hagerty '02**, **Hillary Cross '02**, **Ashley Bramwell '02** and **Jess Wilfert**. Tim is still with Fischer Skis, working in the race department. He spent Nov. in CO working and skiing. **Rob Ryder** attended many weddings this summer and saw many CSC alumni. He still lives in Dover, NH, and works at a recruiting firm in Stratham. Rob hangs out with many alumni in the Dover area including **Ethan Betts**, **Karen Lewis '04**, **Ben Stehle '05**, **Matt Cartmill '03** and **Sam Fucile**. **Jenn Ljungvall** is working her way through grad school to get her master's in clinical psychology. She is going to school part time and working full time as a family intervention specialist, providing support, education and coordinating services for children and families in need. Jenn has one more year of school left. Good luck! **Jazarae**



Ana Aponovich '03 and her fiancé, Chris, plan to be wed this June.

**Kirchdorfer** lives in Miami and is working on her second master's at the U. of Miami. Jaz is working as a staff therapist, which she says is challenging but really interesting! **Liz Joseph** continues to work as a nurse at Dartmouth Hitchcock in labor and delivery. She recently moved from Sunapee, where she was living with **Kelli Converse '04**, to Wilder, VT, buying a house with her boyfriend. They are living happily with their two cats and a dog. **Kerstin Swenson** says that nothing super is happening. She still lives in Ketchum, ID, and teaches preschool. She has gone back to school online through Western Governor's U. for a master's in teaching and hopes to be completed within a year. **Adam Schlesinger** and **Brandy Vose** have been together for just over a year now and are living in Walpole, MA. They are in the process of house searching since selling Brandy's condo in Sept. They hope to find something in southern NH. Brandy works for a law firm in Burlington, MA, and is currently about half way through law school. Adam still works for Progressive Insurance as a commercial claims adjuster. He makes sure that truck drivers get their insurance needs! **Meredith Buzzi** writes that she has no babies or weddings to report, but a new job in an entirely different state. She has moved to OH to be the head women's lacrosse coach at Kenyon College. She got the job in July and moved out there shortly after. She says that it is a great gig with some great

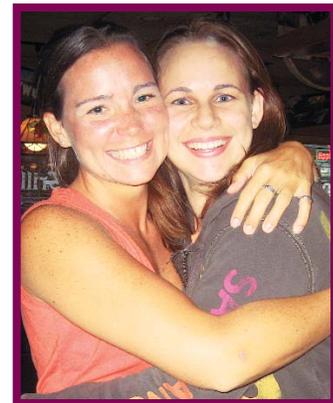
student-athletes to coach! **Ana Aponovich** has some very exciting news. She was engaged to Christopher Pickford on Feb. 14, 2007, and is getting married on June 21, 2008, in Portsmouth, NH. **Renee Thayer**, **Beth Harvey** and **Lib Perry** will be bridesmaids. Ana works as a graphic designer for an engineering company in Bedford, NH. She has also kept up with her watercolor painting since college and recently had a very successful art show in Milford, NH, at the Milford Antique Co-op. Also, Ana's family was chosen as the "It" family for NH Magazine's It List of 2007; the article is in the Nov. 2007 issue. We look forward to hearing about Ana's big day in a future issue! **Ann DeCosta Bousquet** still works part time for Community Newspaper Company in Marshfield, MA, doing layout/pagination. She is also a mom to 1 1/2-year-old Caleb Thomas Bousquet, and the family will soon be moving! Well, that is all. This has been one of the most exciting class notes I have written. Keep the news coming everyone, and I hope to see you all in the spring for our 5th year Reunion.

## 2004

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Hello, everyone! I hope this finds everyone doing well. There is lots of great news for this issue! **Krista Lind-Tracey** and her fiancé were married on Nov. 3, 2007, and recently bought a house. **Eric Emery** moved into a house with his wife, **Andrea Chula Emery '02**, in Littleton, CO. Eric says that he has been promoted to senior account executive with Enterprise and Andrea is working for a non-profit called Cerebral Palsy of Denver in their child care program. **Brian Larson** lives in Worcester, MA, and works



Beth Burnham '03 and Julie Bragg '02 recently enjoyed a dinner out together.

as a professional mortgage consultant. He also buys and renovates houses. **Stacey Fraser** has moved to Portsmouth, about 5 minutes from downtown. She says that she really enjoys being there and loves the atmosphere. Stacey had help from **Erin Sawler Massa**, which she said was very lovely of her to do. Stacey is enjoying her first year of graduate school at UNH. She is learning a lot about museums and how to run them in her program. Currently she works at Strawberry Banke and is learning a lot from the "real world" experience she is receiving. Stacey planned to spend some time in DC and NYC over winter break and also hopes to travel to FL with Erin to visit **Becca Groene** and **Lisa Maggio**. **Lauren Kovach** still lives in Concord,



Danielle Thibeault Williamson '04 married Nick Williamson on June 16, 2007, in Newport, R.I.



Mary Lougee Lambert '04 and her husband, Nate, welcomed their son, Giacobbi, on July 16, 2007.



In August a group of alumni went camping at Lake Francis. Shown "roughing it" are (l to r) Jess Murray '04, Jon DeYoung '04, Chip Fisher '05, Jen Dube Fisher '05, Michael Sullivan '04, Kim O'Connell '04, Jon Evans '04 and Maggie Warner '04.

NH, where she has worked for the Concord Hospital for 3 years. Lauren started grad school at UNH to get her master's in public health. She says she has been to a lot of CSC weddings recently, where she was able to catch up with a lot of CSC alumni. **Caron Barber** bought a house in Portland, ME, with long-time boyfriend **Justin Hall '03**. Caron is in a full-time MSW program at UNE. **James Blundon** says that everything is pretty much the same in his life and he is expecting to graduate in May of '08 with a B.S. in criminal justice. **Nina Lavigne-Shedd** was married on Sept. 22, 2007, to Brian Shedd, with many CSC alumni in attendance. Nina says that they are hoping to relocate to VT, where they both grew up. **Courtney Stevens** has completed her first year of a grad program in international studies at U. of WY. She is currently writing her thesis on fair trade. Courtney works part time at a historic inn

in Sturbridge, MA. She says that she will soon be moving down south to be with her boyfriend, David; they are looking to buy their own home. When time allows Courtney meets up with **Natasha Deane-O'Donnell '03** and **Kayde Czupryna '03**. **Mary Ann Prescott** had a baby girl named Kendall on May 28, 2007. Mary moved to Gilford over the summer and began teaching again in Sept. Over the summer she spent a lot of time with **Melissa Tobin**, **Amy Soubosky**, **Anne Coulter '06** and **Karen Tryon '05**. **Charlie Bazdanes** has worked at Odyssey Systems as a business development research analyst for 3 years. He says that he will complete his master's degree in marketing at Rivier College in May and he is enrolled at Southern NHU for a Ph.D. in international business. Charlie was also recently engaged to Alyssa Levesque. **Beth McElwee** was married on Sept. 29, 2007. She also has a

new job as a financial analyst for Vermont Yankee. She recently moved into a house in Guilford, VT, which she and her husband have been building for the past year. In July 2007, **Liz Graham** was married to Christian Anderson in Bristol, VT. She works at Norwich U. and in Dec. began a master's program in justice administration. **Erica Reeder** says that she is living in MA with her fiancé and that she just welcomed **Lucia Savage '02** to the family as her brother's wife. This past spring, Erica flew to CO to visit **Eric Emery** and **Andrea Chula Emery**, which she says was very fun. Erica is busily planning her own wedding and continues to work in the social work field. **Maggie Warner** writes that she spent the summer attending weddings and soaking up the sun on the beach in Wells, ME. She went to Lake Francis in Aug., where she saw fellow alumni **Jon Evans**, **Kim O'Connell**, **Mike Sullivan**, **Jess Murray**, **Jon**

**DeYoung**, **Chip Fisher '05** and **Jen Dube-Fisher '05**. Maggie says she is back at Sanford High for her 3rd year teaching photography and studio art. She also advises the environmental club and in the spring she will be the new JV girls lacrosse coach. Maggie also went white water rafting on the last 8000 release of the Kennebec in Moxie Gore. She says it was a blast and she can't wait to do it again. **Melissa Tobin** works as a marketing project manager for Reflex Lighting Group in Boston. She is also in the process of getting her master's at Harvard. Melissa says that she was busy as a bridesmaid at the wedding of **Lauren Barry**, and that recently she had a night out in Boston with **Lauren Barry-Annarelli**, **Sarah Crete**, **Fawn Sack**, **Amy Soubosky**, **Karen Lewis**, **Kendra Seavey**, **Nicole Leblanc** and **Amanda Ashe**. **Julie Murray** wrote in to say that she and her boyfriend, **Dimitri Dimakis '03**, recently



Posing at the wedding of Jenn Allen Malon '04 are (l to r) Kelly Bateman '05, Tina Burnell '04, Amy Tarte '06, Jenn Allen Malon '04, Jess Murray '04, Kim O'Connell '04, Michael Sullivan '04 and Jenny Blodgett '04.



This past spring, Erica Reeder '04 (pictured at right) went to Colorado to visit Eric Emery '04 and Andrea Chula Emery '02.



**Alumni Soccer Game** A large and enthusiastic group of former soccer players made the trip to campus on Oct. 6 for the annual alumni soccer game. Participants included (back row, l to r) Adam Perron '06, Kate Solazzo '07, Erin Stepro '07, Pearson Neal '07, Doug Slater '07, Ryan St. Lawrence '07, Dimitri Tsihlis '01, Liz Cronin Gosselin '97, Kim-Laura Boyle '98, Marisa Tescione Fagan '01, Leisa Jesser '01, Susanna Jesser '02, Heather Barber '99, Jolene Thompson Stratton '97, Brett Soucy '05, Coach Peter Steese, Greg Ladd '06, (front row, l to r) Assistant Coach Ray Juneau, Matt Wheel '03, Greg McGown '04, Dimitri Dimakas '03, Keven Kenney '98, Ryan Willis '04, Matt Solazzo '04, John Perkins '05, Eric Capodiece '06, Assistant Coach Travis Dezotell '99 and (lying down) Dave Fitzpatrick '06.

got engaged and are planning their wedding for Oct. 2008. **Erin Sawler Massa** spent the summer in Mammoth, CA, with her husband, Eric, where they worked for August Camp. They did a lot of mountain biking and climbed Mt. Whitney, which is the tallest in the lower 48 states, as well as Half Dome in Yosemite. Erin says she is back to work as an art teacher. She also helped **Stacey Fraser** move to Portsmouth, where they frequently meet up. Other than that, Erin was just waiting for the snow so she could go skiing. **Ben Barr** has moved to VA, where he took a

sales manager job for a LED message center company. He also says that he travels all over the mid-Atlantic. Last year Ben got together in Baltimore for a Sox game with **Joe Caforia**, **Neil Rawding**, **Eric Marshall**, **Justin Jaundoo '03** and **Julian Frey '05**. **Amanda Gaukstern** says that she is currently living in Nashua with her boyfriend and 2 cats, Wallace and Papoose. She is working in Merrimack as the senior graphic design manager for Stamp News Magazines. They publish weekly and monthly magazines for stamp collectors. Amanda says that she is in the process of starting her own Web design business, WebsitesByAmanda. **Jessica Murray** wrote in to say that the week she spent camping at Lake Francis with the same crew that Maggie mentioned was an absolute blast and she cannot wait to do it again next summer. Jess also attended **Liz Graham Anderson's** wedding in July, as well as the wedding of **Jenn Allen**, where she saw **Tina Burnell**, **Maggie Warner**, **Kim O'Connell**, **Mike Sullivan**, **Kelly Bateman '05**, **Amy Tarte '06** and **Jenny Blodgett**. Jess currently teaches 4th grade in Glastonbury, CT. She says she absolutely loves it and is glad to be putting her degree to use. **Steph Hicks** says that by the time this is read, she will be married. Her wedding was on Oct. 27, 2007. This fall she

also got to go to the wedding of **Laura Fulmer Uden** and **David Uden '03**, where she saw **Allison Heppler '05**, **Justin Svirsky '03** and **Lisa Maggio**. **Stuart Lander** lives in the New London area and works in West Lebanon, running a company with one other person. He is also developing his photography business. Stuart says he specializes in action sports but also shoots weddings, family photos and any and all jobs people may need. He adds that life is going well. As for me, **Mary Lougee Lambert**, a lot has happened. I got a new job in Aug. working for Dartmouth-

Hitchcock Medical Center in admissions as well as the emergency department. I love it and it is tons of fun interacting with patients and making sure everything runs smoothly. Also, my husband and I had a little boy, **Giacobbi Gabriel Lambert**, on July 16, 2007. He is amazing and I could not be more blessed to have him in my life! This fall I had a Halloween party where I was fortunate enough to see many of my CSC friends. I am still enrolled in Granite State and am working towards my degree in business management, though my time has become quite a bit



**Nina Lavigne Shedd '04** married **Brian Shedd** on Sept. 22, 2007.



Pictured at the wedding of **Nina Lavigne Shedd '04** are (back row, l to r) **Heidi Auclair '05**, **Amanda Githens Brougham '04**, **Lauren Kovach '04**, **Krista Lind '04**, **Don Coonley**, **Nina Lavigne Shedd '04**, **Sarah Crete '04**, (front row, l to r) **Jessica Price '04** and **Debbie Panza Brenner '02**.



**Alumni Rugby Game 2007** (back row, l to r) Justin Holshuh '06, Assistant Coach Jim Howell, David Bagley '07, Josh Daneault, Ethan Wright '06, Eric Keskula '03, Rick Bowers '10, Jason Feitelberg '04, Liam Murphy, Jed Norris '03, Cam Wiese '10 (middle row, l to r) Devon Clougherty '07, Chuck Mayer '06, Jason Kelly '07, Joe Page '04, Tim Morin '04, Pete Mailloux '06, Head Coach Chris Reed, Erik Rocheford '01, Adam Therrien '04, Robert Ryder '03, Eric Driver '10, Nick Watson '09, Malcolm Smith '08, Michael Bacote '11 (front row, l to r) Shawn Kithcart '07, Megan Cardwell '07, Jennifer Madigan '07, Shannon Lange '07, Cheryl Olivera '05, Jeff Blaszkka '06 and Sam Fucile '03



Over the summer, Emma Sewell '05 went on a weeklong mission trip to the Dominican Republic.

stretched! Thanks for all your updates. I hope everyone is doing well!

## 2005

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**Meghan Gately** and **Tony Giroux** are still out in Vail, living the dream. Tony really enjoys working at the Vail Golf Course as an irrigation technologist. Meghan is still at the Steadman-Hawkins Clinic working for a hip specialist. They live with **Matt Athorn**, who works at the Red Lion and enjoys the outdoor sports CO has to offer. **Euginnia Manseau** is also still in Vail, working at the Ski and Snowboard Club Vail, and they were all excited for the ski season to begin. **Vanessa Mitchell** is attending veterinary school on the Caribbean Island of St. Kitts at the Ross Univ. School of Veterinary Medicine. **Chip Fisher** was married on Aug. 25, so **Jen Dube** is now Jen Fisher. Chip says unfortunately now the honeymoon and fanfare is over, so it's back to work. Tucker is still doing well, too! **Gwen O'Neil Beaudet** and **Chris Beaudet** celebrated their first wedding anniversary in Oct. by spending a week in Aruba! Chris still works at Southern NH Medical Center and is pursuing his accreditation as a certified diabetes nurse educator at the Joslin Office in Nashua. In addition, Chris was promoted to the position of night clinical leader at the hospital (for his floor). As for Gwen, she still works at the same hospital as Chris. **Trevor Dorian** recently got engaged to

Cortney Soderberg, a girl he met while attending grad school at Springfield College. Congratulations, Trevor! He's currently employed by the L.A. Dodgers and worked as a strength coach for the AA affiliate in Jacksonville, FL, this past summer. He spent the fall completing his thesis and enjoying the off-season. Over the summer **Emma Sewell** went on a weeklong mission trip to the Dominican Republic. In that week she helped set up a medical clinic each day at a different bately (where sugarcane workers

and their families live). Through the clinic they saw about 100 people per day, handed out medications for things as simple as the common cold, gave everyone a dose of bug juice to rid/prevent them from worms, handed out food and clothing, had an eye-glass station, and even did games and activities with the kids. Although everyone changed jobs everyday, she ended up sticking with the kids and leading the games. Every station had a translator except for hers, so she was forced to relearn her Spanish,



**Brandi Ballard '05** wed **Michael Tainter** on Sept. 1, 2007, in Phippsburg, Maine. Shown (l to r) are **Laura Kubasek '05**, **Michael Tainter**, **Brandi Ballard '05**, **Danielle Durefy '05** and **Kelly Crawford '05**.



Attending the alumni swim meet this past fall were (back row, 1 to r) Meaghan Smith '05, Kara Bordeau '06, Jess Harris '04, Kristy Gerry '05, Sarah Listewnik '04, swim coach Rick Goerlitz, (center row, 1 to r) Cailee Hawkins '07, Heather O'Leary '07, Signe Linville '06, Breien Milton '07 and (front row) Jeff Blaszka '06.

which surprisingly came quick and easy. Overall, Emma said it was the most amazing thing she had ever experienced. She fell in love with the people, the culture and the beauty and can't wait to go back next summer! As for me, **Cody O'Leary**, I'm still living in Somerville, MA, working as an event/conference planner, and traveling a ton. I recently saw **Chris Burke**, who is now living in Lynn and just got a new job as an accounting support analyst for Deltek, Inc., so congratulations to him!

## 2006

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Hello, class of 2006! Thanks to all of you who have sent me your updates for this magazine. It is great to hear what everyone has been up to. It has also been nice to see how many of you have joined our new online community, The Loop. It's an easy way



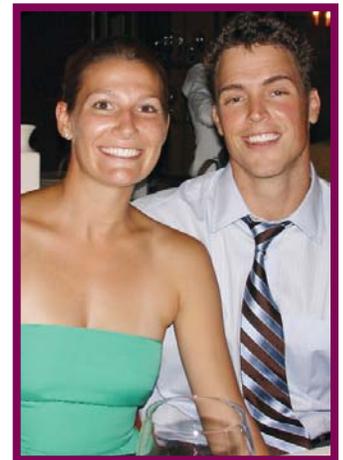
Last year's Superbowl was the perfect time for a mini-reunion. Enjoying the festivities were (back row, 1 to r) Matt Payne '06, Chris Pugliese '05, Lisa Cole '06, Nikki Barletta '05, Jonathan Emmons '05, Kelly Grant '08, Kate Drapeau '08, (front row, 1 to r) Shawn Fleisner '06, Cody O'Leary '05, Matt Pallotta '06 and Allie Locke '06.

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for us all to keep in touch. (If you haven't yet, please go to [www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends](http://www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni-friends) and sign up!) **Danielle Caisse** is currently completing her executive MBA at Rivier in Nashua, NH, and should be done by the end of next summer. She has also become a licensed and certified veterinary technician, and currently is head technician and practice manager at Canobie Lake Vet Hospital in Windham, NH. **Beth Norris** is in her 2nd year at Thornton Central School in Thornton, NH, working as a special education assistant, which she absolutely loves. She was recently accepted to the graduate studies program at Plymouth State U. and has started pursuing her master's degree in English education for grades 5-12. She expects to finish in the winter of 2008. Beth tells me she and her family are very excited to have started a family legacy here at Colby-Sawyer now that her

youngest sister, Sara, just started her first year! She hopes everyone is doing well. Since graduation, **Krystal Heins** has moved to Boscawen, NH, and teaches 7th grade language arts and social studies at Merrimack Valley



Becky Schaffer '06 was married this summer to Jack Gaudreau in Montreal, Quebec.



Rachel Allen Ensign '06 married Peter Ensign on July 14, 2007. Shown are (cockpit, 1 to r) Becky Mello '06, Mark Farber, Peter Hustis, Eric Ensign, (bow, 1 to r) Sarah Allen, Jen James Ensign '99, Rachel Allen Ensign '06 and Peter Ensign.

Middle School. **Alyssa LaBelle Bell** has begun working at ME Center for Integrated Rehab (MCIR) as a rehab technician, working with clients with brain injuries. She says it's a lot of fun and very rewarding. In Feb. she was married to Ryan Bell, so she had an easy change from LaBelle to Bell. Life for her these days is busy, but going well. **Travis Soule** began working as the graphic designer for Saint Joseph's College in ME. **Nicole Eaton** lives in Fairfield, ME, and works in publishing. She spends as much time as possible with fellow alumnae **Allison Stacey**, **Beth Norris**, **Nikki Iapicca '07** and **Falon McGuire '07**. **Ashley Lorange** is back home with her family in Pembroke, MA, after time spent floating around the Caribbean. She is working at lululemon athletica, traveling as much as possible and hanging out with the original "Colby crew." **Matt Voss** reports that he is currently employed as an emergency room technician at Exeter Hospital and a volunteer firefighter/EMT at Kingston Fire Dept. He attends NHTI in Concord and is in the associate degree program in para medicine, and is due to graduate in May 2009. He is also taking firefighter level 2 courses and has passed the CPAT for firefighting (physical and written), with hopes of joining a dept. full time in the near future. On top of all that, Matt became engaged in Sept. while in Boston, and he bought a house in Fremont, NH, in July with his fiancée. They are currently planning their fall 2008 wedding. Speaking of weddings,



**Alumni Tennis Match** (Back row, l to r) Tamsen Bolte '04, Matthew Larson '11, Matthew Pallotta '06, Justin Tardif '08, Tarren Bailey '06, Daniel Munsey '07, Jennifer Wood '05, Andrew Pillsbury '07 and (front row) Trevor Davis '08 enjoyed some mixed doubles action in the 1st annual alumni tennis match in Oct.

**Rachel Allen** got married to Peter Ensign on July 14, 2007. **Jen James Ensign '99** and Rachel are now sisters-in-law (they married brothers!). Also in the wedding party was fellow 2006 alumna, **Rebecca Mello**. **Becky Shaffer** was also married this past summer, in Montreal, Quebec, to Jack Gaudreau. It was a very simple and memorable ceremony in Old Montreal. Last winter they traveled to Southeast Asia (Cambodia, Thailand and Laos) for 3 months and had an amazing trip! Over the summer, Becky spent some time in Newport, RI,

for a mini-reunion. While in RI she spent time with **Anne Coulter**, **Krista Woznakewicz '07**, **Kathy Couture** and **Marthe Fidler**.

## 2007

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

**Stephanie Guzzo** is pursuing her master of science degree at Indiana State U. in Terre Haute, IN, which she expects to finish this year. She has a graduate assistantship with their division

1-AA football team, which she says is going great. After grad school she hopes to return to the Northeast, or at least the east coast, and find work as an athletic trainer. **Christine Francis** writes, "I'm working for the Health Care & Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern VT (HCRS). My official title is employment specialist, which means I help individuals with developmental disabilities find employment in the community. So far I'm meeting a lot of great people, and loving my job. I'm also volunteering with the Special Olympics as a soccer coach this fall season. I miss CSC, but the real world is going well!" **David Bonin** and **Rachel Pierson** became engaged this past summer and are planning a fall 2009 wedding. Both are living in Charlotte, NC.



In August **Abby Roach '06** and her fiancé held an engagement party in Maine. Pictured are (l to r) **Krystal Heins '06**, **Gretchen Ritchie '06**, **Abby Roach '06**, **Danielle Sweeney '06** and **Ashley Blood '06**.

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2007

# ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

The Colby-Sawyer College Athletic Hall of Fame celebrates the accomplishments of Colby-Sawyer athletes, coaches, teams and supporters who have enhanced and reinforced the college's commitment to excellence. This fall five new inductees were honored.

## Kelly Bryant Belanger '87

A three-sport athlete in soccer, tennis and basketball, Kelly was known mostly for her accomplishments in basketball. In 1984 she was named the team's Most Valuable Player and finished the season ranked seventh in the nation in rebounds per game. A two-time New Hampshire Athletic Conference Most Valuable Player and All-Conference selection, Kelly still ranks in the top five in several categories, including rebounds in a career (1,200) and points in a career (1,282). In addition to receiving the Colby-Sawyer Outstanding Athlete award for basketball in 1986, Kelly was chosen as the Class of 1987's commencement speaker and was also a Rhodes Scholar nominee.

## Marilyn Chase '52

A field hockey, basketball, tennis and alpine ski racing athlete, Marilyn played prominent roles on each of her teams and competed in two sports, alpine ski racing and basketball, during the same season. She received the Colby Junior College sports award for her excellence in sport her senior year. Marilyn was a member of the Northeast Field Hockey Team from 1957-61 and a player in three U.S. Field Hockey Association national tournament games. At the University of Vermont, she served as head field hockey coach ('65-'73), head women's ski racing coach ('66-'72) and head tennis coach ('75-'78) in addition to being a tenured physical education faculty member.

## Mary Drueding '83

Mary spent four highly successful years with the equestrian team, serving as the team's Most Valuable Rider for her first two seasons and as team captain for two seasons. She returned to the team as an assistant coach in 1988 and was instrumental in the Chargers' first-ever qualification for the Inter-collegiate Horse Show Association

(IHSA) competition. She was an assistant coach during the team's National Championship year of 1989, and, in 1994, she became head coach. During that season Mary led the Chargers to their second National Championship. She is currently the head equestrian coach at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y.

## Katie Sykes Follis '00

Katie Sykes Follis '00 was a four-year competitor on the equestrian team, earning several regional and national awards. As a sophomore, she won her first National Championship in the open flat and finished third in the open fences, helping the team to become Reserve National Champion in 1998. In her junior year, in addition to being the team's Most Valuable Rider, Katie was also the Cacchione Cup rider, finishing the season as the top rider in the region. After her career at Colby-Sawyer, Katie turned to riding professionally and coaching. She is currently a trainer and competes in the open jumpers and Grand Prix jumpers at the U.S. Equestrian Federation (USEF) level.

## James McGilvery '96

In his junior and senior years, Jim served as basketball team captain and was named the Most Valuable Player in the Commonwealth Coast Conference. In his final season as a Charger, Jim won several awards for his efforts, including First Team ECAC Division III New England All-Star. In addition to his many regional and national accolades, Jim was chosen as the Colby-Sawyer Male Athlete of the Year. He still ranks among the leaders in several statistical categories, including points (1,939), rebounds (709), steals (162) and three-pointers made (191). Jim went on to play professional basketball with the N.H. Thunderloons of the U.S. Basketball League ('96) and with the Plymouth Raiders of England's National Basketball League Division I ('96-'98).



Colby-Sawyer's second class of inductees into the Athletic Hall of Fame includes (l to r) Katie Sykes Follis '00, Kelly Bryant Belanger '87, Jim McGilvery '96, Mary Drueding '83, and Marilyn Chase '52.

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